

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 16: HAGAR AND ISHMAEL
GENESIS 16

Sarai was Abram's wife, but she did not have any children. She had an Egyptian slave named Hagar. Sarai told Abram, "The LORD has not allowed me to have children, so I want you to be with my slave. Maybe she can have a son, and I will accept him as my own." Abram did what Sarai said. So after living ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai gave her Egyptian slave to Abram as a second wife. Abram was with Hagar like a husband, and she became pregnant. When Hagar realized this, she became very proud and began to feel that she was better than Sarai her owner. Then Sarai said to Abram, "My slave girl now hates me, and I blame you for this. I gave her to you, and she became pregnant. Then she began to feel that she is better than I am. I want the LORD to judge which of us is right." But Abram said to Sarai, "She is your slave. You can do anything you want to her." So Sarai was cruel and very mean to Hagar, and Hagar ran away. The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring of water in the desert. The spring was by the road to Shur. The angel said, "Hagar, Sarai's slave girl, why are you here? Where are you going?" Hagar said, "I am running away from Sarai." The angel of the LORD said to her, "Sarai is your owner. Go home to her and obey her." The angel of the LORD also said, "From you will come many people--too many people to count." Then the angel of the LORD said, "Hagar, you are now pregnant, and you will have a son. You will name him Ishmael, because the LORD has heard that you were treated badly. Ishmael will be wild and free like a wild donkey. He will be against everyone, and everyone will be against him. He will move from place to place and camp near his brothers." The LORD talked to Hagar. She began to use a new name for God. She said to Him, "You are 'God Who Sees Me.'" She said this because she thought, "I see that even in this place God sees me and cares for me!" So the well there was called Beer Lahai Roi. It is between Kadesh and Bered. Hagar gave birth to Abram's son, and Abram named the son Ishmael. Abram was 86 years old when Ishmael was born from Hagar.

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“And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain on the way to Shur. And he said, ‘Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where did you come from? And where will you go?’ And she said, ‘I am running away from my mistress Sarai.’”

GENESIS 16:7-8

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, 'You are the God who sees...'" **GENESIS 16:13**

Review Questions

True or False

1. Sarai, Abram's wife, couldn't have any children.
2. Sarai had an Egyptian maidservant named Henryetta.
3. Sarai told Abram to take her maidservant Hagar as a second wife.
4. After Hagar became pregnant, she began to act very proud and felt that she was better than her mistress Sarai.
5. Sarai told Abram, 'My servant Hagar loves me very much now that she's pregnant.'
6. Abram told Sarai, 'She is your servant, you can do whatever you want to her.'
7. Sarai treated Hagar very bad and was mean to her, so Hagar ran away.

Questions

1. Could Abraham's wife Sarai have any children?
2. Who was Hagar?
3. What did Sarai want to do with Hagar since she couldn't have any children for Abram?
4. What did Hagar do when she found out she was pregnant?
5. When Sarai realized that Hagar hated her and was acting like she was better than Sarai, what did Sarai do?
6. What did Hagar do when Sarai was cruel and very mean to her?
7. What did the LORD tell Hagar would happen?
8. What did Abram name his son that Hagar had?

Lesson 16 Activities

Out of Bounds

Tape a rectangle on your floor about 3'x10' with masking tape. Divide your class into two teams. Have each team line up on opposite sides of the rectangle and take turns tossing the balloon back and forth. If a child steps out of the rectangle, he is out and must go to the end of his line.

After each child has a chance (or as long as time allows), explain that in order to stay in the game, each student had to stay within bounds. When we step out of the bounds that the Lord gives us, we need a "time out" to realign ourselves with God's plan and purpose for us. [God's way is best!](#)

Let's Make a Deal

Before class take a nice prize sack or box and wrap inside it a stick or a rock or something completely worthless and set it aside.

Pass out small prizes (pencils, stickers, erasers, etc.) to each student. After everyone has been given a prize tell them that you want to make a trade. Bring out a nicely wrapped box with something worthless inside it, like a rock, and see if any one will trade their small prize for the gift.

If a student does trade, have them open it to discover the "dud" prize. Explain to the class that God gives us good gifts; He gives us good promises. We need to trust Him for our needs and not take matters into our own hands. When a good thing (like a prize) is traded for a bad thing (a wrapped rock), we are sad and dissatisfied. God wants us to be satisfied with what He has given us. You may return the original prize to the child who received the rock. [God's way is best!](#)

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust the Lord and wait on Him for our needs. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity to do so.