

## L1.9 “Cain the Farmer and Abel the Shepherd”

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**Read Together:** In the process of time, Adam and Eve started their family. Their firstborn son was named Cain, and their second son was named Abel. The two brothers had different occupations—Cain was a farmer and Abel was a shepherd. They also had very different personalities. God has designed mankind so that people are individuals with different personalities, talents and abilities. God doesn’t want everyone to be the same; He loves variety! Both farmers and shepherds are necessary and noble occupations. God wanted Cain and Abel to use their talents to serve Him and their family, and He wants us to do the same today. In this lesson, we will discuss the first two brothers, Cain and Abel.



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**Read Together:** Genesis 4:1–2

**Discuss:**

- Ask your child the names of Adam’s and Eve’s first and second sons.
- Talk about the agrarian lifestyle with beautiful pastures, animals grazing, and fields of wheat. Paint a word picture that your child can visualize.
- Ask your child what they think it would be like to be a farmer or a shepherd.
- Discuss the fact that Cain and Abel were brothers who grew up together. Ask your child what it is (would be) like to have a brother.
- Remind your child that God has given people different talents and abilities and that everyone is needed. God loves everyone.

**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.’”*