

## Genesis 4

Some children have one brother or one sister and some even have more than one. What is your family like, do you have any brothers or sisters? Today we are going to tell a Bible story about two brothers. These were Adam and Eve's children. Remember that Adam and Eve were the very first man and woman that God had created. Now they had two little boys.

One brother was named Cain and one brother was named Abel. When they were little Cain always liked playing in the dirt and trying to grow little gardens. Abel liked to play around the sheep and goats that his father raised.



When they grew up Cain became a farmer and he spent many hours working in the fields growing grain and potatoes and other vegetables.

Abel became a shepherd and took the sheep and goats into the fields to find nice green grass to eat. Abel watched over his sheep and kept them safe from harm.



## Lesson # 2

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Once a year Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel would go to a place where they would make prayers to God and give God something that was special to them. This was the way they showed their love for God. It was called a "sacrifice."

Abel took a perfect little lamb from his flock to offer to God. Abel was happy to give his lamb to God to show how much he loved God. Cain however, wasn't very happy about giving anything to God. He knew he had to go with his parents and brother but his thoughts were angry instead of happy. Cain took some of the grain that he grew as his gift to God but he was mad about having to give it up.

God knows what we think and how we feel. God knew that Cain's gift was not being offered out of love and God was not pleased with what Cain gave. God also knew what Abel felt and thought and God knew Abel loved him and was happy about his gift to God.

Cain's offering



Abel's offering



Cain was very angry! He was mad at Abel because God liked Abel's sacrifice best. God told Cain that if he did right and had good thoughts, his gift would be accepted, but Cain was still very mad.

Do you think God is happy when we get angry and kick things or throw things or yell bad names? No, God wants us to obey our parents and be kind and loving with our brothers and sisters and friends.

The more Cain thought about Abel's gift being accepted the more Cain hated Abel. He wouldn't forget it and he started thinking about ways to hurt Abel. This was very bad, wasn't it? We should never want to hurt someone else and we shouldn't stay mad like Cain did.

If you are mad at a brother or sister or friend what would be a good thing to do? I bet if you give them a big hug and tell them you like them, they would be very happy and both of you would be friends again. This would please God, wouldn't it?



Cain didn't try to please God or be kind to Abel. One day Cain called Abel out to the field jumped on Abel and fought with him and he killed poor Abel. Then Cain hid Abel's body and pretended nothing had happened. Adam and Eve looked and looked for Abel but they didn't know what had happened to him.

God saw what Cain did though and God called to Cain, "Where is Abel?" God asked. Cain said "I don't know!" God told Cain "I know what you did, you killed Abel, now you will have troubles all your life."

Cain didn't ask God to forgive him, instead he ran away from home and he wouldn't go to pray to God anymore. This made Adam and Eve very sad.

One day God told them that he would give them a new baby boy to make them happy again. This boy was named Seth. Seth was a very good little boy and as he grew up he gave Adam and Eve much happiness.

Seth loved God and tried to do good things to please God all his life.



## Question Page

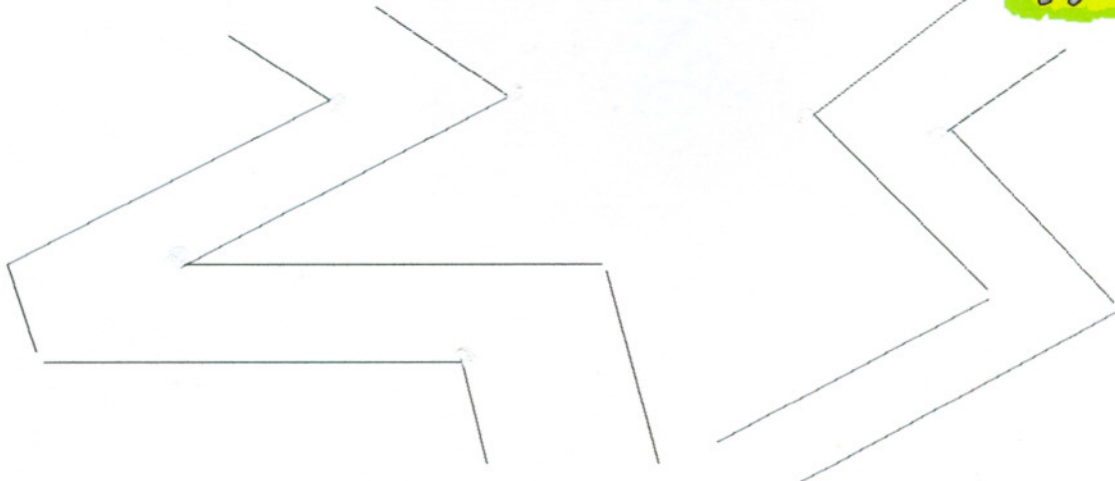
1. What was the name of Adam and Eve's first two sons?
2. Cain liked to plant things, what kind of things did Cain grow?
3. Abel liked to play with animals. What kind of animals did Abel take care of?
4. When the family went to a special place to pray to God what did Abel take to give God?
5. What did Cain take to give God?
6. Was Abel happy to give a gift to God? Was Cain happy to give a gift to God?
7. Is it right to get mad at your family or your friends and try to hurt them?
8. What did Cain do to hurt Abel?
9. Did Cain ask God to forgive him or did Cain run away from God?
10. What did God do to make Adam and Eve happy again?
11. What was the new baby's name?

Let's learn a command that God gave us:

"You shall not kill" Say this over several times for your memory verse

# 3

Draw a red line on the right path to get to Cain's offering then draw a green line to Abel's offering.



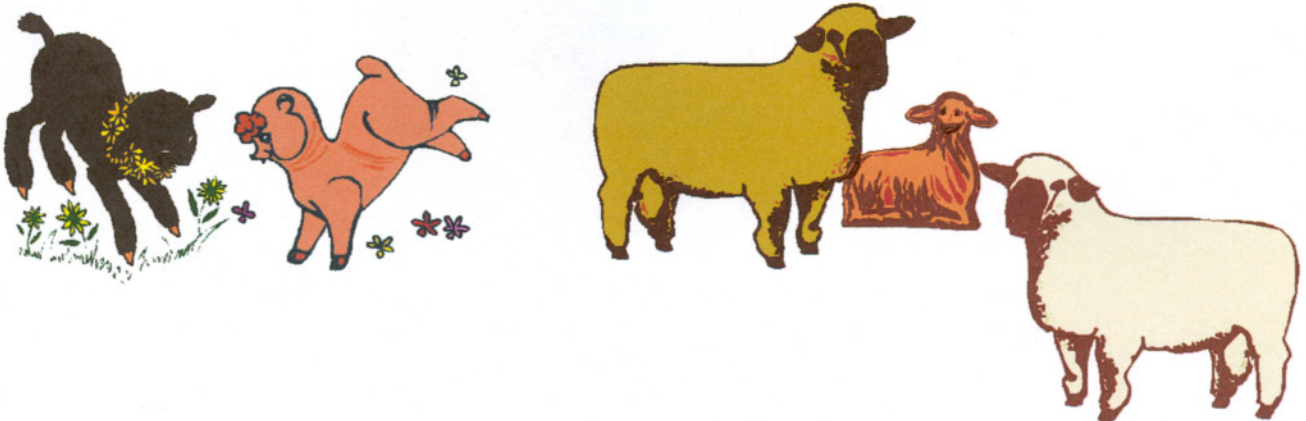
# 3

This is a funny picture of a farm like Cain owned. Put a circle around the things that don't belong in the picture



# 3

Abel's sheep are very hungry and thirsty. Can you draw some grass for them to eat and a nice pool of water for them to drink?



# 3

Give baby Seth some eyes, nose and mouth and then color some clothes on him and draw some toys for him to play with

