



AMAZONIA



Week 3

Day 1: God Sees Me When I'm Hurting

Scripture Reading: Genesis 16:1-7

Devotional:

Have you ever felt left out, mistreated, or like nobody understands you? That's how Hagar felt in this part of the Bible. She was a servant in Abraham and Sarah's house, and things were getting really hard. Sarah was unkind to her, and Hagar didn't know what to do—so she ran away.

Imagine being all alone in the desert, with no food, no help, and no one around. That's where Hagar was—scared, tired, and unsure of what would happen next. But then something amazing happened: God found her. The Bible says the angel of the Lord came to her, right there in the middle of nowhere. This shows us something very important: God sees us even when no one else does. When you're having a bad day at school, when you feel like nobody notices you, or when you're hurting inside—God is paying attention. He sees every tear, every hurt feeling, and every deep thought. You are never out of God's sight. Even in your hardest moments, God is right there with you.

Discussion:

1. Is it comforting for you to know that God sees you?
2. How can you remind yourself of this truth this week?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for seeing me when I'm sad or feeling left out. I'm never alone when You're with me. Amen.

Welcome to week 3 of our Amazonia devo! This week we are focusing on how God sees us and knows us! He knows every detail of our lives and loves every part of us...even the broken parts. We will learn more about this aspect of His character through the story of Hagar.

Day 2: God Knows My Name & My Story

Scripture Reading: Genesis 16:8-9

Devotional:

When the angel of the Lord spoke to Hagar, he called her by name: "Hagar." He didn't say, "Hey you!" or "stranger." He knew exactly who she was. That might seem like a small detail, but it's actually a really big deal. Think about it—there are billions of people in the world. But God knows your name. He knows where you were born, who your family is, what you love to do, and even what scares you. He knows what makes you laugh and what makes you cry. You are not just one person in a crowd to God—you are seen, known, and loved. The angel even asked Hagar, "Where have you come from, and where are you going?" Not because God didn't know—but because He wanted Hagar to know that He cared about her story. God cares about your past, your present, and your future. When God knows your name, it means you belong to Him. You are valuable, and your story matters. Think about the comfort and power there is in someone knowing your name. It is a very comforting thing when someone knows your name and calls you by name. This is what God did for Hagar and what He does for us.

Discussion:

1. Why is it important that God called Hagar by name?
2. How does it feel to know that God knows your name and everything about you?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for knowing me so well. Thank You for calling me by name. Amen.



Day 3: God Hears Me When I Pray

Scripture Reading: Genesis 16:10-11

Devotional:

Hagar was crying out in her heart. She didn't even have the words to pray a fancy prayer. But God heard her pain. The angel said, "The Lord has heard your misery." That means God wasn't just watching her—He was listening.

And the angel tells her she will have a son named Ishmael - his name means "God will hear"! Sometimes we think we have to say the perfect words when we pray, but that's not true. God hears your heart. You can whisper a prayer, shout one, cry one, or even just think it—and God hears it all. Have you ever had a day where nothing goes right? Maybe you feel like no one is listening, and you just want to cry. You can talk to God about it. You can say, "God, this hurts. Please help me." And He will hear you, just like He heard Hagar. God is not too busy. He doesn't get distracted. His ears are always open to His children. When you talk to God, He listens—because He loves you.

Think about how you feel when someone makes you feel special and listened to. God wants us to make others feel this too!

Discussion:

1. What's something you'd like to talk to God about today?
2. What does it mean that "God hears your misery"?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for always listening to me. I know You hear every prayer—even the ones I don't say out loud. Amen.

Day 4: God Is The God Who Sees Me

Scripture Reading: Genesis 16:13-16

Devotional:

After meeting the angel of the Lord and hearing His promises, Hagar was amazed. She said, "You are the God who sees me." In Hebrew, that name is El Roi (pronounced: "El Row-ee"). It means that God isn't just powerful or far away—He is close, personal, and watching with love. God saw Hagar, a servant girl that most people didn't think was important. But to God? She was precious. He gave her a promise that her son would become a great nation. He gave her hope and a future. He allowed Hagar to be the FIRST person to give God a name in the Bible! And God does the same for you. He sees you in your classroom. He sees you at the lunch table. He sees you when you're being kind, and when you're struggling to make the right choice. He sees the real you—and He loves you just the same!

Activity:

Decorate a jar or cup and label it "Prayer Jar." Write or draw simple prayers on paper strips (e.g., "Help me be brave," "Thank You for my dog," "Please help Grandma," etc.). Encourage kids to pull out a prayer each day or add new ones regularly. Talk about how God hears every prayer—even if it's just a whisper. This jar reminds them that nothing is too small or too big for God to hear.

Prayer:

Dear God, You are El Roi—the God who sees me. Thank You for watching over me and caring about my life. Amen.

Memory Verse

"Lord God, with your great power you made the earth and the sky. There is nothing too hard for you to do."

Jeremiah 32:17 (ERV)

