

Genesis 16:1 – 16



The Sinai Desert – Best Place to Run Away



The Life of a Dollar Bill

Explore: God “redeems” the birth of Ishmael

1) A son born into controversy and conflict

2) Ishmael receives his own identity and purpose in God’s plan

Apply: How and why does God redeem our mistakes?

Genesis 16:1 - 6

What were Abram's expectations for a child?

Why did this seem a good option to Sarai?

Why did Sarai object after the fact?



Genesis 16:7 - 16

Who finds Hagar and what are the instructions given?

What are the promises given?

How is Ishmael described? What will his life be like?



**KEEP
CALM
AND
LOVE
ISHMAEL**

Epilogue: Genesis 17:18 - 27

v.18 – “May Ishmael live by your favor!”

v.20 – “As for Ishmael, I have heeded you. I will bless him...I will make him a great nation.”

25:9 – “[Abraham’s] sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah..”

Apply:

Why does God care about us when we make a mistake?

Who or what does God use to “redeem” our mistakes? How does it happen?

Why is that important?

