## Left out? Not with God!

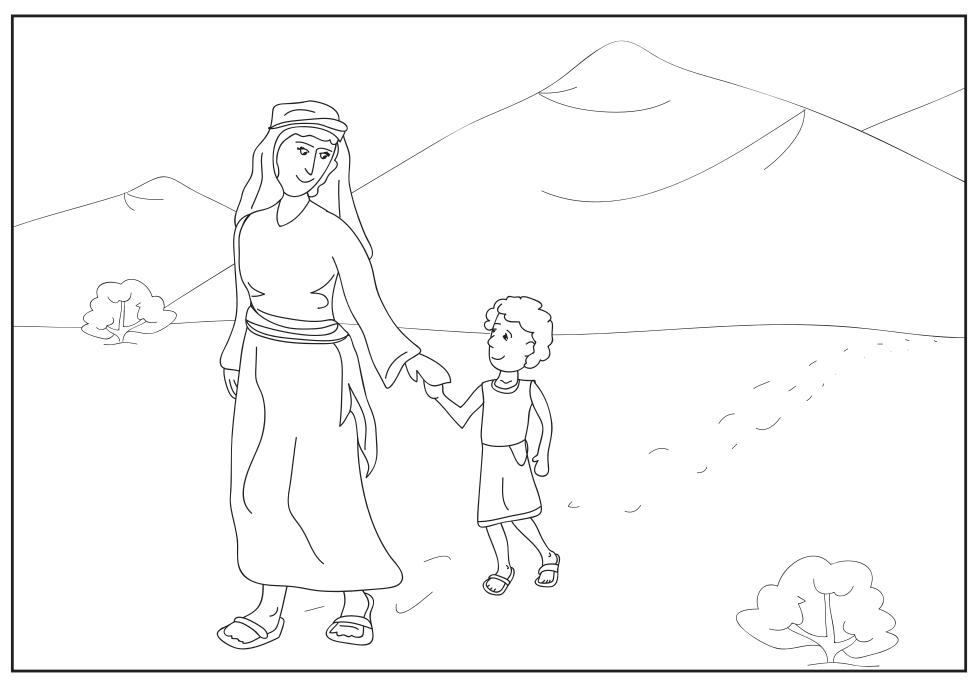
Have you ever felt left out? Have you ever felt like you didn't belong? Do you ever think that God's promises don't include you?



In the Bible, there is a story about a woman named Hagar. She had a baby boy with Abraham, and named him Ishmael. A few years later, Abraham had another son named Isaac with his wife Sarah. Sarah didn't like having Hagar and Ishmael around, and told Abraham to send them away from their home. She thought that God's promise to Abraham only included Isaac. God told Abraham to do what Sarah said, so Abraham told Hagar and Ishmael to leave.

Hagar and Ishmael felt left out of Abraham's family. They stopped in the desert when they ran out of water to drink, and both of them started crying because they thought they would die. God heard their cries, and provided water for them to drink. God let Hagar know that they would be ok, and that God would keep God's promise and make a great nation of Ishmael, too – not just Isaac.

Hagar and Ishmael didn't know that God's promise included them and they got scared. Their story reminds us that God's promises are bigger and better than we can imagine. Even when we feel like we're left out or don't belong, God includes us in everything. We don't have to get scared of being left out by God. God keeps loving us even when we feel like no one else does. We are each precious and important to God.

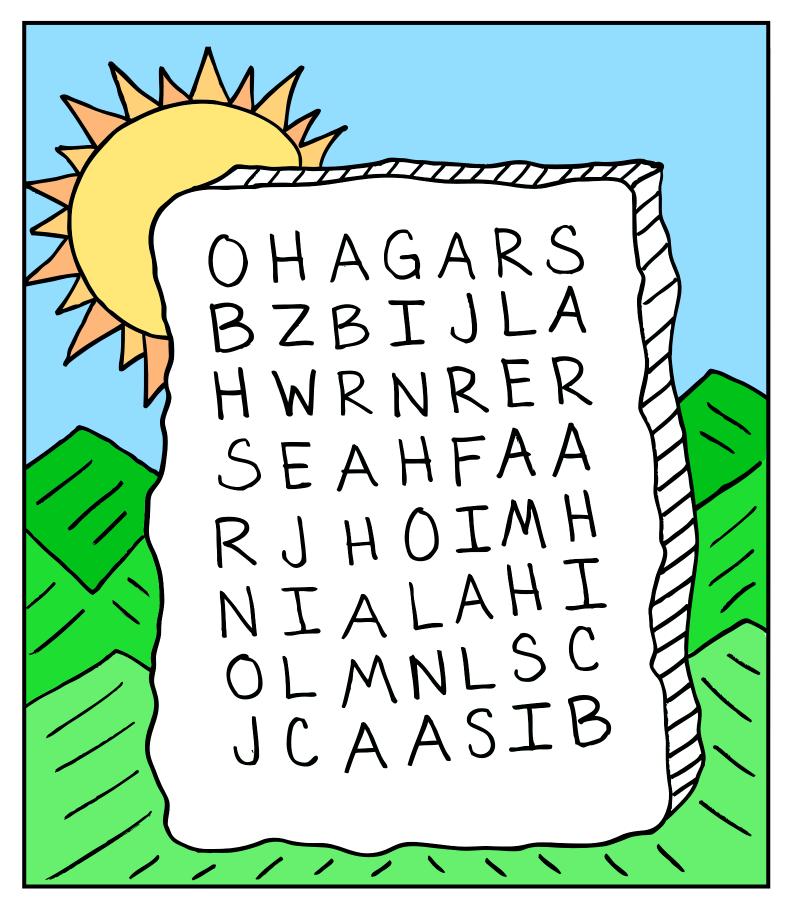


## Hagar and Ishmael

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Find the following names in the puzzle : Sarah, Isaac, Ishmael, Hagar, and Abraham



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