Faith in the God Who Promises: The God Who Sees Family Devo: Kids 2-5

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

Day 1 - God's Promise and Our Impatience

Scripture: Genesis 16:1–2 (Paraphrased for kids) – *Sarai had no children, so she told Abram to have a baby with Hagar instead.*

Truth: Sometimes we don't want to wait for God's plan, but His way is always best.

Talk About It:

- Have you ever had to wait for something special?
- · Was it hard to wait?

Family Activity: Play a "waiting game" – put a small treat in front of your child, set a timer for 1 minute, and see if they can wait to eat it. Talk about how hard waiting can be but how it's worth it.

Prayer: "God, help us to wait for Your way and trust You."

Day 2 – When We Try Our Own Way

Scripture: Genesis 16:4–6 – Hagar had a baby growing inside her, and everyone started fighting.

Truth: When we try our own way instead of God's way, it can cause hurt.

Talk About It:

- Have you ever done something your way instead of listening to instructions?
- What happened?

Family Activity: Build something simple together (like blocks). Try it without following the picture first—then follow the directions. Talk about the difference.

Prayer: "God, help us do things Your way, not just our way."

Day 3 - God Sees the Hurting

Scripture: Genesis 16:7–9 – The angel of the Lord found Hagar and spoke kindly to her.

Truth: God sees people who are sad, lonely, or hurting.

Talk About It:

- How do you feel when someone sees you and helps you when you're sad?
- Who could we help this week?

Family Activity: Draw a big eye on paper. Write names of people you know who might be sad or lonely inside the eye. Pray for each one together.

Prayer: "God, thank You for seeing us when we are sad. Help us see others who need help."

Day 4 - God Makes a Promise

Scripture: Genesis 16:10–11 – God promised Hagar she would have a son named Ishmael, which means "God hears."

Truth: God hears our prayers and promises to care for us.

Talk About It:

- Can you remember a time God answered a prayer for you?
- What do you want to pray for today?

Family Activity: Make a "prayer cup" – write prayer requests on slips of paper, put them in a cup, and pull one out each night this week to pray for.

Prayer: "God, thank You for hearing us when we pray."

Day 5 - The God Who Sees Me

Scripture: Genesis 16:13 – Hagar said, "You are the God who sees me."

Truth: God always sees us and knows what we need.

Talk About It:

- How does it make you feel to know God always sees you?
- What do you need from God today?

Family Activity: Go outside and play a game of hide-and-seek. Afterward, talk about how God can see us anywhere, even when we hide.

Prayer: "God, thank You that You see me, love me, and will always take care of me."