

He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. **15** When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. **16** Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob. **17** God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. **18** Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation." **19** Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. **20** God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer.

What I Have Learned

The characters from our lesson's Bible text demonstrated a variety of emotions or feelings in response to the situations they were in. Identify the appropriate person who displayed the feeling or emotions below. Also, provide the verse or verses where the answer was found.

1. Who displayed anger or bitterness?
 Name: _____
 Verse: _____

2. Who displayed grief or sorrow?
 Name: _____
 Verse: _____

3. Who displayed hopelessness or defeat?
 Name: _____
 Verse: _____

4. Who displayed concern or encouragement?
 Name: _____
 Verse: _____

Keep In Mind

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 (Genesis 21:17–18, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

You can be assured that God is always present, positive, and desiring for you to prevail, even in the midst of negative circumstances. Take a moment to consider whose words or counsel most affect how you view yourself and the world around you. Also, evaluate whose words or counsel you may need to avoid or listen to. Make your declarations below.

I will be careful to listen to and embrace the words of:

I will strive to stay clear of the words of:

Doing My Part

Our Lord God is a mighty deliverer. Read and reflect on the words from Psalm 34 this week and be reminded that He is near to hear and respond to you when you cry out to Him.