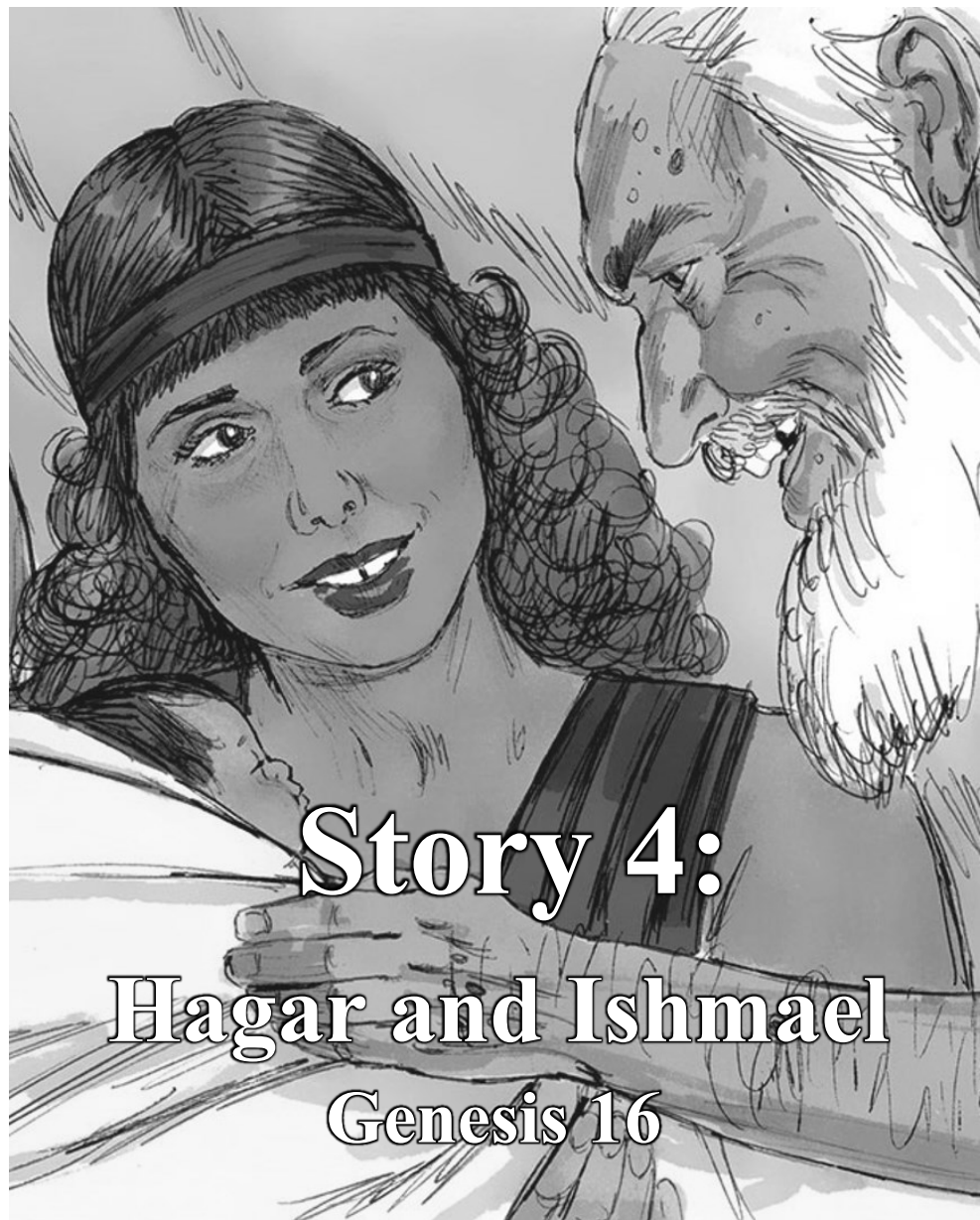
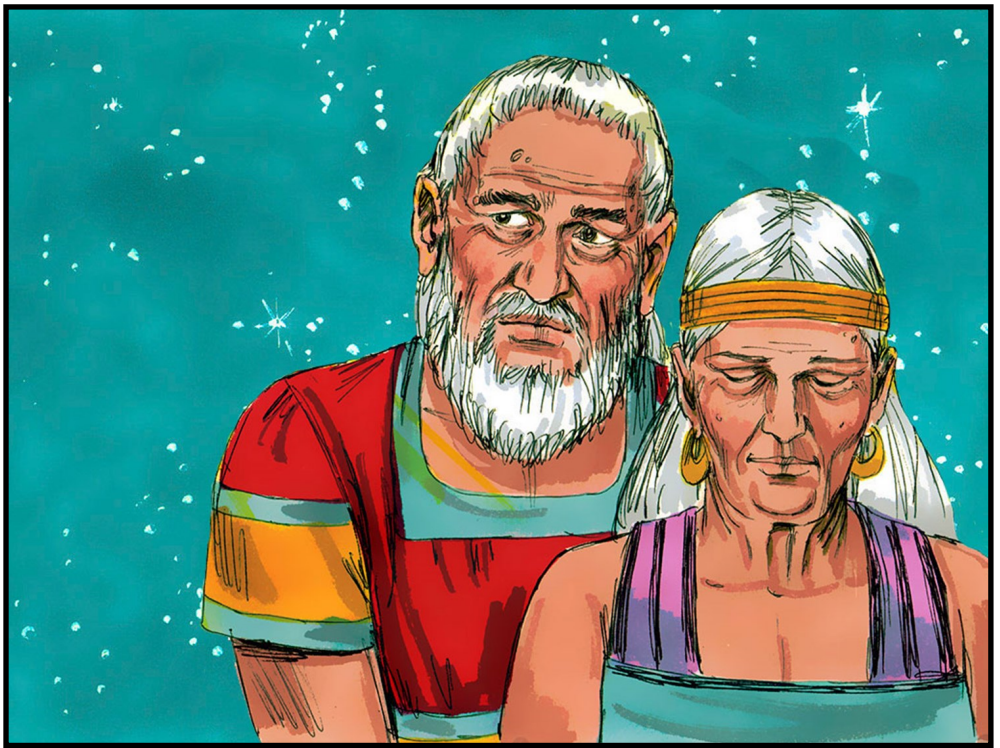


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God had promised to Abram that he would be the father of a great nation. God had also promised that Abram would have a son with his wife Sarai, but now they were both very old. Sarai was sad and lost all hope of having a child.



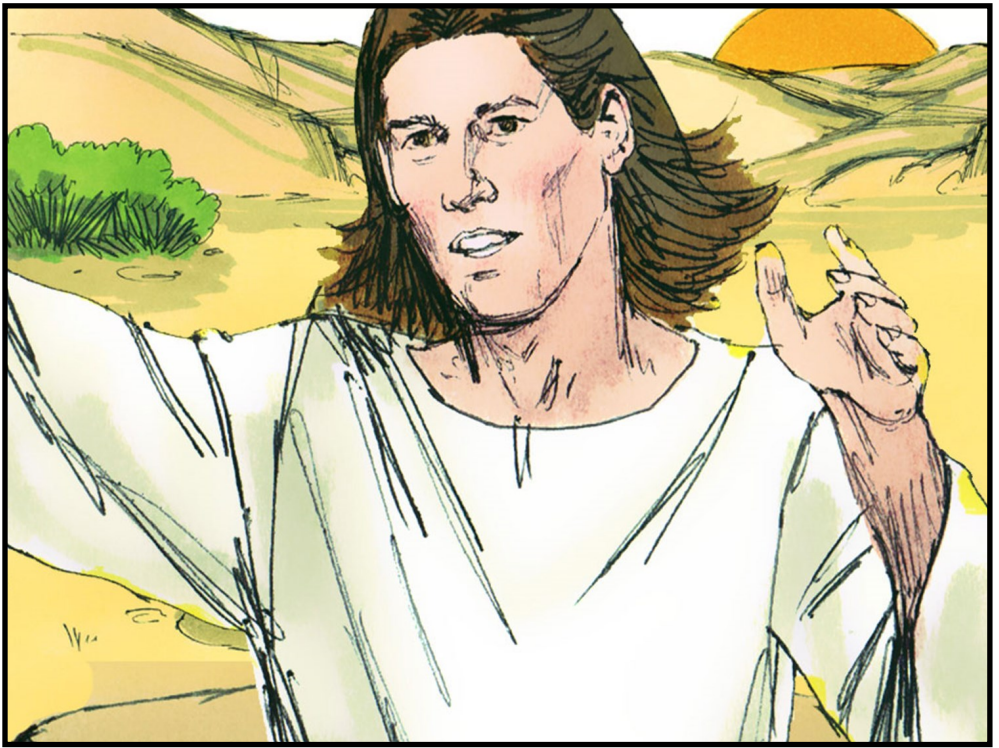
Sarai had an idea. She had an Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. Sarai took Hagar to Abram and said, “I am too old to have a baby. Please have a baby with Hagar. She can help us start our family.”



When Hagar got pregnant, there were hurt feelings between her and Sarai. Sarai got very angry at Hagar and began to be mean to her. Sarai also got angry at Abram and blamed him for the whole situation. Hagar was so unhappy that she decided to run away into the desert.



Hagar stopped at a spring to rest and drink some water. She was so sad because she felt helpless and alone.



All of a sudden, an angel from God appeared to her. He asked, “Hagar, where have you come from, and where are you going?”



She said to the angel, “I’m running away from my mistress, Sarai.”

The angel responded by saying, “Go back to Sarai and do what she asks you to do.”





“Hagar, you will give birth to a *son*. When he is born, name him Ishmael. This name means ‘God hears.’ God has heard your suffering. The descendants of Ishmael will be so many that no one will be able to count them.”



Hagar obeyed the angel and went back. When the baby boy was born, he was named Ishmael. Hagar never forgot how God helped her. She even named the place where the angel came to her, “God sees me.”



When Ishmael was born, Abram was 86 years old and his wife Sarai was 76 years old.



However, God had promised that Abram and his wife *Sarai* would have a baby. It seemed impossible for Sarai to have a baby with Abram because they were so old. But we must remember, nothing is impossible with God.

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