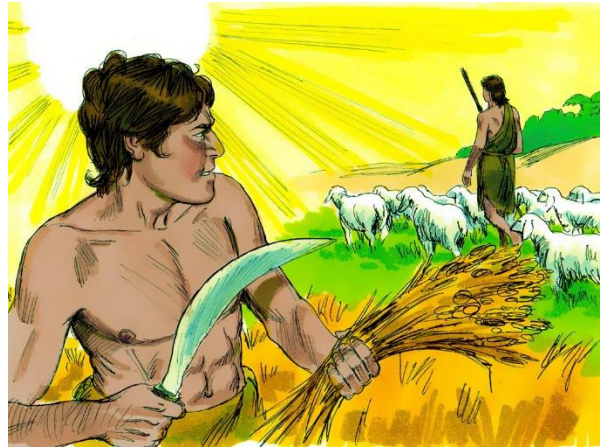


L1.11 “Cain’s Anger Turns to Murder”

Read Together: Cain became very angry when his offering was not accepted and Abel’s offering was. He would not stop being angry, and he blamed Abel for Cain’s getting into trouble. Cain let his anger grow and grow, and as a result, he even began to hate his brother. That led to him murdering Abel. God says we must love each other as much as we love ourselves (Luke 10:27). And God says we should not even hate an enemy, but love them (Matthew 5:44). In this lesson, we will see how anger can grow and turn into hatred if we let it. And hatred can lead to murder. But God wants us to respect others and have self-control. That leads to peace!



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Read Together: Genesis 4:4-8; 1 John 3:11–12, 15; Proverbs 16:32

Discuss:

- Ask your child what Cain’s attitude was like.
- Explain the advice God gave to Cain to correct the situation. (God told Cain to do the right thing and learn to control himself (Genesis 4:7).
- Ask how Adam and Eve must have felt when they learned Abel was dead. Discuss how sin affects everyone.
- Talk to your child about respect, treating others the way you want to be treated, having self-control, and learning to resolve conflicts. Show how things could have been different if Cain had shown respect and exercised self-control. He could have tried to resolve the conflict with his brother.
- Explain that God desires all people to live in peace, and that takes respecting other people and having self-control.

Review memorization.

Luke 10:27 “So he answered and said, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”