

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson Passage—Genesis 4:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." <sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

<sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.  
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



## LESSON 26



## THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**Why did Cain murder Abel?**

## MEMORY VERSE

### 1 John 3:12

*(Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother.) And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.*

# Thinking It Through

## Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: Who were Cain and Abel? What did God want them to do?

Day 2: What did Abel give to God? What did Cain give to God? What does God want us to give to him? Why?

Day 3: Why was God pleased with Abel? Why wasn't God pleased with Cain?

Day 4: What was wrong with Cain? What did God warn him not to do? What did Cain do to Abel? Why did Cain do that?

Day 5: What curse did God put on Cain? Why did God do that?

Day 6: What will we do if we are like Cain? How do we keep from being like Cain?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: Who were Cain and Abel? What did God want them to do? Why was God pleased with Abel? Why wasn't God pleased with Cain? What did Cain do to Abel? Why did Cain do that? How do we keep from being like Cain?

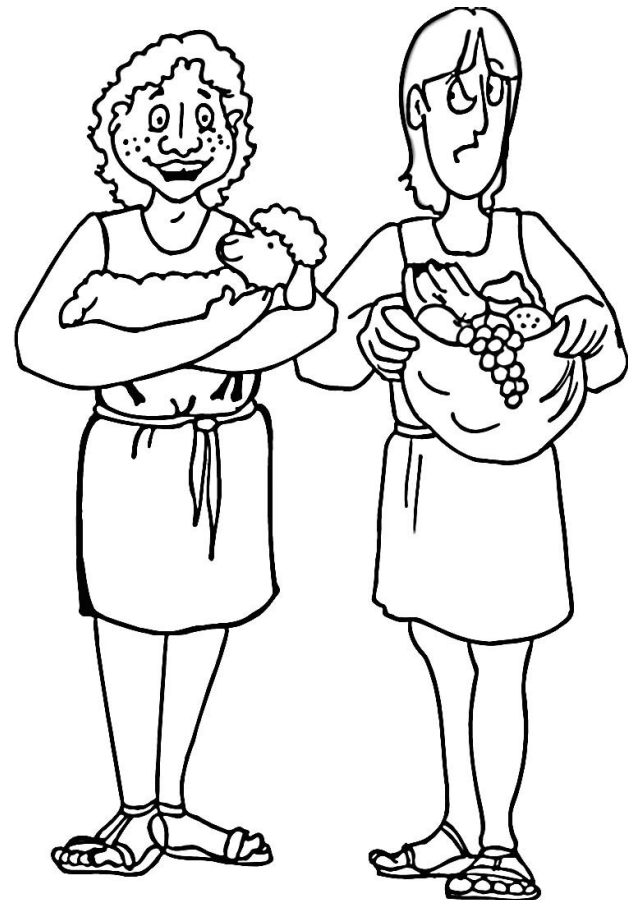
Prayer: Thank God that his way is a good way. Pray that you would want to follow him in all things and not to follow Satan and do what is wrong.

Application: Look to uncover any sin you have hidden in your heart that hurts your relationship with God.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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# Why did Cain murder Abel?



Cain followed Satan and chose to do evil.

# Day 1

Draw a picture of Cain and Abel.

Cain and Abel were the sons  
of Adam and of Eve  
In choosing to do evil,  
Cain God's heart did grieve.  
God had told the brothers  
to give a sacrifice of praise.  
They were to honor God  
and follow in his ways.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 4:1-2a: <sup>1</sup> Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." <sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

# Day 6

Draw a picture of you thinking.

Don't choose to be like Cain  
and end up doing wrong.  
If you follow Satan's lies  
to him you will belong.  
Set your mind on Jesus  
and love what he does love.  
Choose to do what's right  
and to honor God above.

What does the verse mean?

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1 John 3:11-12: <sup>11</sup> This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. <sup>12</sup> Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

## Day 5 Draw a picture of Cain being sent away.

The blood flowed out of Abel,  
seeped down into the field  
God said the ground for Cain,  
no longer crops would yield.  
He also put a curse on Cain  
and sent him far away.  
Since Cain had followed Satan  
and God did not obey.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 4:10-12: <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

## Day 2 Draw a picture of the offerings of Cain and Abel.

Abel followed God's command,  
he brought the firstborn from his flock.  
Cain just offered up some grain  
from what he had in stock.  
God wants us to give to him  
the best of what we own.  
Giving God the best  
is the way great honor's shown.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 4:2b-4a: Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.

## Day 3

Draw another picture of Cain and Abel.

God was pleased with Abel,  
his offering it was good.  
He had honored God  
just as God had said he should  
But Cain did what he wanted,  
to please God he didn't care.  
So he followed evil  
and got trapped in Satan's snare.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 4:4b-5: The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

## Day 4

Draw a picture of Cain killing Abel.

Of Abel Cain was jealous,  
his heart it wasn't right.  
God warned him to do good  
and not with Abel fight.  
But Cain instead killed Abel,  
sin had become his master.  
And giving into sin  
always leads to great disaster.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 4:6-8: <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." <sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.