



Family  
Conversation Guide  
03/27/2022

**WEEK 4**

### **March Theme:**

GOD'S GOT THIS!

### **Monthly Memory Verse:**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. **Genesis 3:1**

### **Monthly Challenge Verse:**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**Romans 8:28**

### **Week of March 27**

**Main Idea: God Never Gives Up on Me**

**Life Application: Stop anger before it starts**



Parents, use **The Action Bible** as you lead your kids, and also use **your own Bible** to read through some of the verses that will help them understand. This week, please prepare for discussion by listening to the sermon together and reading **Genesis 4 & 5**. Have your kids turn to **pages 24-28 in The Action Bible** to review.

**Review from last week:**

**What changed after Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil?** (*Adam and Eve had to leave the garden. Sin had entered the beautiful earth God had created. There was disharmony between them and God and between each other. There was even disharmony with them and with nature. Before, God had given them all they needed. Now their lives would be hard.*)

1. Read **pages 24-25 in The Action Bible**. **Who were the sons of Adam and Eve?** (*Cain and Abel*) **What work did they do?** (*Cain worked in the field and Abel was a shepherd.*) **According to The Action Bible, what did Adam teach them?** (*He taught them about God's love, and that they should obey Him. He also told them about making sacrifices-giving back to God from the best of their flocks and fields.*)
2. Read **Genesis 4:3-7** and **pages 25-27 in The Action Bible**. **Why was Cain angry?** (*Cain and Abel both brought sacrifices to the Lord, and God was pleased with-had regard for-Abel's offering. God was not pleased with Cain's offering.*) **Why do you think God was not pleased with Cain's offering?** (*Because Abel wanted to give to the Lord what was His and with an attitude of love, and Cain gave grudgingly, with a bad attitude. Abel's was done with faith; Cain's by his works*) **What did God warn Cain to do?**(*He told Cain to be in control of his anger and rule over his desires. Otherwise, sin would be crouching at his door to overtake him.*)
3. Cain was jealous that God was pleased with Abel and not with him. **What did Cain do?** (**Verse 8**, *Cain killed his brother.*)
4. Read **verse 9**. **When God came looking for Abel, he asked Cain where his brother was. What did Cain say?** (*"I do not know, am I my brother's keeper?"*)
5. Read **verses 10-12**. **What were the consequences of Cain's sin?** (*God told him he would no longer be able to grow crops, and that he would wander the earth the rest of his life.*)
6. **What did Cain say to God?** (**Verses 13-16**, *Cain said the punishment was more than he could bear, and that he knew he would be killed.*) **What did God do for Cain, even though he had disobeyed him and sinned against his brother?** (*God said that no*

*one would be allowed to attack Cain, and he made a mark on him so that it would warn others not to attack him. Even when we sin, God watches over us.)*

7. Cain had to leave the presence of the Lord. **How do you think it would feel to have to leave the presence of the Lord, and not to have a relationship with Him?** That is the consequence of sin, but God provided a way for us to have a relationship with Him and to always be His children, even though we disobey Him and sin. **What was the way God provided?** (*He sent Jesus to the earth to teach us about God's love and to die for our sins.*)
8. Adam and Eve had another son (**Page 28 in The Action Bible**). **What was his name?** (*Seth*) In **Genesis 5**, you can see the lineage of the generations from Adam through Seth and all the way to Noah. **Seth was also the one God chose to be connected to Jesus** (see **Luke 3**). Next week we'll learn about Noah and what happened to him!

#### **Digging Deeper** (For older kids or those who want to know more)

1. Cain's sin began when he allowed himself to become jealous and angry with his brother. God told Cain to be in control of his desires and his anger, but Cain did not heed God's warning, and eventually his anger led to murder and he killed his brother. In **Matthew 5:21-24**, Jesus taught about anger. **What does He tell us to do?** (*If we are angry, or if we have offended someone, we should go to our brother and reconcile with him, even before offering our gifts to God. That way we keep our feelings from moving into negative actions.*)
2. **Are you interested in genealogy?** Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman. In **Genesis 5**, you can trace the generations from Adam to Noah. In **Genesis 10 and 11**, you can trace the generations from Noah to Abram (Abraham). Then, in **Luke 3**, you can **trace the generations from Seth to Abraham to Jesus**.

#### **Pray:**

*Dear God, Your Word teaches us all we need to know about living our lives for You in this world. Thank You for showing us, with the story of Cain and Abel, that we need to control our feelings, especially anger, and that bad consequences can happen if we don't do so. Help us to turn to You for guidance when we have negative feelings that can cause us to sin. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### Family Challenge:

Choose one or more challenge activities to do together this week.

1. In **Genesis 4:6-7**, God saw Cain's anger, jealousy, and disappointment. He warned Cain to rule over his feelings, or sin would be at his door. **How can we rule over our feelings?** Let's list some feelings and talk about ways we can be in control of them.

- Jealousy
- Anger
- Disappointment
- Selfishness
- Unkindness
- Sadness
- Etc.

Try to stop your negative feelings by giving them to Jesus before they move us into action. **Replace each one of your negative feelings with Jesus's grace, mercy, kindness, and forgiveness.**

2. Together, see how far back you can go into your own family's genealogy and **create a family chart or family tree**. If you want, frame it and place it on a wall in your home.