



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 6, Lesson 28

Cain and Abel

Lesson Aim: To see God's justice and mercy and to challenge children to be their brother's keeper.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best gift you have ever given someone?

GAME: Sibling Scramble

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO PROVIDES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 51:10.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bible Barn script or read storybook.

THE WORD CAIN WAS JEALOUS OF ABEL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God banished Adam and Eve from the garden after they disobeyed.

After Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden, they had two sons—Cain and Abel. Point to Cain and Abel. Today, we will learn about these two brothers. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 4:2b-9, 12-16. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 4:6. Pray. **Listen carefully as we read how Cain was jealous of Abel because Abel gave an offering that was more pleasing to God.** Read.

THE WAY JUSTICE AND MERCY FOR CAIN

In this story, God showed His justice and mercy in four ways: instruction, warning, punishment, and protection. What instruction did God give Cain about giving offerings? (He told Cain if He did what was right, God would bless him, too.)

What warning did God give Cain? Read Genesis 4:7. **What did God mean by "sin is crouching at your door"?** (Sin is always a nearby possibility. Being angry and jealous put Cain in a state of mind where he was more likely to sin against Abel.) **Instead of focusing on giving a better offering or being happy for Abel, Cain focused on his anger and gave in to the temptation to hurt Abel. Focusing on the good God**

wants us to do strengthens us against temptation. How might this story have ended differently if Cain had listened to God's warning?

What was Cain's punishment? (He would not be able to grow any more fruit and vegetables. He would wander the earth away from his home.)

What did Cain fear would happen to him? (Someone would try to find and kill him.) **What protection did God promise?** (He would put a mark on Cain so people would know God was protecting him.) **Cain committed a terrible sin and God gave him a fair punishment. How did God show mercy to Cain afterward?** (He protected him from danger.) **God always gives fair punishment to help us understand right and wrong. God promises to be with us. He loves us even though we sin.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

What did Cain ask God? ("Am I my brother's keeper?") **To be our brother's keeper means to care for our brothers, sisters, friends, family, and neighbors. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Let's see how Paul explained this to the Romans.** Reveal Romans 13:9-10. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Paul used another word for brother. What was it? (Neighbor.)

Everyone in the world is our neighbor. Paul listed some of the Ten Commandments and said together, they made one rule. What was the rule? (Love your neighbor as yourself.) **Jesus wanted us to know that to love others is the best way to be your brother's keeper; you will always want what is best for your brother.**

This week, will you take the Brother's Keeper Challenge to improve the way you treat your family members and friends? I challenge you to celebrate their blessings instead of being jealous; to love others more than yourself. It will not be easy, so remember to ask God each day to help you be your brother's keeper.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "You Are Excellent!" Picture Puzzle Card
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #28
- OFFERING OF ART: Cain and Abel giving their offerings to God
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: The Best Snack

GAMES: Brother's Keeper Clothes Relay, Heart Offerings

CRAFT: "Give My Best" Gift Boxes

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Yahweh—Trust in the Lord
BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW