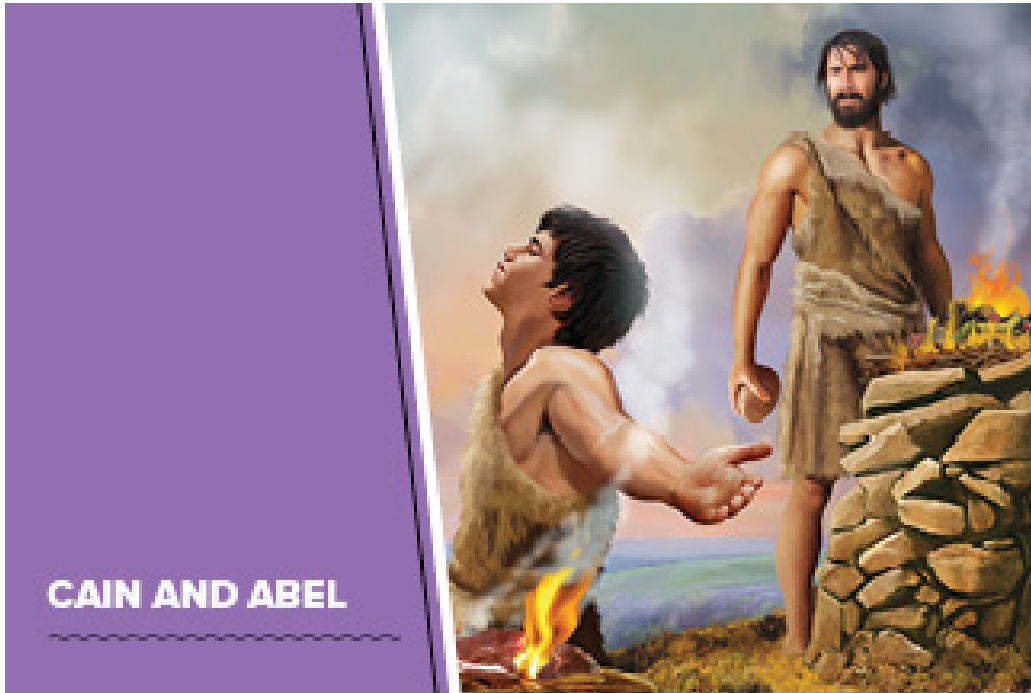




Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —



CAIN AND ABEL

Read Genesis 4:1-16 from your Bible or from below.

Adam and Eve had two sons named Cain and Abel. Abel was a shepherd who took care of sheep. Cain was a farmer.

One day Cain made an offering from some of his produce as a farmer. Abel also brought an offering. His offering was a lamb. God was pleased with Abel's offering, but not with Cain's offering. Cain was furious!

God spoke to Cain, "Why are you angry? If you do what is right, you'll be accepted. Because you have done evil, you are angry. This anger wants to take over, but you must rule over your anger."

Cain invited his brother Abel to go out to the field with him. When they got to the field, Cain killed Abel!

Later God said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know. Am I in charge of him?" Cain answered.

God knew Cain killed his brother. God punished Cain by making him work extra hard to grow things. He caused Cain to become someone who wandered from place to place.

Cain worried that someone might kill him, but God promised that anyone who killed Cain would face God's anger. God cared for Cain even though he had killed his brother.

Cain left his home and became a wanderer.



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— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

ABRAM LISTENED TO GOD



PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY

—Based on Genesis 11:27–12:9

God told Abram to leave the land where he lived and move his family to a new place. God promised Abram, “I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you, and all the people on earth will be blessed through you.”

Abram trusted God. Abram packed all he owned. He took his wife Sarai with him. He took his nephew Lot with him. Abram took his servants with him. Abram moved to the land that God showed him.

God spoke to Abram again, “I will give this land to your children and to their children.”

Abram built an altar (a place used in Bible times where people brought gifts to God). He traveled a little farther. He found a good place to put his tent. He built another altar. He worshiped God. Abram trusted God to do what He said He would do.



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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE-

***Parents, the Preschool Bible story is different than the Kids Bible story for this week. The below devotional is written for the Kids Bible story.**

Say: *Have you ever been so angry that you did something you regretted or wished you had not done? Uncontrolled anger can lead people to sin and do what is evil in God's eyes. Sometimes after we have done something that we know is not pleasing to God, we try to hide or cover up what we did. Maybe, like Cain, we deny knowing about our sin. Or maybe we answer in anger or harshness when we are asked about our sin just as Cain did.*

In this week's story, Cain tried to hide his sin from God. He tried to pretend that he had not done anything wrong. But God knew what had happened before even asking Cain about Abel. God is omniscient. Omniscient is a big word that means knowing everything. That is one of the characteristics of God. He knows everything we do and what every person who existed before, exists now, or ever will exist has done or will do.

Because God is omniscient, we cannot hide anything we do from Him. God knows all the things we do, whether they are good or bad. When we do good things, we aren't so quick to try and hide those things. In fact, we want God to notice, but when we sin, we hope that God will not see or know what we did. We might even get scared that when we sin God will not love or care for us anymore. Just like Cain we may have consequences for our sin, but we can be assured that just as God still loved and cared for Cain, He will still love and care for us.

God knows that we are going to sin and that as a result we will be separated from Him. God knows that we can do nothing on our own to make things right, so in His love and care for us He sent His One and Only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for sin by dying on the cross. Because Jesus paid the penalty for our sin, we can be forgiven and be made right with God! That's the greatest news ever!

Preschool Life Point: *God knows everything you do.*

Kids Life Point: *God knows all the things you do.*

Review Questions:

1. Why was Cain so angry?
2. How did Cain let his anger lead him to sin?
3. What can you do to keep yourself from acting out in anger?

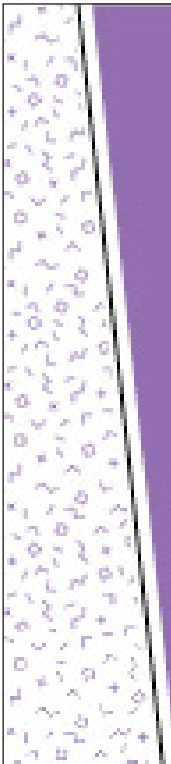
Pray: *God, thank You for caring for me even when I sin. I ask that you help me to control my anger and not let it lead me to sin against You. Help me to do what is right in Your sight. Amen.*



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— LEARN SCRIPTURE —

The weekly Bible verse below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



PRESCHOOL (paraphrase): God knows what I do and what I think. *Psalm 139:2*

KIDS: LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up; you understand my thoughts from far away. *Psalm 139:1-2*



Family Worship Experience

— SING —

Sing a *Bible Studies for Life* song or one of your family's favorite worship songs.