



## SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. (Genesis 21:1)
- Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. (Galatians 4:28)

### READ VERSES 1-7 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. After waiting for twenty-five years, the LORD finally blesses Abraham and Sarah with a child in their old age, just like He promised. What does the birth of Isaac teach us about the character and attributes of God?

### READ VERSES 8-14 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

2. Isaac's birth quickly causes a tension to grow between Sarah and Hagar. When Sarah finds Ishmael laughing (likely in mockery of Isaac), she demanded that Abraham cast out Hagar and Ishmael. In Galatians, Paul uses this account as an allegory. What is Paul's message and its significance in Galatians 4:21-31?

### READ VERSES 15-21 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

3. In the desert, Hagar and Ishmael appear to be dying of thirst, but the LORD intervenes by showing them a well of water. God renews his promise from chapter 16 to make Ishmael into a great nation. How does this act display the faithfulness of God?

### READ VERSES 22-24 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

4. Having seen in the previous chapter God's blessing upon Abraham, Abimelech and his army commander desire to make

a treaty with Abraham. What does this say about how outsiders perceived Abraham? Is this similar to how non-Christians should see us?

5. After Abimelech returns Sarah to Abraham, Abraham prays to God for Abimelech and his people. The LORD then heals the wombs of all the women. How is this a testament to God's faithfulness and graciousness toward Abraham? What does this show us about the importance of prayer?

## ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Like Abraham with Abimelech, consider how non-believers perceive your relationship with the LORD and in what ways they might declare, "God is with you."
- As with showing Hagar and Ishmael the well of water, recall times when God has provided for you and pray to Him with gratitude.