



## CAIN AND ABEL, THE FIRST BROTHERS

### GENESIS 4

When God created the heavens and the earth, He created people, too. The first man and woman were Adam, the man, and Eve, the woman. God made them the first husband and wife. God also made them the first mother and father.

One day, when Eve listened to God's enemy named Satan, she was disobedient. She ate of the tree of knowledge—which God had asked her and Adam not to eat from. Adam ate from the tree also. Because of their disobedience, called sin, they had to leave their beautiful garden that God had created. Now they had to do hard work in order to live.

After a while, Adam and Eve had children. They had two boys. Their names were Cain and Abel. Abel took care of animals. Cain worked as a farmer. Cain grew plants and vegetables.

Cain and Abel were taught to bring offerings to God. One day, Cain brought God an offering from his crops. Abel brought the best animal as an offering from his herd. God liked Abel and his offering, but He was not pleased with Cain and his offering. God could see into the heart of each brother.

Cain was angry with God. He thought his offering should be as good as his brother's. Cain was so angry that he killed his brother Abel. God saw what happened because God sees everything. God said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain lied to God and said he didn't know.

God knew Cain lied. God said to him, "What have you done! Now you will have a punishment to last your whole life. Now you will just roam the earth. No matter how long you try, you will not be able to grow good crops on the land. You will be a homeless wanderer."

Cain said to God, "This punishment is too great for me! I cannot bare this hard life. You are sending me away from this land and from You. Now anyone who finds me will just kill me."

God said to Cain, "No. If anyone kills you, they will be punished seven times worse than I am punishing you now." God put a mark on Cain, so others would know not to kill him. Cain then left the land of his family and had to live in another land.

Brothers should love each other. Cain had a sad punishment for his anger towards God and his brother Abel. God had to show Cain how wrong he had been and what a great mistake he had made. The story of these brothers is a sad story. Choosing to disobey God separates us from Him and His blessings. If we get angry at our brothers or sisters, we should ask God help us forgive them and love them again.

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### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) Adam and Eve were the first man and woman God created. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they had to leave the beautiful garden God had made. They had to work hard now to live.
- 2) Adam and Eve were also the first mother and father. They had two boys named Cain and Abel.
- 3) Cain worked as a farmer, growing plants and vegetables. Abel worked with animals. When it was time to give an offering to God, Abel gave the best animal from his herd. Cain brought some of his crops.
- 4) God liked Abel's offering because Abel gave from his heart, but God did not accept Cain's offering. Cain became so angry that he killed his brother Abel. God saw what he did.
- 5) God told Cain he had to leave that land and just roam the earth. He would live as a homeless wanderer. God put a mark on Cain to keep anyone from killing him. Cain also had to leave the presence of God. Choosing to disobey God separates us from Him and His blessings.

### QUESTIONS:

- 1) Who were the first father and mother?
- 2) What were the first brothers' names?
- 3) Which brother worked with animals?
- 4) Which brother worked with crops?
- 5) Which offering did God like best? Why?
- 6) What happened to Cain after he killed his brother?

### ANSWERS:

- 1) Adam and Eve were the first father and mother.
- 2) The first brothers were named Cain and Abel.
- 3) Abel worked with the animals.
- 4) Cain worked with the crops.
- 5) God liked Abel's offering best. Abel gave from his heart.
- 6) God told Cain to leave the land and leave God's presence. He would have to wander on the earth.

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