

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Genesis 4:1-12

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." ²Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. ⁴Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, ⁵but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

⁶So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."

⁸Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where *is* Abel your brother?"

He said, "I do not know. *Am* I my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. ¹¹So now you *are* cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be 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



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

Why did Cain murder Abel?

MEMORY VERSE

1 John 3:12

¹² ((Do not be) as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother.) And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's 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, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

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?

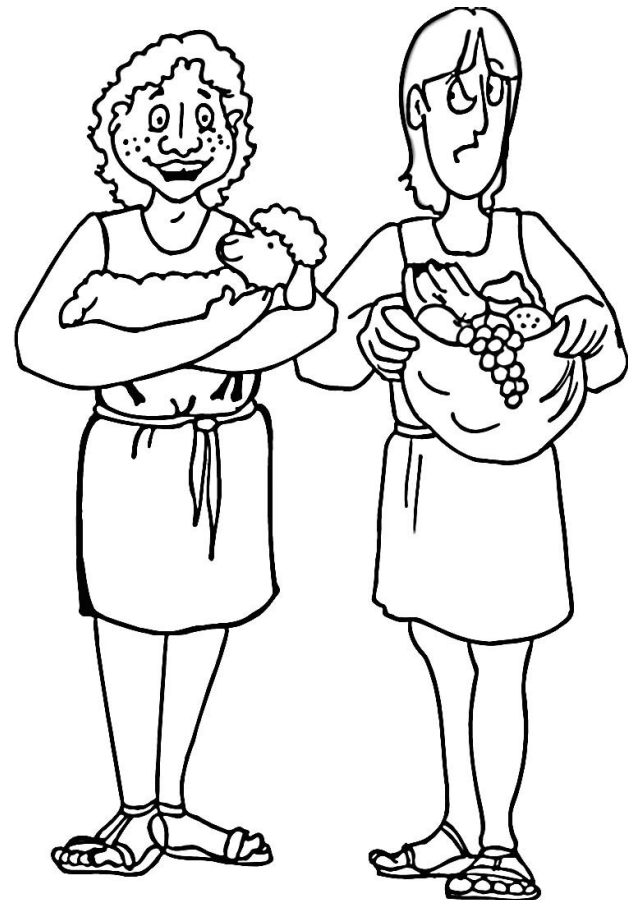
Prayer: Thank God that his way is a good way. Pray that you would want to follow him in all things and not to follow Satan and do what is wrong.

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?

Genesis 4:1-2a:¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."² Then she bore again, this time 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?

1 John 3:11-12:¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,¹² not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's 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?

Genesis 4:10-12: ¹⁰ And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. ¹¹ So now you *are* cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be 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?

Genesis 4:2b-4a: Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³ And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. ⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat.

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?

Genesis 4:4b-5: And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, ⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

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?

Genesis 4:6-8: ⁶ So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?" ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it." ⁸ Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.