

Two's & Three's

Unit 2: A Broken World

Story 3.A & B - Cain & Abel (Genesis 4)

Two's and Three's begin and end the service with playtime. Once you begin the lesson, it's okay if not all children are willing to participate; gather those who are willing. Feel free to shorten or modify elements to suit your needs. All plans are flexible for this age group.

1. CIRCLE TIME - Start 30 minutes after the service starts (1st: 9:00; 2nd:10:45).
(Some parents keep their toddlers with them for worship at the beginning of service.)

Gather kids on the rug. Set behavior expectations with the following question and answer prompts:

Where are we? *We're at church.*

What do we do here? *Learn about God.*

How do we learn about God in this special place? *Listen carefully and sit quietly.*

- **BIBLE:** Show kids the Bible and tell them it's a very special book because it comes from God, the one who made us. Let each child pat the Bible gently and say "The Word of God."
- **MEMORY VERSE:** Practice the memory verse for the unit. Be sure to give each child a chance to say it by repeating after you. While a few may actually be able to say it on their own, most will just repeat it at this stage.
"He is faithful to forgive us." ~ 1 John 1:9
- **STORY:** Give each child a laminated Bible Story Picture from the Story Box, and read today's story on the back of this paper.

2. WORSHIP - Play music on the CD player and give kids instruments from the Music Box. Encourage kids to praise God through instruments, singing, and dancing! Put the instruments away after the song.

3. ART - Have kids sit at the tables and pass out today's Bible Story Picture with a label sticker already on. Help the kids place stickers on their pictures from the "Art Box."

4. SNACK - Check for allergies on the attendance roster. Clean up art supplies and help kids rub their hands with hand sanitizer. Set out snacks and water at the table. Before everyone eats, use this time as an opportunity to pray. There is a short prayer printed on the wall for kids to say with you or feel free to pray as you are led.

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you, God, for everything. Amen.



Last week we learned about how Adam and Eve had to leave the garden because they did not follow God's rule. *Say: Oh no, how sad!*

Adam and Eve had two babies named Cain and Abel. *(Pull out the two baby dolls.)*
Can you count the babies for me? One, two babies!

They didn't stay boys for long though. Cain and Abel grew up and started working. Cain loved plants and growing things, so he was a farmer. *(Pull out the plastic vegetables.)*

Abel loved animals and became a shepherd. *(Pull out the sheep.)*

One day it was time for them to give to God to show how much they loved God.

Cain brought some things from his field and Abel brought the best of his sheep to give to God.

God was happy with Abel's sacrifice. *Show me a happy face.*

God was not pleased with Cain's. This made Cain feel sad and angry.
Can you show me a sad face? How about an angry face?

God told Cain not to be mad, but to always do what's right.
Is that a good idea? Should we do what's right?

Cain did not listen to God and decided to hurt his brother to get back at him.
Was that the right thing to do? Say, No, no Cain!

God sent Cain to wander around without his family.
Show me a sad face.

Cain did not like to be away from God, but God still protected him.