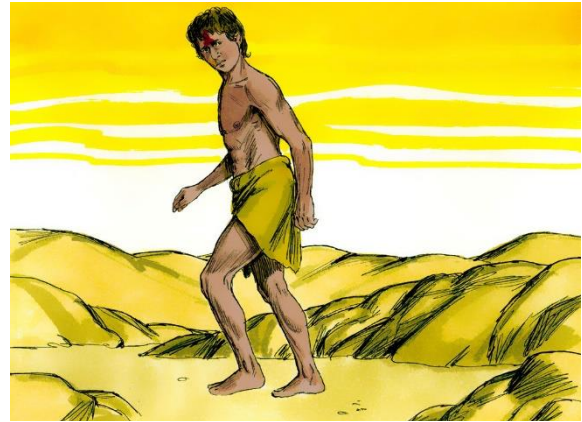


## L1.12 “God Punishes Cain”

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**Read Together:** When God accepted Abel’s offering but did not accept Cain’s, Cain got very angry. He got so mad that he killed his brother! He became the first murderer in the human family. God knew that Abel was dead and came to talk to Cain about murdering his brother. God asked Cain where his brother was. Instead of admitting what he had done, Cain tried to hide what he had done from God and was not sorry for his actions. He replied to God, saying, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” This lesson will show the idea of cause and effect. It will show that certain things happen because of our actions, when we don’t obey God. It will also show that everyone must love his neighbor.



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**Read Together:** Genesis 4:9–16; Luke 10:27

### Discuss:

- Explain to your child that God, who knows everything, knew Cain had killed Abel. Cain couldn’t hide it from God, and neither can we hide our mistakes or sins from God.
- Ask your child what Cain’s attitude was when God asked about Abel.
- Discuss with your child Cain’s punishment. He was sent away from God and the community. Why would God send Cain away from the others?
- Help your child understand that thinking bad things can lead to bad actions.
- Ask your child how following the law to “love your neighbor” could have changed Cain’s life.

### 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.’”*

### More to Do!

These activities are optional, but some children may find them enjoyable.

- Show love for your neighbors by creating cards for the widows, widowers, or other older members in the congregation.
- Help your child to plan a good deed to do for someone in the family.
- Your child may like to sing along with this cute song [Thank You God](#).