



“A Bittersweet Birthday”
Genesis 21:1-21

Hurray! The long-awaited birth has finally come!

JOYFUL VISITATION

Sarah laughed for joy because...

- God came through on **HIS PROMISE** and...
- In her old age, she bore Abraham **A SON**

PAINFUL SEPARATION

Ishmael laughed with ridicule which resulted in...

- Abraham being deeply **GRIEVED** and...
- His beloved son and the mother were **BANISHED**

GRACIOUS SALVATION

Though not the offspring of the promise...

- God **HEARD** and **COMFORTED** and...
- Opened their eyes to **LIFE-GIVING** water!

Today, joy and blessing are mingled with sorrow and loss, but God is our salvation.

If anyone thirsts, let him come and drink!