

Lesson No. (4)

God's care for Hagar and Ishmael

References

Genesis 16

The life of Abraham by F. B. Mayer

Notes for Servants

- ★ The Lord cares for the sparrows and young ravens. Do not worry then, for He surely cares for you.
- ★ When Sarah planned to have a child from her maid Hagar the result was bitter to her, but when the Lord gave her a child in her old age the result was completely different. (Contemplate the difference between God's plan and man's plan.)
- ★ God cares for servants and slaves as well as for their masters.

Objectives

General: God's love and care for Hagar and her son.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Express the relationship between people and angels.
- B. Explain how God uses the angels to care for us everywhere.
- C. Conclude that God cares for everybody, equally and all the time.

Bible Verse

“ Have faith in God. ”

Mark 11:22

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
 2. Video.
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Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Give the children an idea about water and our need for it ... and about the angels and their

service to man.

Story Time

Abraham believed in God. The Lord promised to give him children from Sarah. Many years passed and Sarah did not give birth to a child. She was tired of waiting. The two became very old; Abraham was over eighty. Sarah said to Abraham, "I have an idea, take Hagar my maid and marry her and the child she will give birth to will be mine." Abraham obeyed Sarah and married Hagar and they had a child called Ishmael. Hagar despised Sarah her mistress until she became furious and she complained to Abraham. Abraham was not pleased and realized that he had made a mistake because he did not wait for the promise of God to him.

1. What is the name of Sarah's maid?
2. What is the mistake made by Sarah and Abraham?

Hagar was afraid that Sarah might take her son. She ran away, but the Lord loves all the people whether rich or poor. Hagar and her son Ishmael were very thirsty; she wept. The Lord sent an angel to Hagar to guide her to a well and she drank and sat under a tree to rest. Then the angel said to her, "Hagar. The Lord sent me to you, go back and submit to your mistress and obey her." Hagar said, "I shall never go back. Sarah will beat me!" The angel said, "Do not be sad, Come with me and be patient."

1. Why did Hagar run away? Who met her in the desert?
2. Where did she sit? Where did she find water to drink?
3. What did the angel say to her? What is the name of her baby?

The words of the angel comforted Hagar and she went back to Sarah. She said to Sarah, "Forgive me." She sat and told Sarah and Abraham what happened to her in the desert. All those who heard the story were amazed and they realized that the Lord cares for all people.

1. What did Hagar say to Sarah?
2. Who shows kindness to the poor?
3. Who gives us food and clothes?

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.
- 3 - The children are to act the conversation between Hagar and the angel.

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.