

Faith in the God Who Promises: The God Who Sees

Family Devo: Kids 11-14

Main Truth: *Even when we fail, God still sees us, hears us, and cares for us.*

Day 1 – God’s Promise and Our Impatience

Scripture: Genesis 16:1–2 – Sarai had no children, so she told Abram to have a child with Hagar.

Truth: Waiting for God’s timing is hard, but His way is always best.

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Sarai’s faith weakened after so many years?
- When have you wanted something so badly that you didn’t want to wait for it?
- How can impatience lead to bad decisions?

Activity: Have each family member write down something they’re waiting on right now. Share one thing (if comfortable) and pray for each other to trust God’s timing.

Prayer: “Lord, help us to trust Your plan and timing, even when we don’t see how it will happen.”

Day 2 – When We Try Our Own Way

Scripture: Genesis 16:4–6 – After Hagar became pregnant, there was jealousy and conflict.

Truth: Trying to fix problems in our own way can lead to hurt and broken relationships.

Discussion Questions:

- What problems happened because Sarai and Abram didn’t follow God’s way?
- Have you ever tried to “fix” something without asking God for wisdom?
- How does trusting God help protect our relationships?

Activity: Work as a team to assemble a puzzle or LEGO set without looking at the instructions. Then compare it to the correct way. Talk about how following God’s direction is like following the right instructions.

Prayer: “Lord, give us patience and wisdom to follow Your way, not just the way we think will work.”

Day 3 – God Sees the Hurting

Scripture: Genesis 16:7–9 – God’s angel found Hagar in the wilderness and spoke to her.

Truth: God seeks out those who are hurting and offers help and hope.

Discussion Questions:

- Why is it significant that God went looking for Hagar instead of waiting for her to find Him?
- What does this tell you about God’s character?
- Who in your life might feel “in the wilderness” and need encouragement?

Activity: As a family, make a plan to encourage someone this week—send a text, write a note, or invite them to hang out.

Prayer: “Lord, thank You for finding us when we feel lost. Help us be people who reach out to others with Your love.”

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Day 4 – God Hears Our Prayers

Scripture: Genesis 16:10–11 – God told Hagar her son would be named Ishmael, meaning “God hears.”

Truth: God hears us when we cry out to Him, even in hard situations.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to you that God hears every prayer you pray?
- Why do you think God chose a name that would always remind Hagar of His presence?
- How can remembering that God hears us help in difficult moments?

Activity: Start a family “Prayer Wall” using sticky notes or index cards. Write requests and answers to prayer so you can see God’s faithfulness over time.

Prayer: “Lord, thank You for hearing us. Help us to pray with faith, knowing You always listen.”

Day 5 – The God Who Sees Me

Scripture: Genesis 16:13 – Hagar called God “the God who sees me.”

Truth: God sees us everywhere we go, knows our struggles, and cares for our needs.

Discussion Questions:

- How would your daily life change if you truly believed God sees you in every moment?
- What is one area of your life where you need to trust that God is watching over you?
- How can you share your “God saw me” moments with others to encourage them?

Activity: Have each person share one way they’ve seen God “show up” in their life. End the night by writing “El Roi – The God Who Sees Me” somewhere visible as a reminder.

Prayer: “Lord, thank You for seeing us and caring for us every day. Help us to live knowing You are always with us.”