

Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

Focus Point – Whose Children are We?

Genesis 21:10 *So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac."*

Give everyone a blank file card. Have your students open their Bibles to Genesis 21:10 and write this verse on their cards. Be sure they understand the context of the verse.

Challenge them to (1) find where the last part of this verse is cited in the New Testament, and (2) find out why it is cited there.

*"Cast out this slave woman with her son,
for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son"*

Allow four or five minutes for them to answer the question in writing. Then discuss their answers. Who are children of the bondwoman? Who are children of the free woman? How do they differ? What do the children of the free woman inherit?

If necessary, remind your students that they need to use cross-references.