

Read Genesis 21:8-13

8 The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast.

9 But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking,

10 and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

11 The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son.

12 But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.

13 I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

14 Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

What was happening with Ishmael (v. 8)? He was getting older and it was time for him to be weaned.

What does it mean to be weaned? To start drinking regular milk and not mom’s breast milk any longer.

What did Abraham do (v. 8)? He had a big party to celebrate Isaac’s weaning.

What did Sarah see (v. 9)? Ishmael was making fun of Isaac at the party.

What did Sarah tell Abraham (v. 10)? Kick Hagar and Ishmael out of the camp. He doesn’t deserve to get anything that belongs to Isaac.

What was Abraham thinking (v. 11)? He was very upset. **Why?** Because Ishmael was his son.

What did God tell Abraham to do (v. 12)? Listen to Sarah and do whatever she tells you to do.

What did God promise to do for Ishmael (v. 13)? He would make him into a great nation.

Why did God promise to bless Ishmael? Because he was Abraham’s son. God had promised to bless all of Abraham’s children no matter who their mother was.

What did Abraham do the next morning (v. 14)? He gave Hagar and Ishmael some food and water and told them to leave the camp.

What did Hagar do? She wandered in the desert with no place to go.

How do you think Abraham felt? He was probably very sad.