

Read Genesis 16:1-6

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar;

2 so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.

3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.

4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me."

6 "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so, she fled from her.

How many children did Abram and Sarai have at this time (v. 1)? None

Where did Sarai get Hagar, her maidservant? From Egypt where they went because of the famine. Abram got servants there (Genesis 12:16). She was probably one of them.

Who did Sarai blame for not having any children (v. 2)? God **Was she right?**

What was Sarai's plan (v. 2)? Since she was not having any children, she would take matters into her own hands and get Abram to marry Hagar and she could get a child through Hagar.

What did Abram think? Abram agreed to Sarai's plan. **Was that the right think to do?** No.

Why not? He should have prayed about it. He wasn't trusting God who told Abram that He would provide a child of his own (Genesis 15:4-5). He should have done a better job of loving his wife during this difficult time for her.

After Abram married Hagar what happened (v. 4)? Hagar got pregnant and she started to hate Sarai.

What did Sarai say to Abram (v. 5)? She blamed Abram for Hagar hating her. She said even God would agree that it wasn't her fault.

What did Abram tell Sarai to do (v. 6)? Do whatever you want to with Hagar.

What did Sarai do? She was mean to Hagar.

What did Hagar do? She ran away from Sarai and the camp.