



## Pre-K & Kindergarten

### Unit 2: A Broken World

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

*Pre-K will have some children come to the room before worship time is over. For those students, complete the following activities:*

**TABLE ACTIVITIES** - Kids who arrive before the service starts will begin class by playing with Play-Doh, puzzles, or other assorted table activities from the cabinet.

**WORSHIP** - At 8:45 / 10:30 have kids clean up and gather on the carpet for music. Sing songs with them as you feel led. You may use the Pre-K song sheet or sing a song of your choice.

**Story Focus:** Cain sinned against God.  
(Next Week: Cain sinned against man.)

#### WELCOME

About 15-20 minutes after the start of service, have all the kids sit in a circle on the rug. Consider welcoming them with the following song, to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell."

We're glad you're here today (*clap*), we're glad you're here today (*clap*),  
Wave your hands and say hello (*everyone waves*), we're glad you're here today (*clap*).  
God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*), God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*),  
We are all a family (*everyone puts hands in the middle*), God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*).

Set behavioral expectations with the following questions:

Where are we? *We're at church.*  
Why are we here? *To learn about God and worship him.*  
How should we act in this special place? *Listen carefully and respect each other.*

Go around the circle and let each kid introduce themselves and answer the Question of the Day. (Feel free to use a stuffie or other item to pass around during introductions at your discretion.) *Do you have any brothers or sisters?*

**BIBLE SKILLS** - Get out the Bible. Explain that the Bible is our greatest treasure because it is the Word of God. (Pre-K will find the Bible in the Treasure Box to help make this point) Explain how God, the creator of the world and everything in it, teaches us about himself in this special book. Go over the Bible knowledge points below:

There are 66 books in the Bible.  
Every book points to Jesus, God's Son.

Let kids pass the Bible around the circle, with each of them patting it gently and saying, "The Word of God."

**MEMORY VERSE** - *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us." ~ 1 John 1:9*

- Show them where the words are in the Bible to help them understand that it is a part of God's Word.
- Practice the verse together - Consider using one of the activities on the Memory Game List

**BIBLE STORY** - Have the kids move to the center of the rug if they are not already there for storytime. Using the pictures provided tell the story for today.

**Big Truth:** After Adam and Eve sinned, everyone on earth sinned.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God sent them out of Eden. But he still loved and cared for them. Remember he promised to send someone to rescue them from Satan. That person would come from one of Adam and Eve's children's children's children's children.

God gave Adam and Eve first one baby and then another! The first they named Cain; the second Abel. Cain liked to make things grow, so what job do you think he had? That's right! He became a farmer. Abel loved animals, so can you guess what he did? He became a shepherd. Perhaps Adam and Eve taught their boys how to grow crops and protect flocks, as well as about God, their sin, the curse, and the promise. And they taught them to bring God a gift—an offering—from their work.

One day Cain brought an offering from the ground; Abel brought his firstborn sheep. God accepted Abel's sacrifice but not Cain's, because Abel trusted God and his promises while Cain did not (see Heb. 11:4). This made Cain angry. Red-in-the-face angry. God said, "Why are you angry? Do what is right, and I will accept your gift. Don't let sin grab hold of your heart." (**Genesis 4:6-7**)

Cain didn't listen. He let sin grab hold of his heart even more. One day, when he and his brother were working in the field, Cain killed Abel. How terrible. How sad. God saw this terrible, wicked, sad thing and punished him. "Now, when you are farming," God said, "it will be really, really hard. And," God said, "you shall be a fugitive and wanderer on the earth" (**Gen. 4:12**). Which meant he would be without a home and without his mother and father. How very sad. He wandered away, farther east of Eden. But do you know the worst part of his punishment? Not that he had to leave his family and his home, but that he would no longer be close to God. That was the worst punishment he could have had. Have you ever been told that you had to go to your room or time out, somewhere away from everyone? How did that feel? Now imagine that you had to take a time-out from God for the rest of your life. Now of course God still knew what happened to Cain, but he didn't get to talk with him any more.

Wouldn't you like to live in the garden of Eden? The refreshing river. The amazing animals. The delicious food. Getting to live with God. How amazing! I'm sure Adam and Eve missed it. They wished they had not disobeyed God's word so they could still live with him. They wished they didn't have to live with sin and death.

The days that followed their very bad day (remember last week!) were also very bad. What hope did they have? What hope do we, as their children, have? Could they just fight the mighty angel and return to Eden? No. Could they fly to heaven to be with God? Of course not! All they could do was trust God's promise. God would not leave his people in this curse forever. He so loved us that he sent Jesus. Now, if we believe in him, we can walk with God and talk with God. A return to Eden! What good news!

**5. SNACK & REVIEW** - Pass out snacks and water at the table (check allergies on attendance roster). Ask kids if they have any prayer requests and pray before eating. As they're eating, review the story and take some time getting to know them!

**6. ACTIVITY: WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE?** - Hold up the pictures of the apples, and ask the kids which one they would give to their mom for Mother's Day. Continue with each picture choosing a special day and person to give the gift to. Help them to understand that when we give a gift, with a grateful heart, we give the best that we have. If this is true for people, how much more important is it to give our best to God!

**7. PLAYTIME** If time allows, kids may play with toys or do a community game until their parents come.















