

CAIN AND ABEL

Scripture:	Materials:
Genesis 4:1-11	An apple (cut in half creating a top/bottom) The broken tea cup from last lesson Visuals of Cain/Abel (or draw on board)
Memory Verse:	
Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:22	

Objectives: As a result of this lesson I want my students to

Know: When Abel brought an acceptable firstling lamb as an offering to God, and Cain's offering of the fruit of the ground was not accepted, God told him to do what was right, or sin was crouching at the door. Cain did not heed God's warning but hated and killed his righteous brother Abel and had to leave what he loved.

Realize: People either come to God HIS WAY with the acceptable sacrifice, or THEIR OWN WAY with what looks good but has an angry and unrepentant heart, resulting in their own rejection and misery.

Respond by: repenting of anger and hate and going their own way and turning to Jesus, God's perfect lamb.

Pre-lesson Activities:

Greet each student by name.

Sing the B-I-B-L-E and the B-L-O-O-D (The B-I-o-o-d that Jesus shed for me, His life He gave for a soul to save, the B-L-O-O-D...Jesus!)

Learn new books of the Bible motions: Matthew-John

Setting up the Story:

Do a Hangman Review Game where the word is "Blood". For the 5th grade do the apple.)

As you go through the questions, review Creation is good, Adam and Eve sin. And then they have the first people BORN into the world!...

Outline of Content:	How you will teach the Content:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Cain and Abel Bring Offerings to God <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Cain, a worker of the ground, brings the fruit of the ground B. Abel, a keeper of the flocks, brings the firstling of the flock C. God accepts Abel and his offering, but rejects Cain and his offering. 	<p>Show Visuals or draw them as you storytell</p> <p>Ask: what is the difference between vegetables and the lamb? Help students to see that the lamb has blood...the LIFE is in the blood, just like our blood is our life. So when Abel brought this lamb, he was bringing the LIFE of the lamb...and that was an acceptable offering.</p> <p>When Cain brought his vegetables, did that look like it was a terrible thing to do? (Write "Looks good!" on board)</p> <p>But God saw what was in Cain's heart.</p>

<p>II. Cain Kills Abel</p> <p>A. Cain is angry.</p> <p>B. God tells Cain to bring the right sacrifice and do well and he will be accepted, too.</p> <p>C. God warns Cain that sin is crouching at the door.</p> <p>D. Cain kills Abel in the field</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They talk 2. He kills him 3. "Where is Abel?" 4. "Am I my brother's keeper?" 5. "His blood cries out from the ground." 	<p>NOW WE SEE WHAT IS IN CAIN'S HEART! Even though his offering looked good, he was proud and didn't want anyone to correct him...not even God.</p> <p>Now Cain has to make a choice! Is he going to turn from his own way and bring the acceptable sacrifice, or let that anger turn to hate against his brother—anger never stays still. It always grows!</p>
<p>III. Cain has to leave and wander</p> <p>A. The ground wouldn't produce for Cain.</p> <p>B. He would wander.</p>	<p>Do you know who we don't hear about in this story that was in the last story? We don't hear about Satan tempting Cain—but Cain followed his own way, so whose side was he on? And he hated Abel because Abel went God's way!</p>

Concluding the Story:

Boys and girls, from the very first two people BORN into the world there are TWO WAYS. There is the person who goes **their own way** and in their heart they don't want God telling them what to do. And there is the one who comes God's way...with the blood (the LIFE) of a lamb. We find out years later that God sent His Son, Jesus, who was called the LAMB OF GOD. And He shed His blood...HE WAS THE ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE. Anyone who comes to Jesus to believe in Him is acceptable to God.

Maybe there is anger or hate toward another person today. That is going the way of Cain and you need to go to God and tell Him you are sorry. Tell Him you want to go HIS way.

Post-lesson Activities:

Teach the Memory Verse using First Letters.

Without the S _____ of B _____

There is no F _____ of S _____ . Hebrews 9:22

Sing BIBLE/BLOOD.

Sing I Believe the Bible

Hand out snacks and memory verse tokens, Halloween tracts, and invitation cards.