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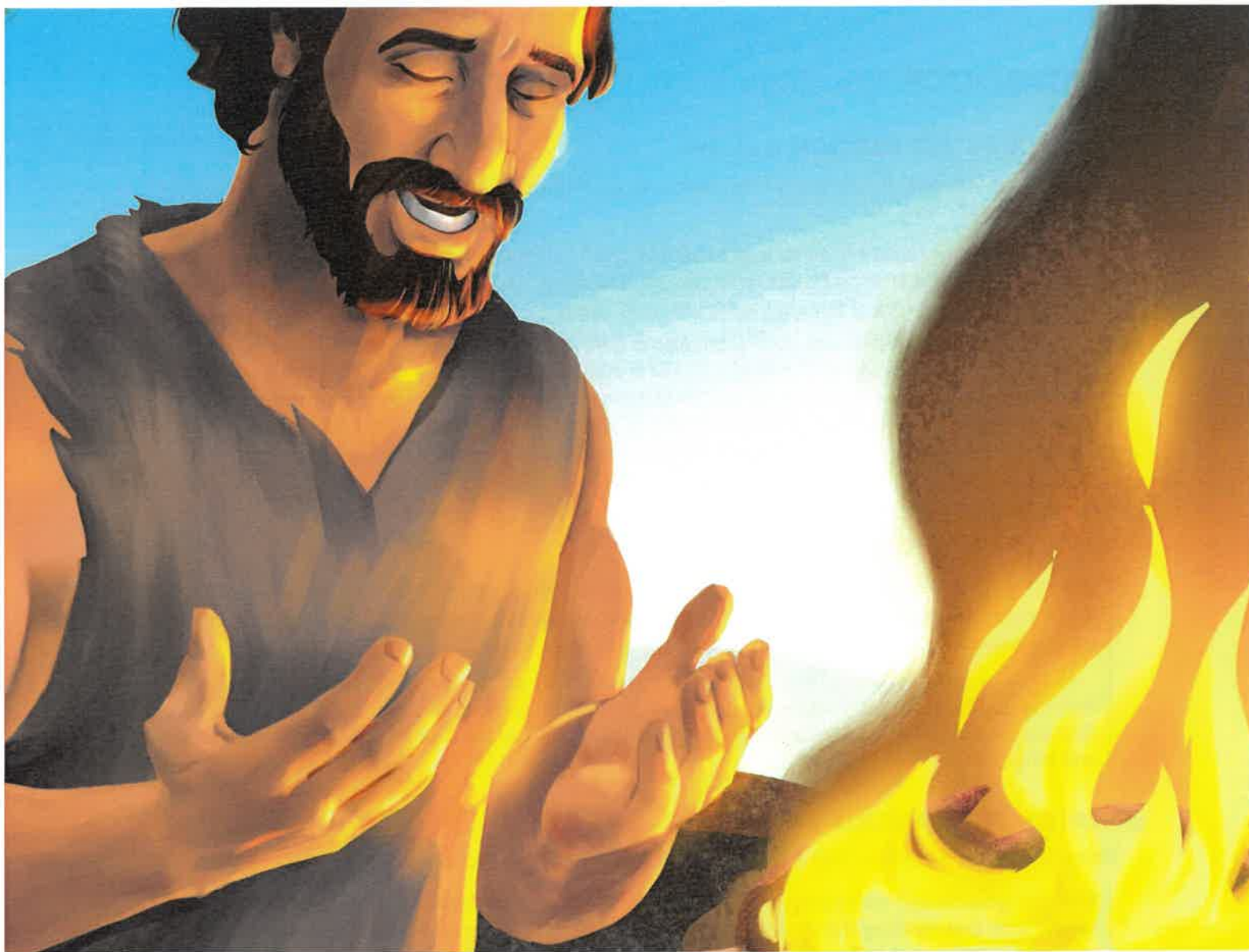
Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For the Philippines, to buy a sink.	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: Kate Carruthers and Andrew Kampman	
2 minutes	5	Call to Worship: Call to Worship Leader: Come, children of God! Kids: We come to worship the Lord! Leader: Abel brought his best gift to God. Kids: We want to bring our best to God too! Leader: God looks at our hearts when we worship. Kids: We give God our love with thankful hearts! Leader: Let us worship the Lord who is worthy of our best! All Together: We will worship God with joy and love!	Bible
	6	10,000 reasons Can do the whole song	
	7	I'll do my best for You- by Go Fish	
	8	Let all that I am Praise the Lord! Life tree kids	

	9	<p>Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23</p> <p>But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.</p>	
	12	Tell the story (see notes from story if you wish to tell it from here)	
3 minutes	13	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
		<p>Ask a few questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Whose offering did God accept? 2) What was Cain's punishment? 3) What is sin? <i>Sin is when we ignore God and his laws. Sin separates us from God.</i> 	
	14	<p>Another video: Questions from kids.</p> <p>Question is: Why do we fight with others, like our friends and family? Why is trusting in Jesus good news for sinners?</p>	
		Q: What is sin? Children's answer. A: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created , not being or doing what he requires in his law.	
2 minutes	15	<p>Pray with the kids</p> <p>Thank you God for the example that Paul set for us to follow as we share the good news with others. Help us be brave like Paul and share the good news with others. Amen.</p>	
	16	<p>What's the Point?</p> <p>Ask kids if they are reading through scripture at home. They can pick this up at the check in center.</p>	
1 minute	17	<p>Do the blessing with them:</p> <p>May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."</p>	

UNIT 1 | SESSION 3

THE FIRST FAMILY

GENESIS 4



KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 104:24

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who is God? God is our Creator and the King of everything.

CHRIST CONNECTION: God had promised that one of Eve's descendants would put an end to sin and death. Cain was not that descendant. He was sinful like his parents, Adam and Eve. As families grew and sin spread, people waited for God to keep His promise. At just the right time, God would send His Son, Jesus, to save sinners.

STORY POINT: Sin separates us from God.



INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY 🗣️ Welcome, kids! My name is [your name], and I am so excited you are here to learn from the Bible. God's Word is true and helps us know God. The Bible teaches us that even though we all sin, God wants to forgive us of our sin through His Son, Jesus.

Did you bring your Bible with you? If so, please hold it up. [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.] Today, we'll learn about the family of Adam and Eve and their two sons—Cain and Abel. As we learn about Cain, we will also learn that **SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD**. [Display the Story Point Poster.] Let's prepare our hearts to hear from God's Word. Pray with me: 'Dear God, please open our ears to listen and our eyes to see the truth from your Word. Give us hearts to believe. Amen.' 🙏

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

Display the Big Picture Question Poster.

SAY 🗣️ Last week, we learned our big picture question: **Who is God?** Does anyone remember the answer? [Allow responses.] **God is our Creator and the King of everything.** Let's repeat the answer together: **God is our Creator and the King of everything.**

As Creator and King, everything God made is good and He perfectly rules over what He made. Nothing God creates or does is bad or sinful. He is holy and without sin. Yet, last week we learned that people are sinful. Today, we will learn more about how our sin separates us from our Creator and King. 🙏

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the Giant Timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY 🗣️ Who can tell me where our timeline begins? [Allow responses.] That's right! Our timeline begins with God creating the world and everything in it. We've learned how God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Then we saw how the people God made, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God and sinned. Who remembers how they disobeyed? [Allow responses.] Yes, they did not follow God's command to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Today, we will learn about Adam and Eve's family and how sin continued to spread in the world. 🙏



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Genesis 4:1-16,25-26. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “The First Family.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

THE FIRST FAMILY

“After Adam and Eve left the garden of Eden, they had a son named Cain and another son named Abel. Abel became a shepherd, and Cain worked the ground by growing plants and crops. Because sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel were sinners too.

One day, Cain gave God an offering of some of the produce he grew. Abel gave God some of the firstborn of his flock. God accepted Abel’s offering, but He did not accept Cain’s offering.

Cain was furious. God said to Cain, “Why are you so mad? If you do what is right, your offering will be accepted.” Then God warned Cain, “If you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door. Sin wants you, but you must rule over it.”

Cain said to his brother, “Let’s go out to the field.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

God said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” Cain lied. “Is it my job to keep track of him?” But God knew what Cain had done.

Because God is holy, God had to punish Cain for his sin. “Now you are cursed,” God told Cain. “You will work the ground, but nothing will grow for you. Instead, you will wander the earth, never finding rest.”

Cain would not be able to stay with his family. He could no longer live in God’s presence. Even though God punished Cain, God was merciful. He put a mark on Cain to warn people not to kill him. Then Cain left the land and went to live in Nod, a land to the east of Eden. He had a wife and a family, but they did not follow God.

God gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth. Adam and Eve’s family grew. Seth grew up and had a family too. Around this time, Adam’s descendants in Seth’s family began to call on the name of the Lord.

Christ Connection: God had promised that one of Eve’s descendants would put an end to sin and death. Cain was not that descendant. He was sinful like his parents, Adam and Eve. As families grew and sin spread, people waited for God to keep His promise. At just the right time, God would send His Son, Jesus, to save sinners.

STORYTELLING TIPS

Make letters: Invite kids to make letters with their hands. Tell kids to make a C when they hear the name Cain and an A when they hear the name Abel.

Mark it: Lead kids to make a X with their fingers when they hear how God marked Cain and showed Him mercy.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY Sin is like a terrible sickness. It infects everyone's hearts. In our story today, we learned how sin had infected Cain's heart. Cain worked the ground like a farmer while his brother, Abel, was a shepherd. When it came time to provide an offering from their work, whose offering did God accept? **[Allow responses.]** God accepted Abel's offering and rejected Cain's. The Bible tells us that God accepted Abel's offering because he gave it by faith. (Heb. 11:4) This means he trusted in God and His promises.

Cain was furious because his offering was rejected. Rather than try to do what is right and honor God, Cain allowed the sin in his heart to rule him. How did Cain sin against God and his brother Abel? **[Allow responses.]** He killed Abel. Cain did not obey God or want to live in a way that showed he loved God.

God punished Cain because of his sin. What was Cain's punishment? **[Allow responses.]** First, God cursed Cain and said that the ground would not give him food. Then God said Cain would wander the earth, leaving his family and the place he had lived. He was sent out from God's presence and lived in the land of Nod. **SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD.** But even in Cain's punishment, God showed mercy. He protected Cain with a mark so that whoever found him would not kill him.

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3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY We are all sinful and **SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD.** But God is merciful and sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from sin. When we trust in Jesus, our sin is forgiven and we are brought back to God. Have you trusted in Jesus and asked Him to forgive you of your sin?

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 1, Session 3" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why do we fight with others, like our friends and family?
2. Why is trusting in Jesus good news for sinners?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Form groups of three to five kids. Give each group an inflated balloon. Display an Allergy Alert poster for the balloons. (Tip: If an outdoor space or gymnasium is available, consider playing there with a soccer ball.) Choose one player in each group to be It. The other players will use their feet to tap the balloon back and forth to one another, keeping it away from It. If It intercepts the balloon with his feet, he may choose the next player to be It.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

SAY “ In this game, you kept the ball away from the player in the middle. Sin keeps us away from God. This is bad news! Missionaries like Eric and Ramona Reese have dedicated their lives to telling others about Jesus. They live in Brazil, where soccer is the most popular sport, and tell people that **SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD**, but God sent His Son, Jesus, to save sinners. ”

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 104:24 together.

SAY “ God made a beautiful and good world! Even though sin has broken the world, we can still see how great God is through what He’s made. Just think about how you feel when you see a cute puppy or a bright starry sky. God is a good Creator! ”

Provide kids with a Bible and a strip of cardstock. Assist kids in finding Psalm 104:24 in their Bibles. Teach kids what a chapter number is and what a verse number is. Invite kids to create a bookmark by copying the verse on the cardstock. Provide markers and stickers as needed.

Lead kids to sing “Countless (Psalm 104:24).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “ Dear God, You are an amazing Creator and King! Like Abel, we praise and worship You. Help us turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. In Jesus’ name, amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



