Hi Parents and caring adults!

These cards are designed for further discussion within the family format - at the dinner table, in the car, or whenever and wherever you find yourself together, sorting out life together. The Flourish series is for the entire congregation to consider. We all can adjust how we see others, and how we interact with them in a safe way, making strangers into friends.

FLOURISH

Compassion: from Your Gut

Chatting it over:

- Read the passage and list how many emotions Hagar had in the story.
- Talk about how Hagar might have felt after hearing the angel prophesy about her baby.
- Read verse 13. Hagar gives God a descriptive name. Do you believe God sees you too?

Read:



Bible Truth:
Read Psalm 121
Psalm 139



Why a Pineapple?

Because of their scarcity and price, pineapples were originally served only to most-honored guests. That idea was translated into pineapple images so that those who couldn't afford the fruit itself could still share the sentiment of welcome and hospitality. Towns, inns and even individual households would display pictures or carvings of the fruit to convey a sense of welcoming.

Splangchiznemai

is the greek word for 'deep down in the middle of our gut'.

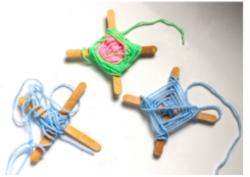
Try saying it. Who's attempt made you laugh hardest?

How does your stomach feel when you have laughed really hard?

This is the strong feeling in your gut that understands the hurt experienced by someone else. This is how God feels when we hurt! This is how He wants us to understand each other.

Craft Idea. Make a God's Eye





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Ojo de Dios is Spanish for the eye of God. It is a weaving of yarn and wood and has been used as an ancient, contemplative practice that is a combination of Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples in the Americas cultures. The four ends of the sticks represent the four elements- fire, water, earth, and wind. The center represents the sun and the understanding of things we cannot always see. They are often made in celebration or blessing, given as a gift or designed to bless a home. It is a reminder that God was always watching over them.