



## AWANA GO VENEZUELA 2019/20 - LESSON PLAN

Genesis 21:14-20 - God's heart for those in need

Key verse: Matthew 18:14 In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

**BIG IDEA:** God is a compassionate God, He sees me and cares about me. Even when we sin, or are in distress and need help, (could be relatable to children/people of Venezuela) God sees us, hears us and cares. God does not abandon us.

### POINT...

1. God cares for the lost. Hagar and Ishmael find themselves in a crisis. They are removed from their family and home. They are now wandering in the wilderness and are in need of God's help.
2. God provides for the lost. God sees Ishmael and Hagar in their time of need and shows His heart of compassion by providing for them. Through the miracle, in this story, we see the lengths that God will go to care for His children.
3. God continues to be with us. In this story, God provides the water that was so desperately needed for Ishmael and his mother to survive. It also shows that God continued to look after them as Ishmael grew up in the desert and the Bible says, that God was with him during that time.

### QUESTIONS:

#### POINT 1 QUESTIONS:

1. In the video, Jon shared a story about when a dog named Rosie saved him from an attack from a crazy German Shepherd! Have you ever been in a crisis situation that required someone to help you?
2. How do you think Hagar felt when she was told that she had to leave her home and her people behind?
3. Have you ever been in a situation where you shared with God your needs?

## POINT 2 QUESTIONS:

1. Describe how Jesus provides for the lost spiritually. (describe the Gospel)
2. How has God provided for you?

## POINT 3 QUESTIONS:

1. How do we know that God continues to be with us during hard times?
2. How do you think you could help the children in Venezuela who are going through a crisis right now?
3. Do you know anyone who is going through a hard time right now? How can you show God's heart of compassion to them? How could you help provide for them during this time?

## GAME SUGGESTIONS:

1. Steal the Bacon
2. Three-legged race

## VENEZUELA FUN FACTS:

Venezuela comes from the **Italian word Veneziola** (this word means "little Venice")

Official spoken language – **Spanish**

Official Currency of Venezuela is **Bolivar Fuertes**

Capital city – **Caracas**

**Baseball** is the most popular sport

Population: **31.98 million as of 2017** (over 8 million children are under the age of 15)

Venezuela is **33rd largest country in the world** – 916,445 square kilometres

It is divided into **23 states**

They are home to the **Angel Falls**, the world's highest uninterrupted waterfall

### **Musical instrument - Cuatro**

The cuatro is a family of Latin American string instruments found in Central and South America, Puerto Rico and other parts of the West Indies, derived from the Spanish guitar. Although some have viola-like shapes, most cuatros resemble a small to mid-sized classical guitar.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP? FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

1. Would your church consider hosting a fundraising dinner with ethnic Venezuelan food?  
Try serving Arpeas! Visit this website for the recipe:  
[www.panningtheglobe.com/reina-pepiada-arepas-chicken-avocado/](http://www.panningtheglobe.com/reina-pepiada-arepas-chicken-avocado/)
2. Would you pray that many children and families would be impacted by Awana clubs in their communities?
3. Consider running a Verse-a-Thon – Verse-a-Thon is similar to a Walk-a-Thon.  
(Kids get sponsors for how many Bible verses they can say on a given night or specific)  
For more information, go to [www.awana.org/go-verse-a-thon](http://www.awana.org/go-verse-a-thon)
4. Ask God to show you how you could help bless others.

