

God Who Sees Me

Objective: *God sees our problems and all that happens in our lives.*

Link:

When you have a problem, do you tell someone else about your problem, or do you keep it to yourself? Why? (A few students answer.)

When I have a problem, I like to tell a few people about it. It helps me when someone close to me knows about my problems.

Background:

Last week we learned about the Lord God and the promise He made to Abram. Do you remember that promise? (time for recall. God promised to defend Abram and give him many descendants. God promised to give Abram a son.) At this time, was Abram young, or old? (give time. He was old.)

Abram and his wife, Sarai, were old, but they still had no children. They wanted the son God had promised very badly. They worried that maybe Sarai was too old to have a child. So Sarai and Abram made a plan.

Sarai had a slave girl from Egypt. Her name was Hagar. Sarai decided to let Abram sleep with Hagar. By the law of that time, if Hagar got pregnant, the child would belong to Sarai.

This was Sarai and Abram's plan to get the son God had promised. But it was

not God's plan. When Hagar became pregnant, the problems started. Hagar began to dislike Sarai. Sarai began to be unkind to Hagar. Finally, Hagar ran away.

Let's read what happened next. We'll read Genesis, chapter 16, verses 7 to 16.

Questions:

- 1) What did God tell Hagar to do? (v9: Go home to your mistress and obey her.)
- 2) What name did Hagar call God? (v13: God who sees me.)
- 3) Bonus question: How old was Abram? (v. 16: 86 years old. This is a tie-in to last week's lesson.)

Read Genesis 16: 7-16.

Answer the questions.

Discussion:

Hagar was not a very important person. But when she ran away into the desert. But God found her there.

There are many reasons why Hagar was not a very important person. She was a foreigner. She was a woman. She was a slave. But God knew who she was. He knew about her problem. He even knew her name.

Even Hagar was surprised that God had found her. She said to herself, “Have I really seen God who sees me?” (v13). Maybe she thought she was not important enough for God to find her.

But to God, she was important. God knew about her problem and He cared about her and her baby. Later, he promised to make her son into a great nation (Gen. 21:13).

There are many verses in the Bible which talk about God seeing us. One is in the book of Proverbs, chapter 5, verse 21 [Prov. 5:21, NCV, p. 579]. Let’s read it.

What does this verse say about what God sees? (He sees everything we do and everywhere we go.)

God doesn’t see only our problems. He sees everything in our lives. There is nothing He doesn’t see. Like Hagar, we are all important to God.

He sees the needs of our hearts. He made each of us to worship and enjoy

Himself, so He knows that one of the biggest needs of our hearts is to believe in Him. He gave us the Bible to be our teacher about God and the guide for our lives. He knows that we are sinful, and He sent Jesus to take the punishment for all who believe.

God knows about these great, eternal needs of our hearts. But He also knows about our everyday problems. When we have a problem, God knows about our problem, and He wants to help us. I hope that when you have a problem, you will remember that God sees you and cares about you, and you can ask Him to help you.

That's all for today.