



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 6, Lesson 28

Cain and Abel

Lesson Aim: 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 they were banished from the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had two sons named 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. 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 BE YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

Cain was angry when God liked Abel's offering more than his. Have you ever wondered why sometimes God chooses to bless others instead of you? Discuss times you have been angry or jealous when someone else received a blessing, and you did not.

When you feel jealous or angry about someone else's blessing, how can our Bible Memory Verse (Proverbs 3:5-6) help you? We can trust God to make the best choices of when and how He blesses each of us. How did God show He was being fair about the offerings? (God told Cain if he did what was right, He would bless him.)

What did God say to warn Cain? Ask a volunteer to read Genesis 4:7. What did God mean when He said "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 things God wants us to do strengthens us against giving into temptation.**

What did Cain ask God?" ("Am I my brother's keeper?") What does that mean? (Truly love, help and encourage each other, celebrate with others instead of being jealous, etc.) Sometimes, when the Bible says brothers and sisters, it means everyone in the world, not just the people in our family. Should we be our brother's keeper? (Yes.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

To be our brother's keeper means to care for our brothers, sisters, friends, family, and neighbors. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors 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 is the rule? (Love your neighbor as yourself.) Jesus wanted us to know that to love others is the best way to be our 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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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