

All Things Made New



Lesson 2

Cain and Abel: Sin Takes People Away From God

Theme: Obedience—Disobedience separates man from God

Memory Verses:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”

Genesis 1:1-3

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Tell why Abel’s sacrifice pleased God
- Identify what God warned Cain about sin
- List two consequences of Cain’s sin
- Name the son who replaced Abel

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Genesis 4:1-8
- 2 Genesis 4:9-16
- 3 Genesis 4:17-26
- 4 Genesis 5:1-5, 28-32
- 5 Hebrews 11:1-6

Have you ever been so angry with someone that you wanted to hit him as hard as you could? Our feelings can be so strong at times that if we don’t control them we’ll do something we normally would not do. This happened to Adam and Eve’s oldest son.

Genesis 4:1-8

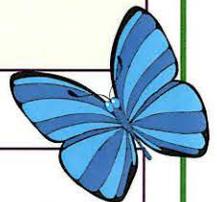
Which brother made a sacrifice that pleased God?

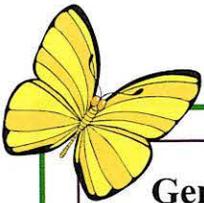
Abel Cain

Put a check by all correct answers. What did God warn Cain about sin?

- ___ Sin would control him if he let it.
- ___ Sin crouches at the door.
- ___ No one would find out about sin.

Why did Cain kill his brother Abel?





Genesis 4:9-16

List two awful consequences of Cain's sin.

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- 2.

Cain and Abel

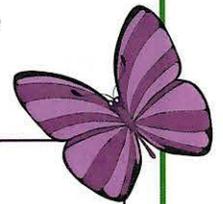
Adam and Eve's first two sons were named Cain and Abel. Cain was a farmer, and Abel was a shepherd. Both brothers made sacrifices to God. Cain brought an offering of crops he grew in his fields. Abel brought his best animals to offer to the Lord. God was pleased with Abel and his sacrifice, but not with Cain.

The New Testament tells us that Abel had faith to obey and honor God (Hebrews 11:4). Cain did not have such faith. Cain

became angry because God did not accept his offering. God explained to Cain that he could decide to do what is right if he wanted to, and then God would be pleased.

God warned Cain about sin. He described sin as "crouching at the door" like an animal ready to pounce. God explained that sin would control Cain if he let it, but Cain could control sin if he decided to.

Cain became angry and committed a terrible sin. Instead of changing himself, Cain killed his brother. Sin crouched at the door of Cain's heart, and he allowed it to come in and take over.



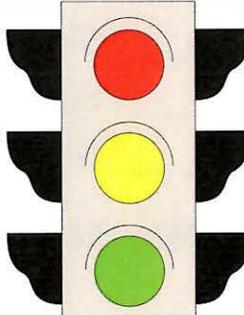
Genesis 4:17-26

After Abel died, Eve had a son named _____.

Cain and God

The Lord tried to help Cain, didn't he? Would you have listened to God? God explained to Cain the terrible consequences of his sin, but Cain didn't listen. After Cain killed Abel, Cain's life was never the same again. Do you know what happened to him? He had to leave his family forever, and life was harder for him.

I give my best to God when I worship.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — almost never

Yellow — sometimes

Green — most of the time



Genesis 5:1-5, 28-32

How old was Adam when he died?

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The story that begins with Cain coming to God with an offering ends with Cain going away from God because of his sin. That’s what sin does. It takes us away from God. God will help us stay away from sin, but we must listen to His Word and let Him help us.

Sin Gets Worse and Worse

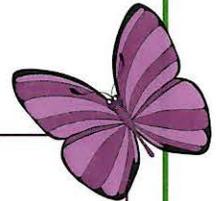
Adam and Eve disobeyed God and had to leave the perfect place God gave them. Later, Cain killed his brother Abel, and “went out from the presence of the Lord” to be a wanderer on the earth. Sin always takes people away from God. The prophet Isaiah said, “But your sins have separated you from your God. They have caused Him to turn his face away from you. So He won’t listen to you” (Isaiah 59:2).

Can you think of anything worse than sin? It takes us away from God and the people we love. For us to be God’s people, we need God to help us with the problem of sin.

Hebrews 11:1-6

What did Abel have that made his sacrifice better than Cain’s sacrifice?

faith money fame power



Think About It...

Your teacher chooses you to work with her on a special project. She tells you she needs your part completed by tomorrow morning. She is depending on you. But your friends talk you into going to a ball game, and you don't finish the project. Describe how your teacher will feel and how it will affect what she thinks about you.



Brush Up on Bible Facts

Which books of the Old Testament are about kings ruling Israel and focuses on the temple?

Write Genesis 1:1 from memory right here.

On a map inside the back cover, locate Israel and the Nations—Edom, Ammon, Moab, Philistia, Assyria / Babylon / Persia. Mark each place with a \diamond .