Bible Story 3: CAIN, ANGRY AGAINST HIS BROTHER ABEL

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 4:19-21

Memory Verse: Proverbs 29:11, Exodus 20:13 or Psalm 133:1

BIBLE STORY:

Adam and Eve had two children, Abel and Cain.

Abel was a shepherd and he took care of the sheep. By faith, Abel wanted to thank God for His help. God created the sun, the water and the plants that helped the sheep to grow. He brought some of the fattest portions from the first-born of his flock of sheep as an offering to God. Abel was thankful he could do this, because God deserved the best offering. God was very happy with Abel's offering.

His brother, Cain, was a farmer that took care of plants. Cain only brought some fruits of the soil to God. God was not happy with Cain's offering.

God accepted Abel's offering but not Cain's offering.

As a result, Cain was very angry. God told him to control his anger. What did Cain do? Cain was so angry that he attacked and killed his brother. So God punished Cain. He no longer was a farmer, but a wanderer, going from place to place. Cain left the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod.

PART 1: Personal Questions

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

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PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you like about the story?
- 2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
- 3. Who are the main people in the story?
- 4. What problems did the people face?
- 5. How did the people face their problems?
- 6. How have you faced similar problems?
- 7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
- 8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: Specific Questions

- 1. What was Abel's offering to God? Did God accept his gift? Why?
- 2. What was Cain's offering to God? Did God accept his gift? Why?
- 3. What offerings or gifts can we give God today? How?
- 4. What should be our attitude about giving our offerings and gifts to God?
- 5. Why was Cain so angry with his brother? What did he do to his brother?
- 6. What can happen when we lose our temper?
- 7. What are some ways we can help control our temper?
- 8. How can we avoid fights?
- 9. Was Cain sorry that he had killed his brother or sorry that he was being punished?
- 10. What should we do after we get angry and have lost our temper to someone?
- 11. Did God discipline Cain because of what he had done? How?
- 12. Will God discipline us for our actions? How can we receive God's forgiveness? (Read 1 John 1:9.)