

# JESUS SEES US



## “Hand Shadow Showdown”

Let’s do some shadow puppetry. You will only need a good light and a wall.

For parent’s reference: <https://www.vecteezy.com/vector-art/141069-free-shadow-puppet-vector>

Some tips:

Practice beforehand

You can add some dialogues to the shadows to make it more interactive.

Watch how the shadows change by coming closer or pulling away from the wall.

Parents will demonstrate a few animal shadows and allow the kids to discover this by copying the hand gestures.

Make the bird your last animal and turn it into an angel shadow by making it bigger. This is done by pulling away from the wall so the shadow becomes bigger.

Wow! That’s a big angel right there!

This month, we will learn something interesting about one particular angel in the Old Testament. This angel is not a regular angel. You will see Him when He is referred to as THE angel of the Lord, not AN angel of the Lord. Can you guess who this angel is?

He is Jesus! Yes, that’s right! You may wonder how come Jesus was in the Old Testament when He was born in the New Testament. You see, Jesus existed even before He was born here on earth. In fact, He already existed way before anything was created. And that is why He can appear to people in the Old Testament. These appearances are called Christophanies. Everytime He appeared, it was to show His people that He loves them and helps them.



Remember Abraham? He and his wife Sarah were now old but they had no children. They knew about God’s promise to them so Sarah, trying in her power to give Abraham a son, gave her Egyptian servant, Hagar, to her husband, Abraham, to be his wife. Hagar got pregnant and started to look down on her master, Sarah, which caused her master to treat her harshly.

Let’s read Genesis 16:

*6-7 But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her. The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.”*

*8 And he said, “Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai.” 9 The angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit to her.” 10 The angel of the Lord also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.”*

*11 And the angel of the LORD said to her, “Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction. 12 He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.”*

*13 So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”*

Hagar must have felt scared. She was pregnant and alone in the middle of the desert. And guess who would come and comfort her? The angel of the LORD, Jesus! Jesus gave her hope and future for her son. And Hagar calls Him "this one who looks after me." Even if she ran away, the Lord found her and met her where she was. The Lord did not wait for her to return home to comfort her, rather, the Lord went after her. This is so much like how Jesus looks after us.

If you remember in the gospel stories, Jesus died on the cross for us without waiting for our acceptance of the life He was offering. He did it anyway, out of His love for us. Because just like the angel of the Lord that sought after Hagar, Jesus comes to seek us out. He loves us so much, He sees and knows what we are going through and He is here to help us!



**Parent to Kid/s:**

**2-6 years old**

- Close your eyes for a moment and try to imagine you are alone. What does it feel like?

**7-12 years old**

- Have you ever had a secret that you were embarrassed to tell others about? Maybe you were afraid of the dark? Or maybe were scared of something but didn't want others to know because you wanted them to think you were brave? Or maybe you felt like a failure because you didn't do well in school? Do you have someone you can talk to about it?
- Why not try talking to Jesus about it?

**Kid/s to Parent:**

- Has God ever met you when you felt alone, scared or lonely? Share about it.

Whatever we are going through, God sees us. But it doesn't stop there. He sees us, knows what we are feeling - our pain, our hurt, etc - and He wants to help us, whatever it is we need. Let us come to Jesus!



Dear Lord, thank you for always looking after us. Even if we are going through pain in this life, we know we can trust in you. We will continue to hope for a future that you have planned for us because we know we can always count on You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Hagar named the place where she was found by the angel of the Lord as "Beer Lahai Roi" which means "the well of him that lives and sees me". But did you know that it was not just a simple well but actually was a spring in the desert (Genesis 16:7). In geography, it is well known as an oasis.

Oasis is a fertile area in a desert which is a good place for animals to live and plants to grow. It represents provision in a desert full of sand. It is a place that can provide water for the thirsty!

No wonder Hagar chose that place to run away to.

So when you hear of the word Oasis soon in your class lessons, I hope you also remember the story of Hagar and how the Lord comforted her in her pain.

Sources: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oasis>  
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Beer-Lahai-Roi.html>