

## LESSON 27

# Isaac Displaces Ishmael

*Genesis 21:1-21*

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### WELCOME

A Time for **Assembly**

*Introduction* to gather together through an ice breaker (10 minutes)

To start: Share briefly an instance when your parents (or grandparents) had a deep conflict with a child of theirs that led to that child leaving the home.

### WORSHIP

A Time for **Adoration**

*Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading of Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

*Friend of God*, by Israel Houghton and Michael Gungor (page 53)

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*, by Civilla Martin (page 55)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:1-21

### WORD

A Time for **Admonition**

*Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. Genesis 21:2 of the New American Standard Bible (NASB) version reads, "So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him." What does Isaac's birth show about God's attributes (21:1-2)?
2. When Sarah first heard of God's promise that she will bear a son, how did she laugh (Genesis 18:10-12)? How did Sarah laugh this time, when Isaac was born (21:6,7)?
3. What were Sarah's reasons for asking Abraham to drive Hagar and Ishmael away (21:9,10)?

4. Ishmael was already a teenager when Isaac was born. Abraham appeared to have grown in his affection toward Ishmael. What caused him to follow Sarah's demand to drive Hagar and Ishmael away (21:11-14)?
5. What are the serious and lasting consequences of Abraham and Sarah's lack of faith in the promise of God (21:19-21)? Read Genesis 25:13-16.

## WALK

### A Time for **Accountability**

*Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern) (about 35 minutes)

1. What would you plan to do to reconcile with a family member you have a conflict with?
2. Would your growth group consider visiting an orphanage as your outreach project this year?
3. How can the group pray for you? Share now your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and/or specific actions to be done in obedience to God's Word. As you intercede for each other, pray also for others outside the group who need to know Jesus.