

Sunday School Lesson

January 9, 2022

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HAGAR AND ISHMAEL NOT FORGOTTEN
Genesis 21:8-20

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Questions for Us Today

What does it mean to be forgotten?

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What does it mean to be remembered?

Have you been in either of these situations?
If so, how?

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1. Points of Information: Hagar

2. Points of Information: Ishmael

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3. Lesson Context

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Points of Information – Hagar

In the 16th Chapter of Genesis (verses 1-3), we can see where Abram's wife, Sarai, told him that since she (Sarai) was barren, he should take her Egyptian maid – Hagar – as a wife and have a child by her.

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Once Hagar had a child for Abram, she (Hagar) despised Sarai. Genesis 16:4-5.

Points of Information – Ishmael

Son of Abraham and Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian maid. 14 years older than Isaac, the Son of Promise.

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Born when Abraham was 86 years old.
Genesis 16:16.

The name Ishmael means "God hears."
Genesis 16:11.

Points of Information – Ishmael

Founder of the tribal family known as the Ishmaelites, sometimes called Midianites.

He became an archer. Genesis 21:20.

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Joseph, the favored son of Jacob, was sold by his brothers to the Ishmaelites / Midianites.

Most Arabs claim descent from Ishmael.

Ishmael lived to be 137 years old. Genesis 25:17.

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Context

Sarah birthed the promised child for Abraham when he was 100 years old. Now, likely a couple of years later, she has weaned the baby.

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The child's name was named Isaac.

Now that the child has been weaned, Hagar and her son – Ishmael – mock Sarah and her child.



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Genesis 21:8-20

Genesis 21:8 (NRSV)

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

Genesis 21:9-10 (NLT)

But Sarah saw Ishmael -- the son of Abraham and her Egyptian servant Hagar, -- making fun of her son, Isaac.

So she turned to Abraham and demanded, "Get rid of that slave woman with her son. He is not going to share the inheritance with my son, Isaac. I won't have it."

Genesis 21:11

This upset Abraham very much because Ishmael was his son.

Genesis 21:12-13 (NRSV)

But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.

As for the son of the of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

Genesis 21:14

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

Genesis 21:15-16

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

Genesis 21:17-18

And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from Heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

Come lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

Genesis 21:19

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

Genesis 21:20

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.

Remember this:

Although Hagar and Ishmael were treated harshly by Sarah and evicted by Abraham, they were not forgotten by God.

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