

Year 1

Week 14

Ishmael

Scriptures: Genesis 21: 1-21

Key Verse: Gen 21:21 God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer.

Key Points:

1. Sarah bore Isaac, which means laughter. Abraham held a great feast when Isaac was weaned. She resented Ishmael after Isaac was born, and wanted him sent away.

2. God reassured Abraham that he would make a great nation from Ishmael. Abraham loved Ishmael and provided for him and Hagar.

3. God loved Hagar and Ishmael and blessed them.

4. God was with them in the wilderness.



Sarah was the wife of Abraham, founder of the House of Israel. When Sarah was unable to bear a child, Sarah asked her servant Hagar to bear

one for her. After Hagar had given birth, however, she became arrogant and prideful. Sarah complained about her to Abraham.



Genesis 15:15

And Hagar departed and wandered in the
wilderness of Beersheba.

God is Watching Me Binoculars

- scissors
- cardboard (toilet paper) tubes
- colored tape
- crayons
- yarn or lacing
- hole punch
- clear tape

To prepare, print and cut the binocular cover graphic print out. Place two cardboard tubes side by side, wrap colored tape around the top and the bottom to connect them or use stapler, and give them a finished look. Cut yarn, or lacing, to approximately thirty -inch lengths. Hole punch in each side of binoculars and tie on yarn. Tape or glue graphic.

Sample:

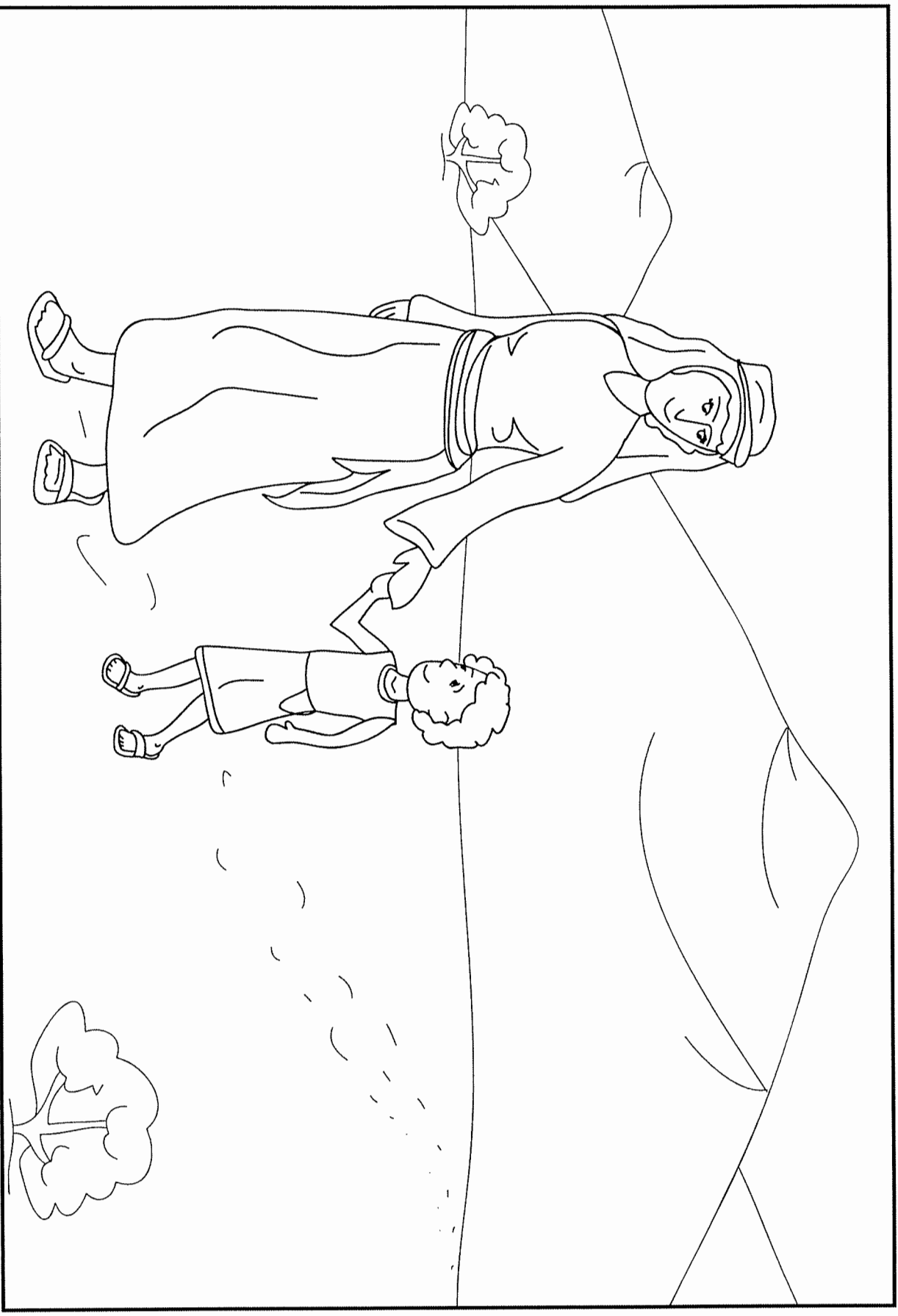


Genesis 21: 17-20
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Just like he was watching Ishmael



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Hagar and Ishmael



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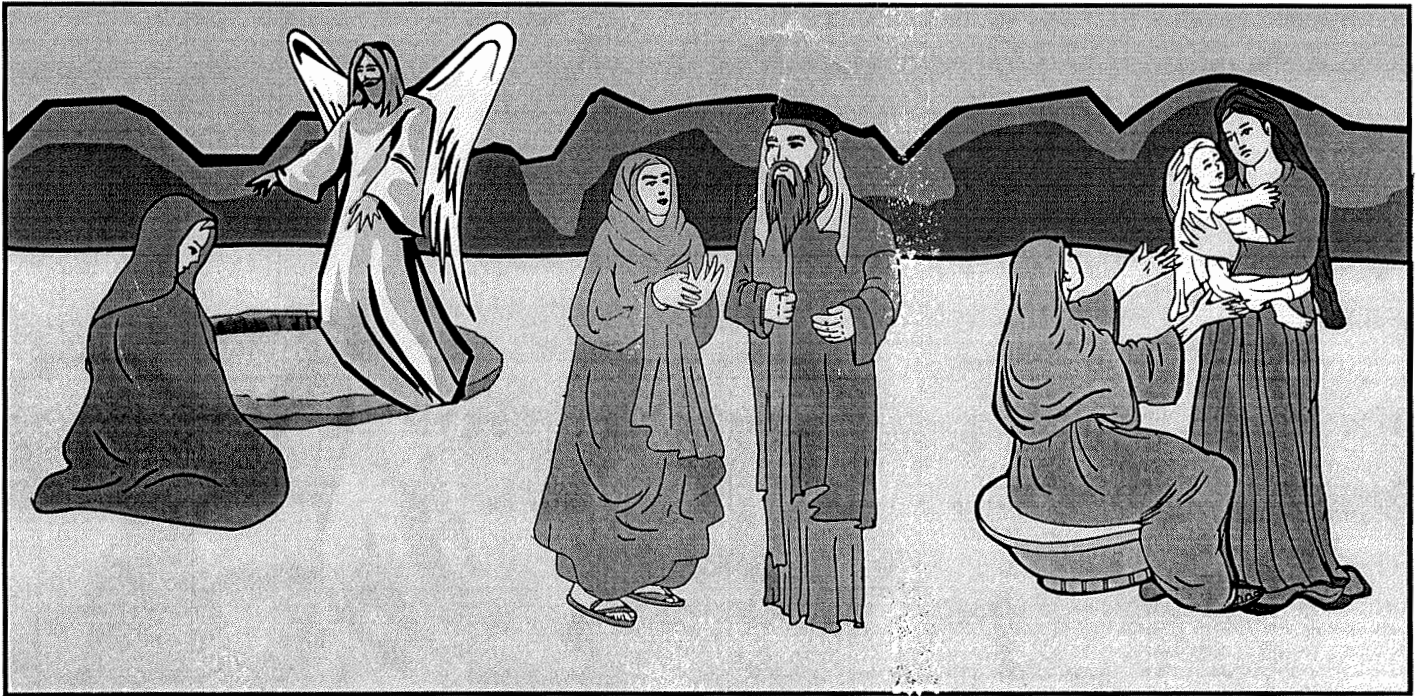
Hagar and Ishmael in the Desert

Directions: Color in the following image using 1. White 2. Beige 3. Brown 4. Blue 5. Purple 6. Green



Hagar and Ishmael

Fill in the blanks by unscrambling the word.



God promised _____ (AAGR H) that she was going to have many children.

Hagar's first child was _____ (MIASEHL). _____ (HSRAA) told her servant, Hagar she had to have a baby for

(RASA H AND MHAARBA).

Sarah was mean to Hagar and Hagar ran away and she met one of God's _____ (SALENG) who told her to return to Sarah.

Hagar named her son Ishmael which means _____
(DGO ERHAS).

Hagar was so impressed that God talked with her that she named Him the _____ (OGD FO ISENEG).

CRYPTOGRAM

Genesis 21:13 (NKJV)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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22 5 11 19 4 22 4 2 11 7 14 10 4 22 4 2 11 7 14

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Directions:
This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. I've always loved doing them! At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A thru Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number.

The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.



In their old age, a son was born to Abraham and his wife, Sarah. He was named Isaac.

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ISAAC IS BORN

(GENESIS 21:1-8)



“And Abraham called the name of his son that was
born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.”

GENESIS 21:3





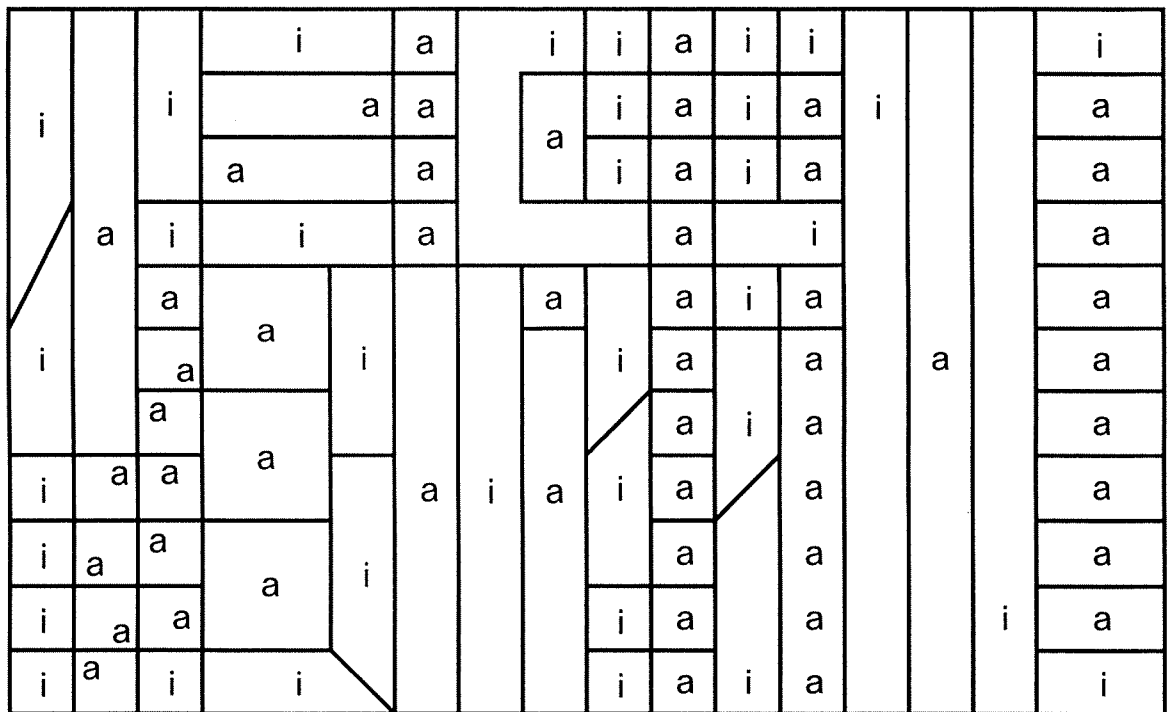
Sarah will bear you a son, and you
will call him _____.

Genesis 17:19

Birth of Isaac Genesis 21:1-7

A New Baby

Abraham and Sarah were very old when God let them have a baby. Do you know what they named this child? Color all the spaces with the letter "i" to find out.



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3. "And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him - whom Sarah bore to him - _____." **GENESIS 21:3**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

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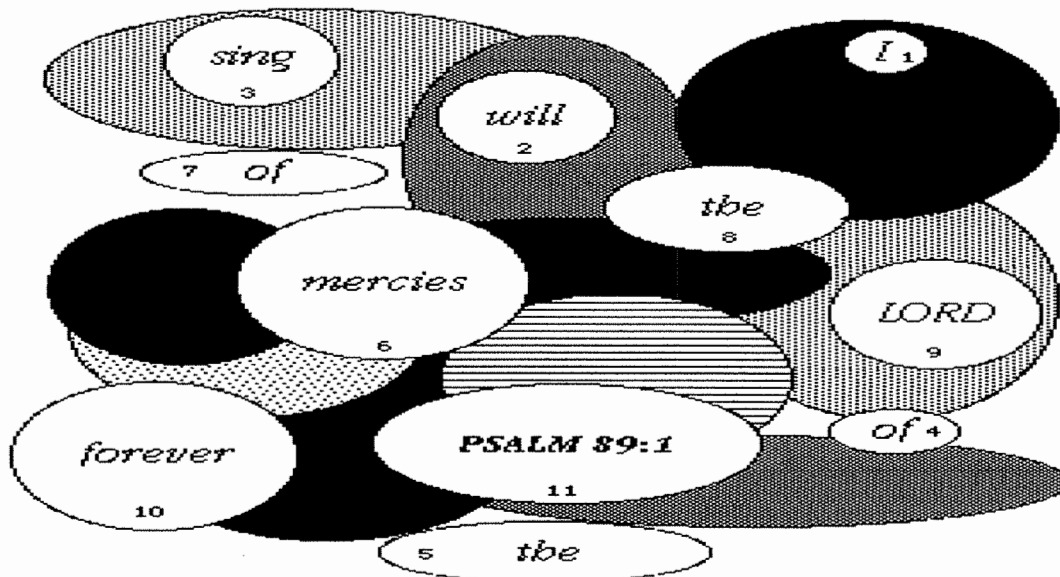
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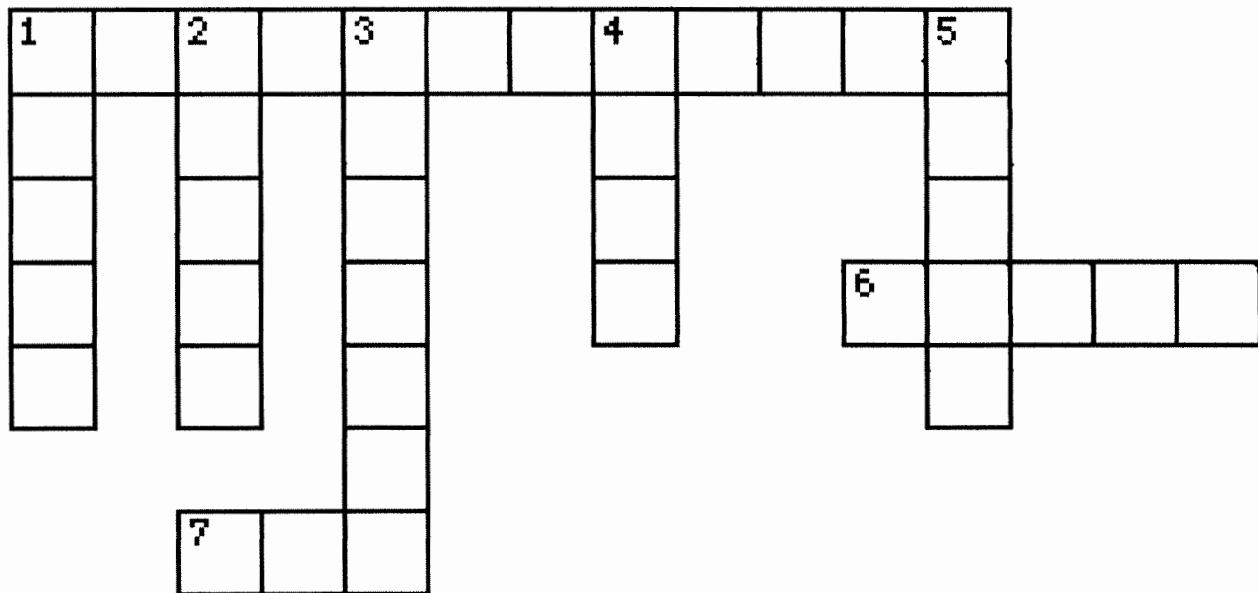
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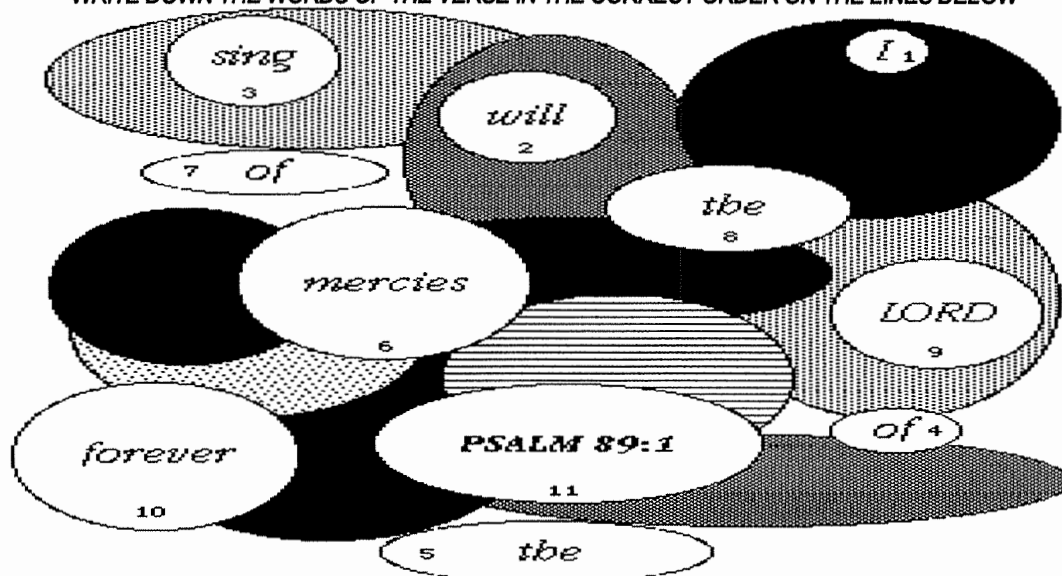
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Abraham's Sons

Main Points to Remember

1. God's plans will be fulfilled God's way, not ours.
2. Going outside God's ways brings strife and pain

Vocabulary: **handmaiden:** a female servant

Prayer: Father, please keep us from pursuing our plans and instead guide us through your plans

Activity: Make a timeline to show that God's time is larger than our time. Put Abraham and one end and Christ at the other. Talk about the promises God made to Abraham and mark their approximate completion on the timeline. Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old. A great people could start about the time of the captivity - 400 years after Abraham. The land would be about 50 years after that. The Messiah would come 2000 years after Abraham! Discuss how much sooner the son of promise came than the other promises. Which promises did Abraham live to see? Should we always expect to see all of God's promises fulfilled in our lifetime? No. There are some things we do that we may never see the full result of. But we must trust that the promise will be fulfilled and our efforts will be worth it all.

Discussion: Do the ends justify the means? Sarah felt that if she couldn't give Abraham a son, Hagar could. She failed to rely on God to give them both a son. God often asks us to participate in his plans, but that doesn't mean we can change his plans. We can't use any old means to achieve God's ends. The crusaders felt they could torture people into "converting" to Christianity. Many people today feel they can worship, or obey, in whatever fashion they desire, as long as their "goal" is to worship or obey. God wants "obedience more than sacrifice". He wants us to submit, and trust that his ways will accomplish his plans.

Activity: Add Ishmael and Isaac to a family tree that will develop as the lessons progress. Have the students make generic paper people (like [Bible Friends](#)). Name them and post them on a board, using yarn or dots to connect the family lines. A great source for OT family tree information is: <http://bible.ort.org/books/gened2.asp>

True/False

1. God intended for Abraham's son to be from Hagar. F
2. Abraham and his wife were beyond child-bearing age. T
3. Sarah loved Ishmael and Hagar. F
4. Hagar was rescued by the Angel of the Lord. T
5. Ishmael was the son that God promised Abraham. F

Memory Work

- "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations." Genesis 17:5

Review Questions (can be used with [gameboard](#))

linguistic questions

1. Where in the Bible is this lesson found? Genesis

2. Fill in the blank: "I have made you a father of many _____." nations
3. Name the wife and sons of Abraham.



activity questions

1. Draw a quick family tree of Abraham's family.
2. Act out Sarah being harsh to Hagar.
3. Describe what is happening in the picture of the Ishmael Bible Trading Card.



emotion questions

1. Why did Sarah give Hagar to Abraham? She wanted a son by any means.
2. Why was Sarah harsh with Hagar? 1) because Hagar disdained Sarah, 2) she worried that Ishmael would take Isaac's place
3. How do you think Hagar felt when she was sent away? hopeless, used
4. How do you think she felt when the Angel of the Lord saved her? rescued, reborn



application questions

1. Will altering God's plan bring joy or pain? pain
2. Can God accomplish his plans his way? always
3. It's easy to take our failures out on others? How can we avoid being like Sarah? 1) don't try to alter God's plans, 2) confess our error and take responsibility for our mistakes



fact questions

1. Who was Hagar? Sarah's servant
2. Who was Ishmael? Hagar's son with Abraham
3. Who was the son of promise? Isaac
4. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? 100



review questions

1. Why was Isaac obviously a special child? only God could make a child from two people as old as Sarah and Abraham
2. Why was Ishmael promised a nation? because he was also a child of Abraham
3. Was Ishmael's life easy? no, God said "his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him"