



**At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9**  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 7, Lesson 33**

## **Hagar and Ishmael**

**Lesson Aim: To see God watches over us  
and ensures His plans for 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; 21:9-20. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 16:13. Pray.

**Sarai and Abram did not want to wait any longer for a son, so Sarai told Abram to marry her servant Hagar. When Hagar became pregnant, she and Sarai didn't get along. Hagar ran away.** 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. Let's read about what happened.** Read Genesis 21:9-20.

### **THE WAY GOD WATCHES OVER YOU**

**What did Hagar call God? (The God who sees me.) Why do you think she called God that? What did the angel tell Hagar to do when she ran away? (Go back to Sarai.) The angel said God heard of her misery, which is her pain, sadness, and worries. What did the angel tell her**

**about God's plan for her life?** (Her baby son would grow to be a strong man. She would have many descendants—children and grandchildren.)

**Have you ever wanted to run away from your problems? If you ever feel that way, how might it help if an angel told you God sees your misery and has a good plan for your life?**

**Ishmael was a teenager when Isaac was born. What did Ishmael do to Isaac which caused Sarah to send Hagar and Ishmael away? (He mocked Isaac.) How did Abraham feel about that? (Worried.) God comforted Abraham with the promise about His plan for Ishmael. What was that promise? (Ishmael's family would become a nation.)**

**Why did Hagar cry in the desert? (They had no water. She thought her son was going to die of thirst.) How might Hagar have reacted differently if she had trusted God's plan for Ishmael as told by the angel years earlier? (She would have trusted that Ishmael was not going to die in the desert because God was going to make his family into a nation.)**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 2000 years after the angel told Hagar 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. Find It First. Highlight. 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? Can you think of a time when God helped you see that He was with you? (Being comforted when afraid, sent a friend or parent to help, 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**