

***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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***HAGAR THE SERVANT GIRL /  
'WALK BEFORE ME'***

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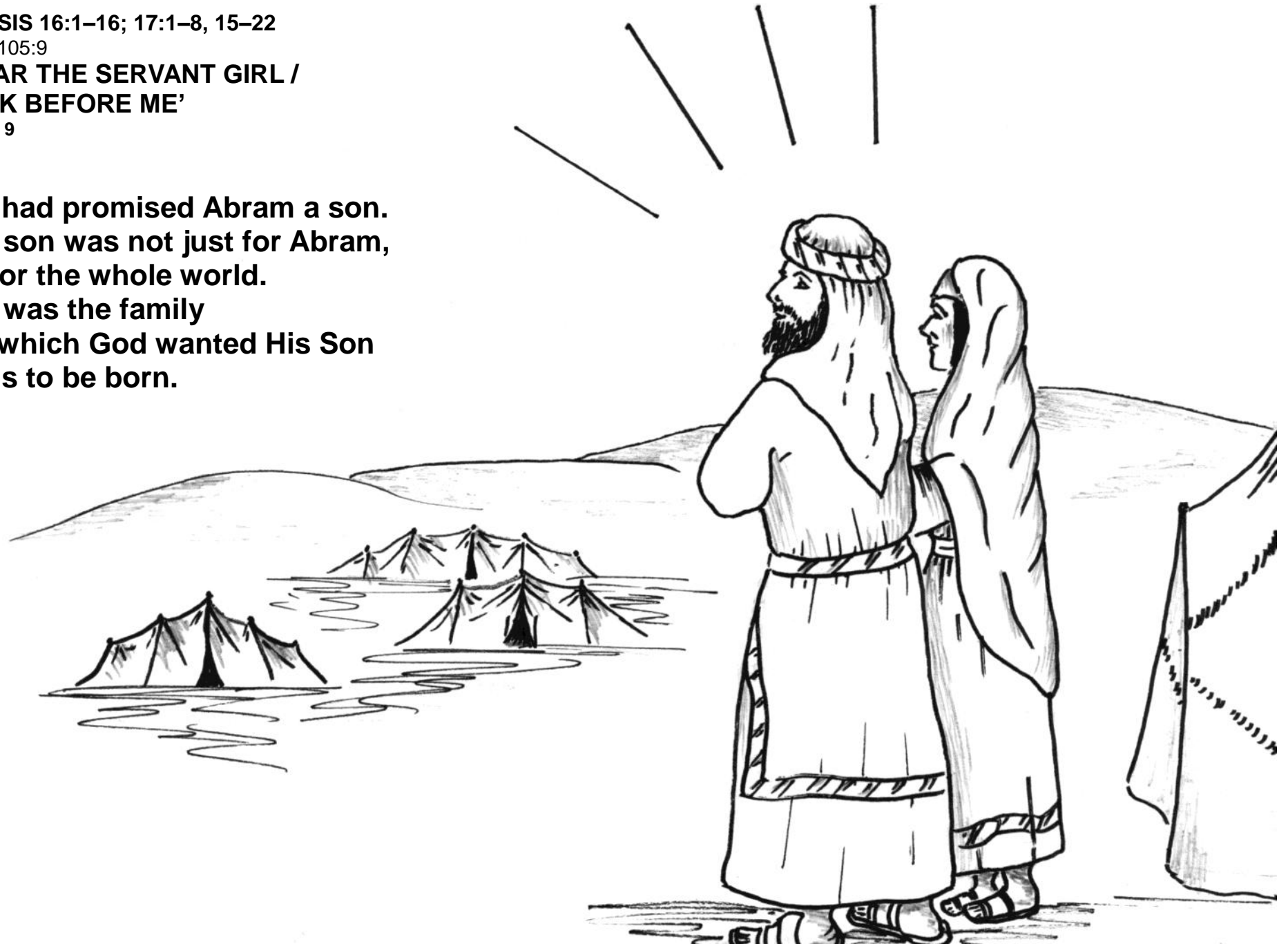
**GENESIS 16:1–16; 17:1–8, 15–22**

Psalm 105:9

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**God had promised Abram a son.  
This son was not just for Abram,  
but for the whole world.  
This was the family  
into which God wanted His Son  
Jesus to be born.**



**But one day Sarai said to Abram,  
'The Lord has stopped me from having a baby.  
Take Hagar my servant girl.  
Perhaps God will give her a son and he will belong to me.'**

**Abram listened to Sarai  
and took Hagar.**



**Soon Hagar knew  
that she was going to have a baby for Abram.**

**She thought, 'I am important now.  
I won't listen to Sarai.'**

**She was unkind to Sarai.**

**Sarai was cross and blamed Abram.**

**He said to her,  
'Hagar is your servant.  
You can tell her what to do.'**



**Sarai tried hard to make Hagar obey.  
But Hagar wouldn't.  
She ran away  
and headed for Egypt.**



**After travelling a long way,  
she stopped and rested by a well.  
She thought nobody would find her.  
But God knew she was there.  
He knew all about her troubles.**

**He said,  
'Hagar, what are you doing here?'**

**She said,  
'I am running away from Sarai.'**

**'Go back to Sarai and obey her,'  
said God.  
'Be a good servant.  
You will have a son.  
Call him Ishmael,  
because God has heard your cry.'**



Hagar was glad that God was watching over her.  
She called God, 'The God who sees'.  
She went back to Sarai.  
Her baby was born,  
and Abram called him Ishmael.





**Many years later  
God spoke to Abram again.**

**He said, 'I am God Almighty.  
Walk before me.  
Next year, you and Sarai  
will have a son.'**

**'You will be the father of many nations.  
I am changing your names.  
Yours will be Abraham  
and your wife's name will be Sarah.'**

**Abraham and Sarah  
were too old to have children,  
yet God said they would have a son.**

**They knew that God wanted them  
to live by trusting Him.**

