Preschool–Grade 5

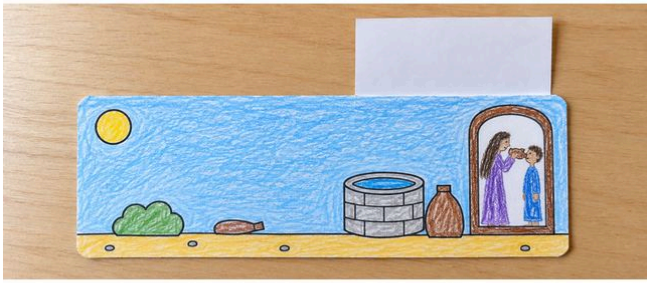
Hagar Craft

Thou God seest me · Genesis 16:6–13; 21:14–20 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



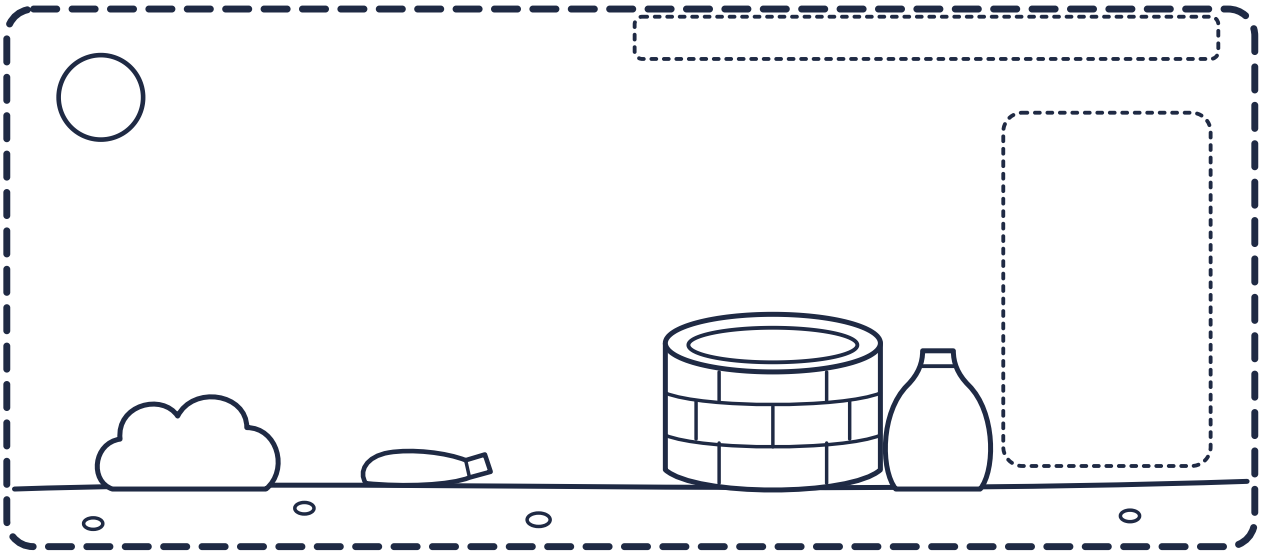
Harder

Both levels are a wide card of the wilderness of Beer-sheba: a light blue sky, a yellow sun and yellow sand, a green shrub with an empty brown bottle lying by it on the left, and on the right a gray well with blue water and a full brown bottle beside it. A flap of wilderness lifts up from the right side to show the well, because "God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water" (Genesis 21:19). The photos show the flap lifted. Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same card with an arched window beside the well, where kids draw Hagar giving the lad a drink (21:19).

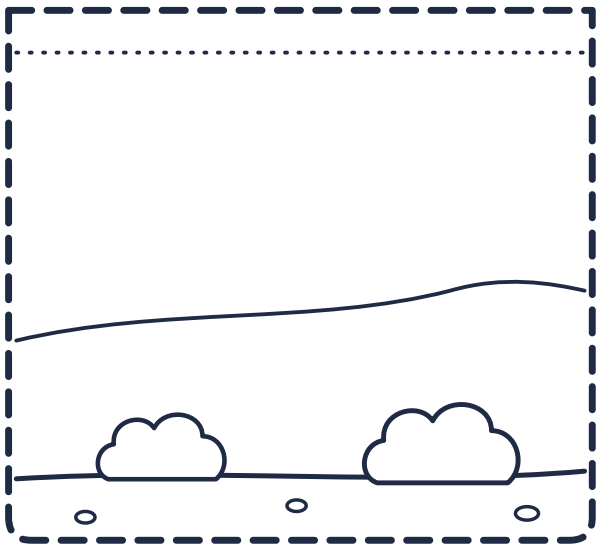
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, sun and sand yellow, shrub green, both bottles brown, well gray, water in the well blue



And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

Genesis 16:13 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card
(the dotted box under the flap is for the harder level)

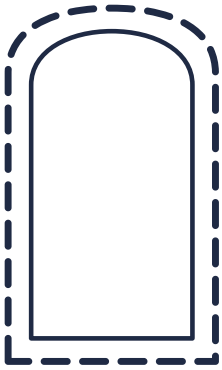
flap: sky light blue, sand yellow, shrubs green. Crease it on the dotted line. Glue only the tab on the dotted strip at the top of the card's right side, so the flap covers the well.

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the flap and the verse strip. Glue the flap's tab on the dotted strip so the flap covers the well.

Name: _____

✂ Harder level

Window (harder level)



window: frame brown. In the arch, draw Hagar giving the lad a drink (Genesis 21:19)

How to add the window

1. Make the wilderness card from page 2 first, with the flap glued on and the verse strip on the back of the card.
2. Color the window frame brown. Inside the arch, draw Hagar giving the lad a drink from the full bottle, because she "filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink" (Genesis 21:19). Draw Hagar with long hair and a long dress, and the lad in a robe.
3. Cut out the window on the dashed line.
4. Lift the flap. Glue the window on the dotted box beside the well and the full bottle, so it is hidden until the flap is lifted.
5. Tell it: God told Hagar, "Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation" (21:18). "And God was with the lad" (21:20). The God who saw Hagar sees us too: "Thou God seest me" (16:13).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/hagar-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, yellow, green, brown, gray and blue crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the flap and the verse strip, and glue each flap on its card.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and glue the flap on. Kids color the card and the flap and lift the flap to find the well. Glue the verse strip on the back for them.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out and glue the pieces themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then add the arched window from page 3 under the flap and draw Hagar giving the lad a drink (Genesis 21:19). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the sun and the sand yellow, the shrub green, both bottles brown, the well gray and the water in the well blue.
2. **Color the flap:** the sky light blue, the sand yellow and the shrubs green.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, the flap and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Flap:** crease the flap on its dotted line. Put glue on the back of the tab only and press it on the dotted strip at the top of the card's right side, so the flap hangs down and covers the well.
5. **Verse:** turn the card over. Glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.
6. **Tell it:** point to the empty bottle by the shrub: "the water was spent in the bottle" (Genesis 21:15). Hagar wept, but "God heard the voice of the lad" (21:17). Lift the flap: "God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water" (21:19). Point to the full bottle and say, "Thou God seest me" (16:13).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Why did Hagar run away the first time? *(Sarai "dealt hardly with her," Genesis 16:6)*
- Where did the angel of the LORD find her? *("By a fountain of water in the wilderness," 16:7)*
- What did Hagar call the LORD? *("Thou God seest me," 16:13)*
- What did Abraham give Hagar when he sent her away? *(Bread and a bottle of water, 21:14)*
- Point to the empty bottle. What happened to the water? *(It "was spent," all gone, 21:15)*
- Point to the shrub. Where did Hagar put the lad? *(Under one of the shrubs, 21:15)*
- Whose voice did God hear? *("The voice of the lad," 21:17)*
- Lift the flap. What did Hagar see when God opened her eyes? *("A well of water," 21:19)*
- What did she do with the water? *(She filled the bottle and gave the lad drink, 21:19)*
- Who was with the lad as he grew? *(God, 21:20)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: dealt hardly** means treated harshly; a **fountain** is a spring of water; **thou** means you; **seest** means see; a **bottle** was a skin bag for water; **spent** means used up; a **shrub** is a small bush; a **lad** is a boy.
- **What the Bible says:** Genesis 21 says God opened Hagar's eyes and she saw a well of water. It does not say anything hid the well. The flap is the craft's way to show her eyes being opened. The Bible does not describe the well, the bottle or the shrubs, or say what color anything was; the drawings and colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template.** No angel is drawn either: the angel of God "called to Hagar out of heaven" (21:17). At the harder level kids draw Hagar and the lad themselves in the window.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and glue the flaps on ahead of time. Let every child lift the flap and say, "God opened her eyes!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Hagar lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/hagar.

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