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Genesis 16, 17, 21, 22

Deuteronomy 10: 18

Psalms 68: 5



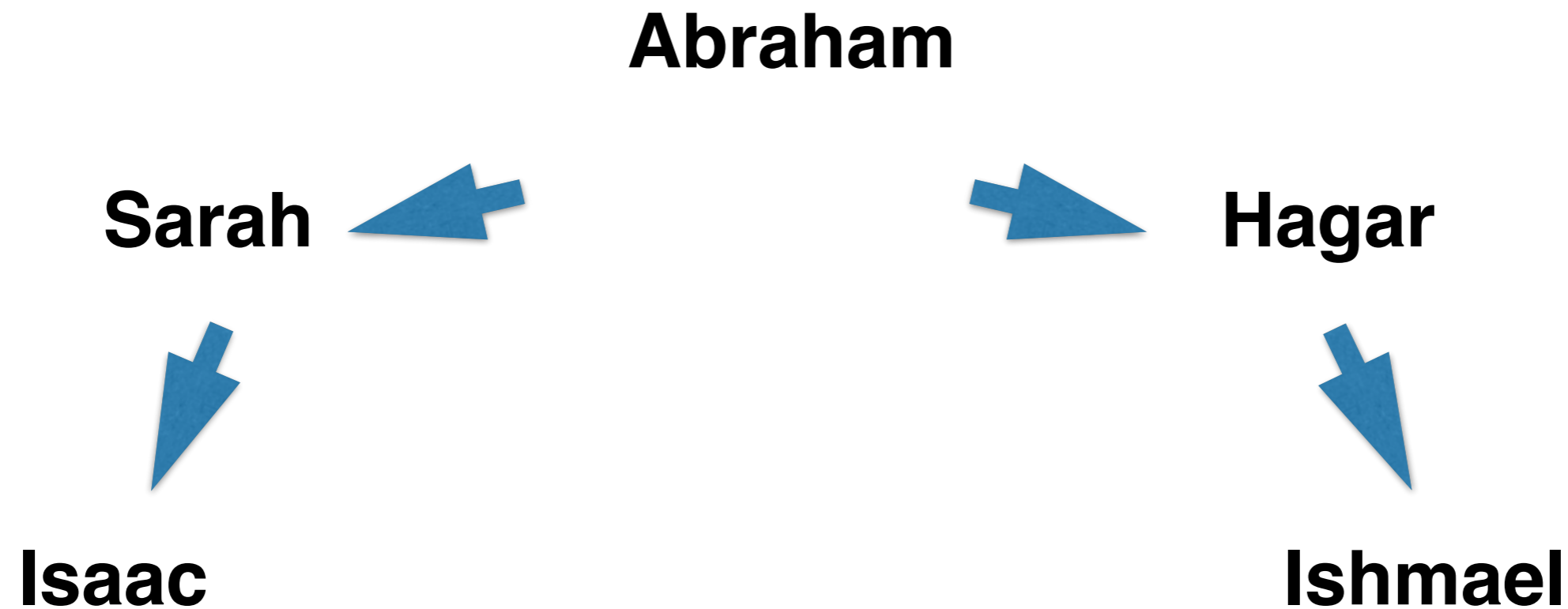
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A Plan for Children

(Genesis 16: 1-4, NLT)



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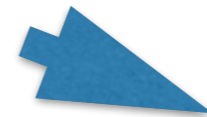
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An Unexpected Turn!

- (Genesis 21: 9-10, NLT)
- But Sarah saw Ishmael—the son of Abraham and her Egyptian servant Hagar—making fun of her son, Isaac. So she turned to Abraham and demanded, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son. He is not going to share the inheritance with my son, Isaac. I won’t have it!”

Hagar



Ishmael

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God Opened Hagar's Eyes!

Genesis 21:17-20 (ESV)



And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”

(vs. 19-20) Then God **opened her eyes**, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow.

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The Journey Begins!

Jeremiah 29:11, (NLT)

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.
"They are **plans for good** and not for disaster, to give you a **future** and a **hope**.

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***Understanding the Role of
the Family***



Jesus

Husband/Father

Wife/Mother

Children

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Understanding the Role of the Single Parent Family

Title

Jesus Christ

Role

Head

Action

Salvation

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 11:3, NIV

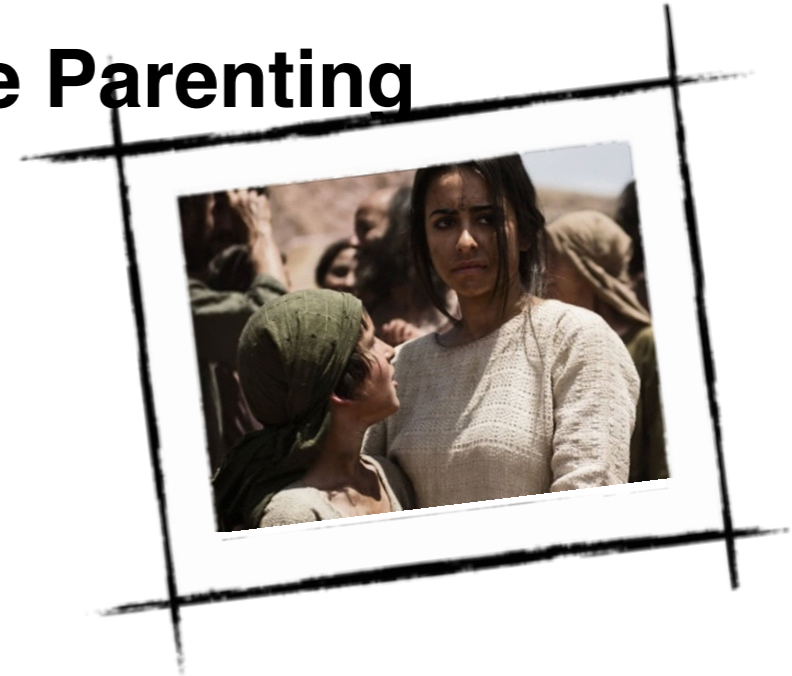
The head of every man is Christ

Ephesians 5:23, NIV

Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

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Understanding the Role of the Single Parent Family

<u>Title</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Action</u>
Husband/Father	Leader	Love

If the Father is absent, The Lord is your husband.

Scriptures

Isaiah 54:5 NIV

For your Maker is your husband-- the LORD Almighty is his name-- the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

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Understanding the Role of the Single Parent Family

<u>Title</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Action</u>
Wife/Mother	Helper	Respect

If the wife/mother is absent, the Lord will defend you.

Scriptures

Deuteronomy 10:18
He defends widows.

Ephesians 5:33

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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Understanding the Role of the Single Parent Family

<u>Title</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Action</u>
Children	Heritage	Obedience

If a parent (father or mother) is absent from the family, the Lord is the parent.

Deuteronomy 10:18; Psalm 68: 5

Father to the Fatherless

Psalm 127:3

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

Colossians 3:20

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

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Role Reversal

Child/Father/Husband

Child/Mother/Wife



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Get Godly Counsel When Help is Needed

- Proverbs 11: 14
- "...in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

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Ishmael Generational Blessings!

Multiply Offspring

(Genesis 16:10 (ESV)) The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude."

Father of Twelve Princes/ Became a Great Nation

(Genesis 17:20) As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.

(Genesis 21: 17 -18) And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

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Your Generational Blessings!

- Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8: 11)
- And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16: 31)
- And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (Romans 8:17)
- He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (Titus 3:7)
- So then, from now on we know no one from a human point of view, if indeed we have known Christ from a human point of view, but now we know him this way no longer. (2 Corinthians 5:16 {LEB})

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