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Sarai and Hagar by Fishnet Bible Stories (1:45)



Lesson #12: ABRAHAM, SARAH & HAGAR (GENESIS 16 & 17)



Have you ever wanted something real badly, but you had to wait a long time to get it? Waiting is hard. The Bible says that it was very hard for Abraham and Sarai to wait for a baby. God had promised many years earlier that they would have many descendants, but they still had no baby. Sarai was too old to have a baby. So, she came up with her own plan.

Sarai had a maid servant from Egypt named Hagar. Sarai said to Abraham, “Since I have no children, marry my maid Hagar and have a child with her.” In ancient times, men sometimes had more than one wife. Sometimes they had a servant wife. It’s hard to understand this custom. Surely this was not really God’s plan for marriage, but it sometimes did happen.



Sarai thought this was a good plan. Anything that a servant had actually belonged to the master (mistress.) So, Sarai thought that Hagar’s baby would be hers. Abraham agreed to the plan. Hagar did get pregnant.

This caused problems between Sarai and Hagar. They treated each other badly – Sarai became jealous. And Hagar disliked her mistress, Sarai.





Hagar ran away from Sarai. She travelled alone through the hot and dry desert. Hagar stopped at a well of water. She must have felt helpless, hungry, tired and afraid.

An angel of the Lord found her. The angel said, “Hagar, where have you come from and where are you going?” Hagar said, “I am running away from my mistress Sarai.”



You are the God



Who sees me

Hagar was thankful that God saw her and was helping her. The angel said, “Go back and do your work for Sarai. God knows that you are suffering. God will help. You are going to have a son. Call him Ishmael. He will not grow up to be a slave. He will have his own big family.”

Hagar returned to Sarai and Abram. She did name the baby Ishmael. She was thankful to God for hearing her and rescuing her. She praised God and called Him “El Roi.” This name means “the **God who sees me.**” **God saw Hagar’s suffering. He loved her and helped her.**



Abram was 86 years old when Ishmael was born. He loved Ishmael. But Ishmael was not the son of Promise. God still had a plan to give Abraham and Sarai a baby.



But when Ishmael was 13 Sarai was angry and sent them away again. Sarai and Ishmael lived in the desert. Ishmael grew up and became an archer. He had many children.



Sad things happen when we follow our own plan instead of God’s plan. We must be patient and wait for God to work out His great plan. Sarai should have waited on God.

We also learn that God loves us and sees us – even when we are going through bad times and being mistreated. God will take care of us. We must have faith in the God who sees us!

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY



























Color the picture of Hagar and Ishmael leaving Abraham's home.



I S H M A E L

H A G A R

UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

A= 	N= 
B= 	O= 
C= 	P= 
D= 	Q= 
E= 	R= 
F= 	S= 
G= 	T= 
H= 	U= 
I= 	V= 
J= 	W= 
K= 	X= 
L= 	Y= 
M= 	Z= 

Break the code to:
Find the meaning of ISHMAEL's name:



Find the name that Hagar gave to God:



What do you learn about God in this story?
