

Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:1-16

Kindergarten and Grade 1

Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)

Materials needed - Cain and Abel skit (<https://kidscorner.reframemedia.com/bible-stories/the-story-of-cain-and-abel>), props for Cain and Abel murder mystery

- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.
- Set up a murder mystery event for the kids. Tell them that someone has been killed and they need to figure out 1 - who has been killed. 2 - who killed them and 3 - why were they killed?
- Set up the scene - have a kids house set up and inside put up pictures of Cain and Abel. Outside their house have two platters with two different offerings, one platter should have a nice piece of steak and the other should have fruits and vegetables that don't look too good. Set up a field (put some plants there). put up a sign that says Garden of Eden pointing one way and Nod pointing the other way. Have someone acting to be Cain, they should have a mark on them and sitting in the direction of Nod. Have another two people acting as Adam and Eve, they can be in their house upset about what has happened. Set up a grave site, for Abel.
- Tell the kids that they can ask all the yes or no questions that they like, they can talk to whoever they want, but they need to figure out together 1- who has been killed, 2 - who killed them, 3 why were they killed?
- Once the kids have figured out what happened, sit the kids down and make sure everyone knows the story.
- Have some of the leaders act out the skit for the kids

Break up into small groups

Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)

Materials needed -

- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.
- Take the kids out to the area where they figured out the murder mystery. Ask them what happened? Who were Cain and Abel? What did they do for a living? Why was Cain mad at Abel? Why did God like Abel's offering but not Cain's? What could Cain have done to make things right?

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed - two gifts (one that is really good, and one that is pathetic), mural paper

- Tell the kids that you are going to a birthday party after church for some twins so you got two different presents. Show them the gifts, one gift should be amazing in a really nice gift bag, the other should be in a plastic bag or wrapped in newspaper, and should be a half eaten chocolate bar or something like that.
 - Ask the kids what they think of the gifts? Which one do they think I worked hard on and which one did I not put much effort into? How would they feel if they got the good gift? How would they feel if they got the pathetic gift?
 - Relate it to the story, Abel's gift was the good gift and Cain's gift was the pathetic gift. Cain didn't gift his best to God.
- Ask the kids if they can think of a way that they can give their best to God? What does it mean to give our best to God and what does that look like?
 - Let the kids draw some pictures on mural paper of what it would look like to give their best to God.

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this month's memory verse)

Materials needed - Psalm 23 sheet,

- Read through the 23rd psalm with the kids.
- Let them know that they are going to get a month to memorize it and if they do they will get an ice cream party with all the other kids who memorized it as well.
- Read through the beginning of the 23rd psalm in different voices, high, low, underwater, crazy etc.