



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 33

Hagar and Ishmael

Lesson Aim: To see God watches over us.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite drink?

GAME: Water From the Well

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 121:1-8.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD WATCHED OVER HAGAR AND ISHMAEL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God gave Abram the land and blessed it.

Today, we will read how God watched over Hagar and her son, Ishmael, and gave them a special promise. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 16:7-16; 21:14-20. Pray.

Many years had passed since God promised to give Sarai and Abram a son. They did not want to wait any longer, so Sarai told Abram to marry her servant Hagar and have a son with her. When Hagar became pregnant, she and Sarai didn't get along. Hagar ran away. She stopped by a spring on the road to Shur. Point to Shur and to the desert of Beersheeba. Read Genesis 16:7-16.

A few years after Ishmael was born, God changed Abram and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah. When Sarah and Abraham finally had their son Isaac, Sarah sent Hagar and Ishmael into the desert. God promised Abraham He would protect Hagar and Ishmael. Let's read about what happened. Read Genesis 21:14-20.

THE WAY GOD WATCHES OVER YOU

Who appeared to Hagar after she ran away? (The angel of the Lord.)
What did the angel tell her to do? (Go back to Sarai.) **The angel said**

God had heard of her misery. What did the angel say to comfort her? (Her baby son would grow up to be a strong man. She would also have many descendants which means children and grandchildren.) **What was she to name her child?** (Ishmael.)

What did Hagar call God? (The God who sees me.) **Why do you think she called God that?** Hagar realized God had not left her but was caring for her, even in her saddest and loneliest times. God had helped Hagar see He was always with her.

After they were out in the desert, why did Hagar cry? (She had no water for her son or herself.) **What did the angel say to comfort Hagar?** (God had heard Ishmael crying and He would make him into a great nation.) **What did God help Hagar see?** (A well of water.) **God kept His promise to watch over Hagar and Ishmael.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 2000 years after the angel told Hagar that God saw her misery, Jesus reminded us that God sees our every need. Check out what Jesus tells us to do instead of worrying about what we need. Reveal Matthew 6:26, 31-33. Read.

God promises to watch over us. He always sees our needs. What are some of the things you worry about? How might Jesus' words help you with your worries? God helped Hagar see He was with her. He helped her see the well of water when she needed it. Can you think of a time when God helped you see He was with you? (Examples of being comforted when afraid, sent a friend or parent at the right time to help them, etc.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Bird feather
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Hagar and Ishmael at the well in the desert
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Well Water

GAME: My Eyes See

CRAFT: Well of Water

DISCUSSION: Name Change

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW