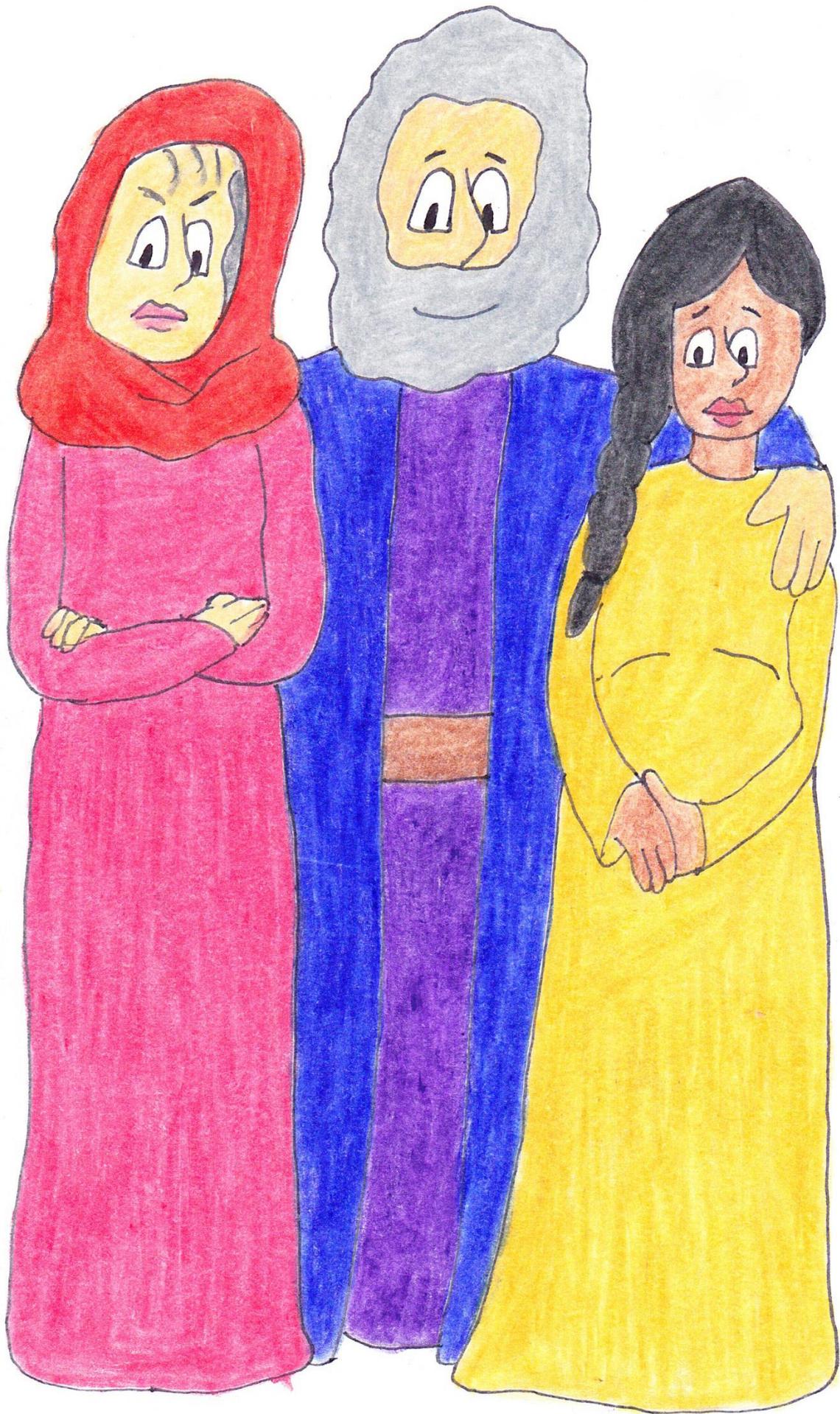


Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 16:1-16; 17:15-18:15; 21:1-7; 22:1-19



When God had first appeared to Abraham, He had promised many things, but Abraham wanted to know, “Where was his son?”

Finally after 10 years Sarah had a plan, “I have my maid Hagar. She can have the baby and that will be your heir.”

Abraham thought about this and decided to do it, but once Hagar was pregnant Sarah was very unhappy. She followed Hagar around and criticized everything she did. Nothing Hagar did was right.

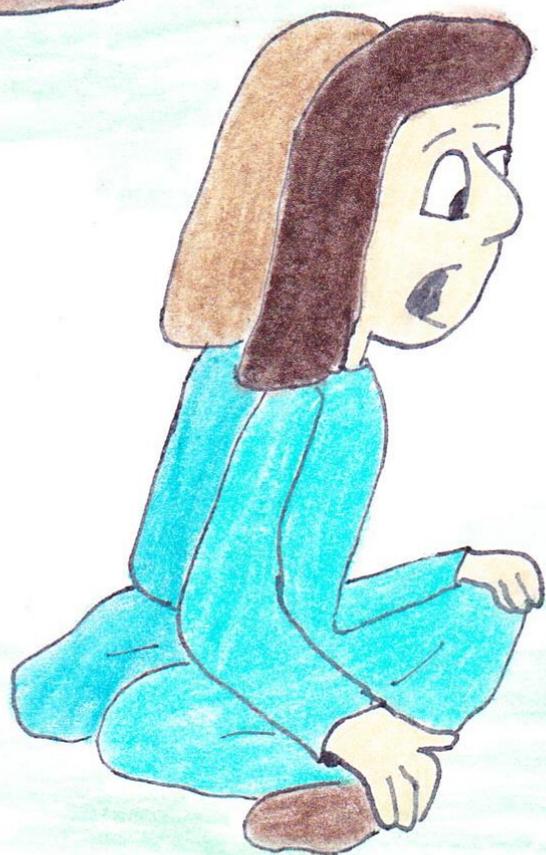


Finally Hagar decided to run away. She packed some food and ran into the wilderness.

God found her and said, “Go back. I promise your son will be the father of many. He will be strong.”

Hagar went back and her son was born. She called him Ishmael.

Abraham was 86 years old when Ishmael was born.



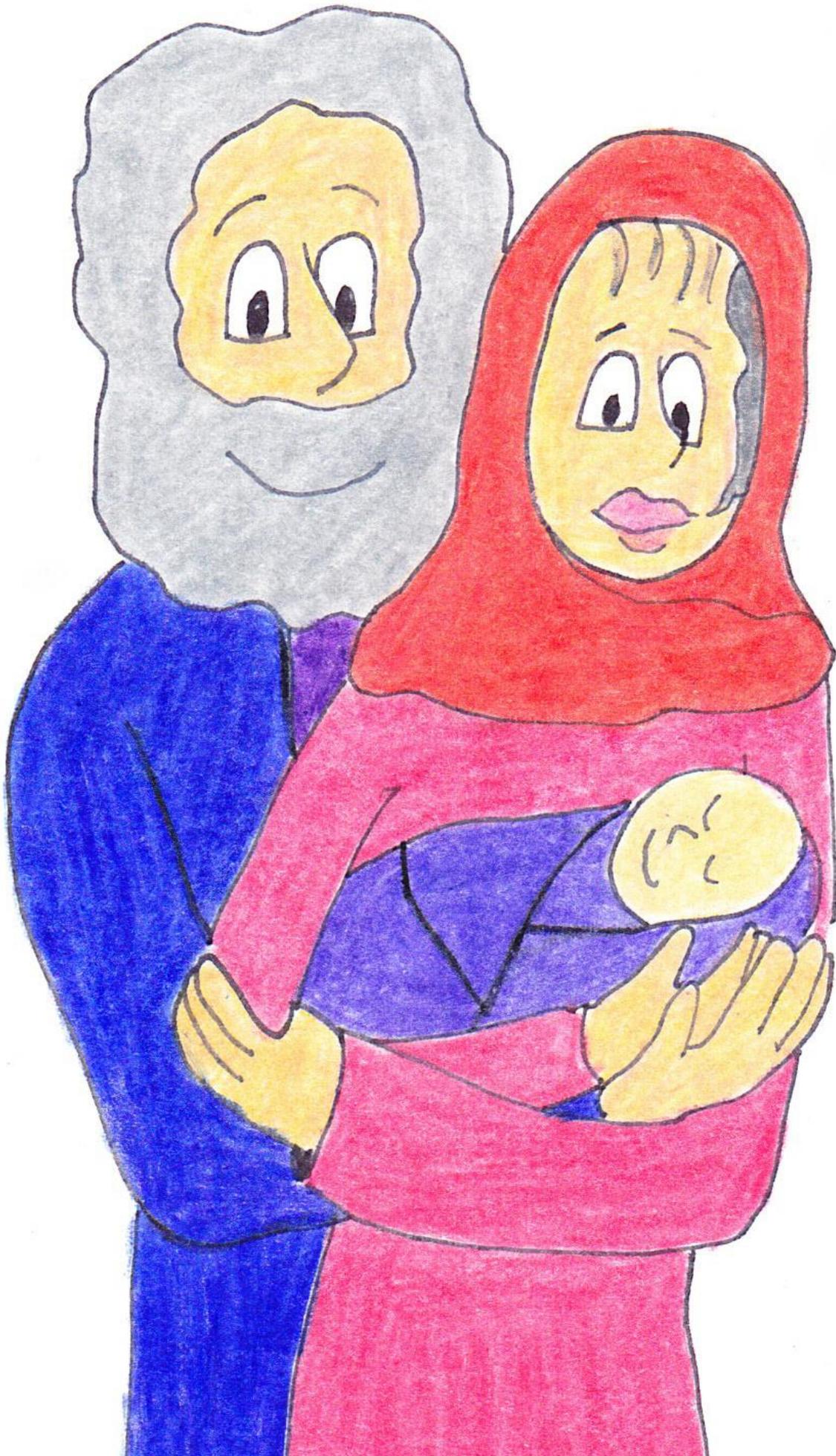
Many more years passed, and Ishmael grew and was a teenager.

One day Abraham saw strangers in the distance, recognizing God he invited them in. “Sarah, go and prepare food for our guests.”

The men came in and talked awhile, and finally God said, “This time next year you and Sarah will have a baby.”

Sarah heard this and laughed at the idea.

God said to Abraham, “Why did she laugh is anything too hard for God? Next year you will have a son.”



But Sarah continued to deny she had laughed.

A year later Sarah laughed with joy and said,
“God has given me laughter because I have a son.”
She named him Isaac. Abraham was 100 years old.



Many years passed and Isaac grew into a fine young man. One day God came to Abraham and said, “Take your son Isaac, whom you love and take him to Mount Moriah and sacrifice him as a burnt offering.”

Abraham’s heart was crushed, but he knew Isaac was the son God had promised. He got up early the next morning and loaded all he needed on a donkey. Then he headed out with Isaac and some servants.

After traveling for 3 days Abraham turned to the men and said, “Guard the donkey, Isaac and I will go on alone.” Isaac picked up the wood and Abraham took the fire and the knife.

“Dad,” Isaac asked, “Where is the lamb for the offering?”

Abraham turned away from Isaac and answered, “God will provide the lamb. Don’t worry.”



They walked on for awhile and came to the altar. Abraham explained it to Isaac and with tears bound his son and laid him on the altar. Slowly he raised his arm to kill Isaac.

“Abraham,” the angel of the Lord called out, “Do not kill him because now I know for sure you do not love him more than Me.”



Abraham looked up and there was a ram caught in the brambles, and he offered it in place of Isaac.

Then the angel of the Lord called down and said, “I will bless you because of this and your children will be like the stars in heaven. The world will be blessed by your offspring.”

Questions

Younger Kids

1. Have you ever tried to settle God's problems?
2. How old are your grandparents? How old is Abraham at the start of the story and how old is he at the end?
3. Did Sarah lie to God? Can you lie to Him? Can you trick God?
4. What things do you love a lot? How can you give them to God?

Middle Kids

1. Read Genesis 16:13-14. What did Hagar learn about God?
2. Read Genesis 18:11-15. How did Sarah react to God's news? Can you hide from or lie to God?
3. If your Dad and your Grandpa wrestled who would win? Do you think Abraham at older than 100 years could stop Isaac? Read Genesis 22:9.
4. What did Abraham and Isaac learn about God in Genesis 22:14?

Older Guys

1. Read Genesis 16:2. Who is leading here?
2. Read Genesis 16:5. Who would God blame?
3. How did Abraham react to God? How do you react? Read Genesis 18:1-8.
4. What similarities and differences do you see between Isaac and Christ in Genesis 22:6-19?
5. Read Genesis 22:9. Could Abraham have done this on his own?
6. Who is the angel here? Read Genesis 22:11.

Activities

1. Create a names of God page, make sure to include: The God who Sees
2. Make a sheep (here's a cute one:
<http://crackofdawncrafts.blogspot.com/2011/04/sweet-sheep-for-spring.html>.)

Online

1. Abraham sacrifice craft-
<http://www.littleblots.com/BiblePrintablesCraftsOld.html>
2. Abraham and Sarah printables- <http://dltk-bible.com/genesis/chapter15-index.htm>
3. Abraham and Sarah activities for patience-
<http://www.toddler-activities-at-home.com/abraham-and-sarah-crafts.html>

<p>El Eloah God Mighty and Strong Genesis 7:1</p>	<p>Elohim Creator God Genesis 1:1</p>	<p>El Shaddai God Almighty Genesis 49:24</p>
<p>Adonai Lord Genesis 15:2</p>	<p>Yahweh LORD Exodus 3:14</p>	<p>Yahweh Jireh The LORD will provide Genesis 22:14</p>
<p>Yahweh Rapha The LORD who heals Exodus 15:26</p>	<p>Yahweh Shalom The LORD who makes peace Judges 6:24</p>	<p>El Elyon Lord Most High Deuteronomy 26:19</p>
<p>El Roi God of Seeing Genesis 16:13</p>	<p>El Eloam Everlasting God Psalms 90:1-3</p>	<p>El Gibhor Mighty God Isaiah 9:6</p>
<p><i>Yahweh Nissi</i> <i>The LORD our Banner</i> <i>Exodus 17:15</i></p>	<p>Yahweh M'Kaddesh The LORD who sanctifies Leviticus 20:8</p>	<p>Yahweh Elohim LORD God Genesis 2:4</p>
<p>Yahweh Tsidkenu The LORD our righteousness Jeremiah 33:16</p>	<p>Yahweh Rohi The LORD our shepherd Psalms 23:1</p>	<p>Yahweh Shammah The LORD is there Ezekiel 48:35</p>
<p>Yahweh Saboath Lord of Hosts Isaiah 1:24</p>		