

IN THE BEGINNING PRESCHOOL

JUNE 28TH

BIG IDEA

Jesus takes away our sin.

BIBLE

Cain Killed Abel: Genesis 4:2-16

BIBLE LESSON

BIBLE STORY: Genesis 4:2-16 ▲

- **Do you have brothers or sisters? If so, how many do you have? What do you like to do with them? Do you always get along with them?** Be honest! Sometimes we might not get along perfectly with our brothers or sisters. We're going to read about some brothers who had a really hard time getting along!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.*
- These two brothers had a big problem! **Remember last week when we talked about sin entering the world when Adam and Eve ate from the tree?** Well, because of that, every person is born with sin inside them. They don't have to disobey God; we have freedom to choose to obey. But Cain gave in to temptation and chose to disobey.
- **What sin was Cain struggling with even before murder?** He struggled with jealousy.
- **Why was he jealous of his brother?** God accepted Abel's sacrifice, but not his. **Have you ever been jealous of your brother or sister, or a friend? Maybe they did better in a game or sport, or they got a toy you wanted, and you were jealous?** Cain's sin started small, with jealousy. Then he gave in to the temptation and it turned into anger. That anger turned into violence. Then he did something terrible. He killed his brother.
- **What did Cain do after he killed Abel?** He tried to hide it. But God knew, and wasn't happy.

- Sin hurts our relationships with the people we love, it hurts us and most of all it hurts our relationship with God.
- Lets look at an example of sin with a glass of water and red food coloring!

OBJECT LESSON: Sin Spreads

- This is an example of how sin affects us and causes consequences all around us.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Get a jar or glass of water and red food coloring. As you talk, add a drop of the food coloring and let the kids watch it slowly spread throughout the jar of water.*
- God warned Cain, but he sinned anyway. He killed his brother in a field far away from everyone. Maybe he thought he wouldn't get caught or that no one would know. But God knew! God sees our sins, even when we don't get caught or get in trouble.
- **What do you see happening with the red in the jar?** It is spreading all the way through the water. When we sin, there are always consequences and they spread further and affect more things than we think about in the moment we make that choice.
- **Who else would be hurt by Cain's sin of killing his brother?** Abel, their parents, their friends, their family.
- **How was Cain hurt by his own actions?** He would have to be separated from his family and his land. Sin always causes some kind of hurt and consequence.
- When we sin, it creates a distance between us and God. But God doesn't leave us on our own to deal with sin. He sent Jesus to save us and forgive our sins. All we have to do is ask. But He doesn't only forgive us, He helps us so we don't have to give in to temptation and let sin control our lives! God sends the Holy Spirit to change our hearts and give us strength to stand up to temptation and overcome sin! That's great news!

PRAYER

- Let's spend time with God in prayer.
- Dear God, We're sorry for our sins. Help us stand up to temptation. Thank you for sending Jesus to take away our sins. We love you! Amen!

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY: Coloring Page of the Week ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a Coloring Page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them that Jesus takes our sin away.

ACTIVITY: Draw and Erase ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids white boards and dry erase markers, chalk boards and chalk, or paper and pencil with an eraser and take turns drawing things and erasing them as a reminder that Jesus erases our sin.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 3:23 ▲

FOR ALL HAVE SINNED (*spread your arms far apart and then do thumbs down with both hands*)
AND FALLEN SHORT (*pretend to fall over by leaning forward*)
OF THE GLORY (*put both hands up above your head and pump your arms*)
OF GOD (*point up*).

DISCUSSION: Questions ▲

- **What are the names of the two brothers?** (*Cain and Abel.*)
- **Why did Cain get up with Abel?** (*God was pleased with Abel's offering and not Cain's.*)
- **What sin did Cain start with?** (*Jealousy.*)
- **What did Cain do after he killed his brother?** (*He tried to hide it.*)
- **Who does it hurt when we sin?**
- **How can God help us with our sin?**

