

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

**IN THE BEGINNING #3 – “Cain and Abel Make their Choice”
Genesis 4:1–14; Hebrews 11:4**

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: Remember, your way may not be God’s way.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take the attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Try This!”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: “Cain and Abel”

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Teacher leads the class in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

Hebrews 9:22 – “. . . *and without shedding of blood is no remission.*”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

“**Ping Pong**” – After reading this verse from the Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this activity. Divide into two teams or line up in two rows facing each other. Pretend you are playing ping pong. One team begins with the reference, the second team says the first word, etc.; continue in the same manner until the verse is completed. Repeat several times.

HYMN FOR IN THE BEGINNING: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK/TAKE TIME TO REVIEW: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children’s responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, In the Beginning #3. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #15.

MISSIONARY TIME: (13 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #14 and pray. (See attached page.)
3. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
4. Missions song: _____
5. Story: *Until the Letter Came*. Teach the part of the story for Week #6.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

"Find the Bus" – Make duplicate copies, back for the flannelboard, and cut out the busses. (See attached patterns.) Print the bus numbers on the back sides (#5, #10, #15, #20, #25, #30, #35, #40, #45, and #50) and place them on the board in random order. Explain that Jason is trying to find his school bus so he can go home from school. Jason needs to find Bus #15. When a child answers a review question correctly, he may look on the back of any school bus to see if he has the right one. Ask, "*What will happen if Jason wants his own way and chooses to get on a different bus?*" Explain, "*Another bus will not take him home, and he will get in trouble for being disobedient.*" If the correct bus is found right away, mix up the busses and then help Nicole find Bus #40. - by Rita L. Lobdell, *GIVE & TAKE*, October 1996.

Review questions for IN THE BEGINNING #3:

1. **Why did Adam and Eve have to live outside of the Garden of Eden?** (They had sinned.)
2. **What was the name of Adam and Eve's first son?** (Cain)
3. **What kind of work did Cain do?** (He was a farmer)
4. **What kind of work did Abel do?** (He was a shepherd)
5. **In the time of Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel, what did people do to have their sins forgiven?** (Offered animal sacrifices)
6. **What offering did Cain bring to God?** (Things he had grown.)
7. **What offering did Abel bring to God?** (A lamb.)
8. **How did God feel about their offerings?** (He accepted Abel's offering but not Cain's.)
9. **What did Cain do when he saw that God accepted Abel's offering but not his own?** (He became angry. He hated his brother and killed him.)
10. **How do we know that God still loved Cain?** (He gave Cain a second chance to bring the right kind of offering.)
11. **Who is the only One who saw what Cain had done to Abel?** (God)
12. **What was Cain's punishment?** (He wouldn't be able to grow good things anymore, and he would be a wanderer.)

COUNSEL TIME: (Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

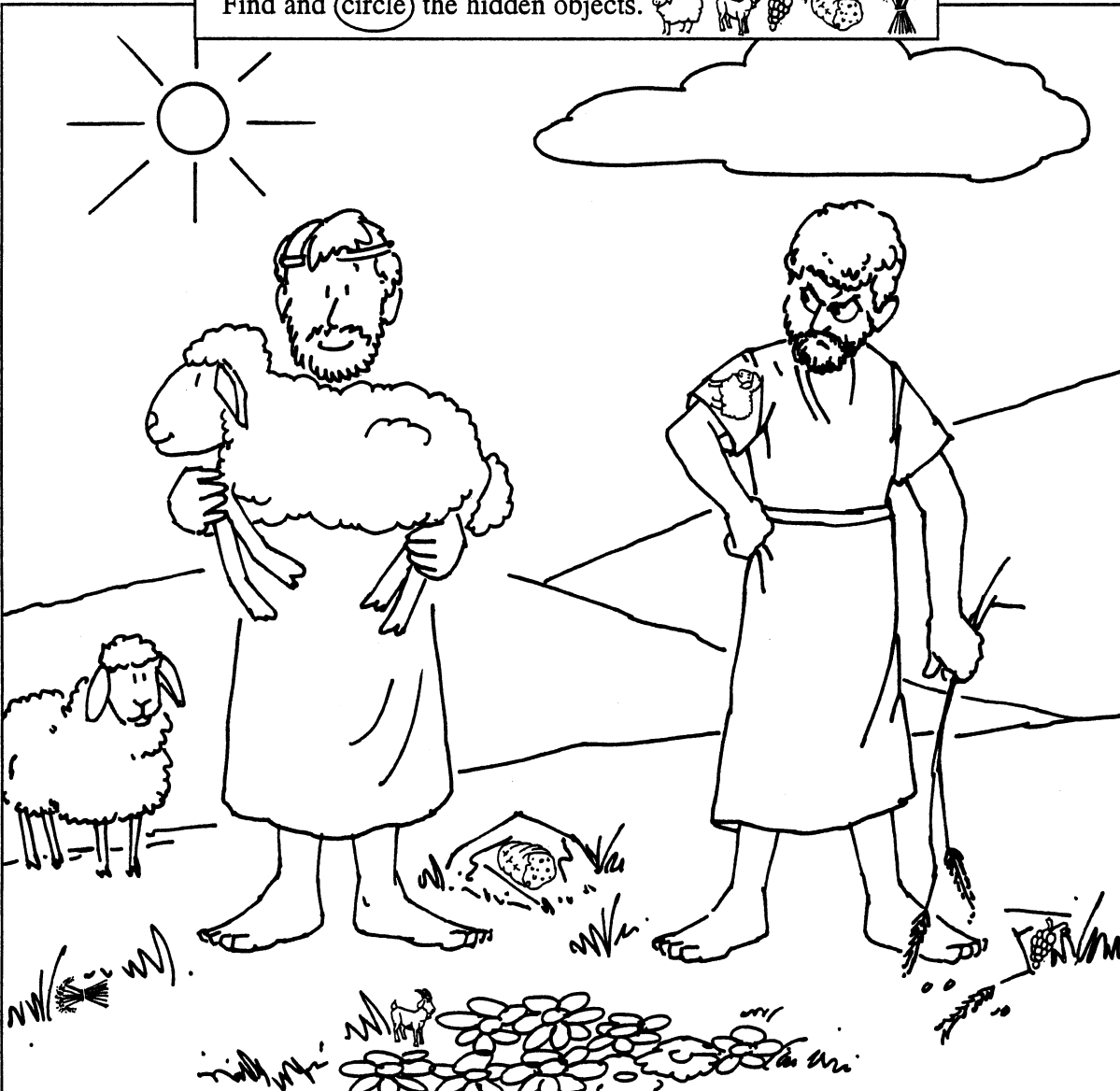
SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for the older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Quiet Time Notebook/Take Time Review, In the Beginning #3

Cain and Abel

Abel brought a pleasing gift to God. Cain became angry at Abel because God accepted Abel's gift but not his.

Find and **circle** the hidden objects.



“... And without shedding of blood is no remission.”
Hebrews 9:22



Try This!

Below are some situations for you to consider. Can you think of any others? Add them to the list.

- You find a gold bracelet on the steps of the library. Can you keep it?
- Is it OK to watch a video at your friend's house if your parents wouldn't let you watch it at home?
- Is it wrong to keep a book that belongs to someone else if that person doesn't ask for it back?
- Is it OK to make copies of computer games and videos that your parents bought for you and give them to your friends?
- If you see your best friend cheating on a test, should you say something to him or her?



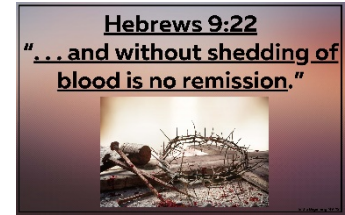
Try to answer the questions above. Here's how to get started. Think about what Jesus would do in each situation. If you aren't sure, try to find answers in your Bible. Think about the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule. They can help you answer some of the questions. You can also talk with your parents, Sunday School teacher, and pastor for more help. You might even want to share the situations with your friends.

Here's something else to try. Begin a journal. Each time you solve a dilemma like the ones listed above, record it in your journal. Include the date, the dilemma, what you decided to do, and the outcome.

MEMORY VERSE HELPS

In the Beginning #3 - "Cain and Abel Make their Choice"

Hebrews 9:22
"... and without shedding of blood is no remission."



Introduction:

Have you ever wondered why Jesus' blood had to be poured out on the cross for our sin? Couldn't there have been another way for Him to have taken our punishment? Let's see what God's Word says. In Hebrews 9:22, God says...

Presentation:

(Read or have a child read the verse from the Bible. Recite verse while showing the visual.)

Explanation:

(Read or have child read the verse from the Bible. Recite the verse while showing visual.)

There are two words in our verse you may need help to understand. Can you guess what words they are? The first is "shedding;" the second is "remission." Shedding means to pour out. The blood of the Lord Jesus was poured out of His body for your sin and mine when He died on the cross. Because He did this there is "remission"—our sin punishment has been paid—there is forgiveness. Without this payment of His blood, you and I could not be forgiven. There is no other way.

Application:

Jesus' love for you is very great, so great that He poured out His lifeblood for you in order that your sin may be forgiven. Have you ever trusted Him to forgive your sin? You can do that today. If you have trusted in Him as your Saviour you are already forgiven.

Repetition:

Divide into two teams or line up in two rows facing each other. Pretend playing ping pong. One team begins with the reference; the second team says the first word, etc., until the verse is completed. Repeat several times.

Variation: Stand when repeating phrase, sit when other team recites, etc.

Teaching tip: *Have child think of someone who needs to know what Jesus did for him/her on the cross. Discuss what he would tell that person. Perhaps you can think of someone else who needs to know what Jesus did for him/her on the cross. What would you tell that person?*

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #15



(Place figure #1.) (Review the names of the five books of Law, the 12 books of History, the five books of Poetry, and the five Major Prophets.) There are 12 books of Minor Prophets. (Place figure #39.) Remember, the difference between a major and a minor prophet is not a matter of importance but of how much was written by them. The Minor Prophets were written to show God's love for Israel, God's punishment for sin, and the final triumph of God's people. Today, we are just going to look at the first two of the Minor Prophets. (Place figure #40.) They are Hosea and Joel. (Place Hosea wordstrip.) Hosea was a prophet to the ten northern tribes of Israel. God used the things that happened in Hosea's life to show His love for Israel. (Place Joel wordstrip.) The prophet Joel warned the people of Israel about the seriousness of their sin and their coming punishment if they kept on sinning. Practice several times saying the names of the five books of Law, the 12 books of History, the five books of Poetry, the five Major Prophets, and the first two Minor Prophets.)



GO AND TELL BOX

WEEK #14 – INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAÜLS

INFORMATION

(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – Flag of Haiti)

What do you think a flag has to do with *going and telling*? *(Let the children share their ideas.)*

This flag reminds us of our missionaries in Haiti since it is the flag of that country. Who remembers their names? *(Show picture.)* Haiti a small country, is part of an island in the Atlantic Ocean south of the state of Florida. It is a very poor country. Perhaps you have heard of the earthquake and other storms that have struck Haiti in recent months. There was no major damage to the area where Pastor Lucien has the school, health clinic, and the Bible Institute. But some of the churches in the south, whose pastors come to the Bible Institute, have had major damage.



Pastor Lucien and Mrs. Maude are burdened for the children in Haiti that need to be rescued from the darkness of sin. They help the children by sharing the Good News of Jesus coming to Earth to be their Saviour. They do this by inviting them to church, almost half of those who attend their church are children. You may also remember that they have a Christian Elementary school. At the school, they have devotions and classes every day where the Bible is taught at their grade level. Because Haiti is a poor country they provide a “hot” lunch every day. Schools have now reopened after the COVID Pandemic.

Pastor Lucien and his son, Royden, often help churches hold Vacation Bible Schools for the children in different areas. They also helped the pastors and children’s workers host special holiday programs for Christmas and Easter.

PRAYER

THANK God for protecting Pastor Lucien and the school property from the earthquake so that children can continue to hear about Jesus.

ASK God to give Pastor Lucien and Royden wisdom and understanding of ways they can reach more children.



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**Remember, your way
may not
be God's
way.**



FLASHCARD 3-6

- Cain attacked Abel and killed him. Only God saw what had happened.
- God to Cain, "Where is Abel, thy brother?"
- Cain, "I know not; am I my brother's keeper?"
- Cain was lying when he said he didn't know about Abel.
- God wanted Cain to admit what he had done, admit his sin.
- God wanted Cain to seek forgiveness. Sadly, Cain didn't.
- Would there be a punishment? Yes.
- God, "From now on, the crops will not grow well for you..."
- You will be a wanderer, going from place to place."
- Bible tells us what happened next, Read Genesis 4:16.
- It was a sad time for Cain.
- It was also sad for Adam and Eve. Abel was dead. Now Cain was gone as well.
- Choosing your own way rather than God's way always brings sadness, for yourself and for others.
- Bible says Able brought his sacrifice "by faith."
- Faith means believing.

- Abel believed God when God said a sacrifice with blood was needed for the forgiveness of sin.
- That's the way for us to come to God too, but we don't need the blood of an animal.
- God can forgive you because of the blood of Jesus.
- God wants to forgive you.

INVITATION

John 14:6 – "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."

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BOW HEADS

RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

MT, PAS – REMEMBER, YOUR WAY MAY NOT BE GOD'S WAY

Eph. 5:17 – "Wherefore, be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

1.

2.

3.

W – Will you do it?

In the Beginning #3

Genesis 4:1-14; Hebrews 11:4

- Zack was looking forward to Field Day. He was a good runner and had a good chance to win the 50 yard dash.
- Runners lined up. When whistle blew, Zack headed out as fast as he could.
- He passed one, then another. The line was up ahead.
- Zack did it! He crossed the line first!
- Referee, "Your foot crossed the starting line before the whistle blew. You are disqualified. That's the rule."
- Zack complained, "That's not fair! I hate that rule. My rules are just as good!"
- Someone in our lesson wants to make his own rules. Listen...

FLASHCARD 2-6

- Adam/Eve now had to live outside the Garden. Why? Because they had sinned.
- Life was no longer easy: had to work hard, got tired.
- They now had a want-to that was different from God's.
- Their animal skin clothes were a reminder of their sin, need for forgiveness.
- They were a reminder they had disobeyed God's one rule.

- After awhile, there came a day that something special happened that never happened before.

FLASHCARD 3-1

- A baby boy was born! How excited they must have been! Named him "Cain."
- After awhile, another baby boy was born, named him "Abel."
- Adam/Eve loved their children. God loved them too.

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- Cain/Abel were loved by God and by their parents.

FLASHCARD 3-2

- As Cain/Abel were growing up, Adam/Eve played w/them and taught them.
- One thing they taught them was about God the Father.

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- Adam and Eve taught them about God, but other things too.
- Probably talked about life before in the Garden.
- Cain and Abel probably asked, "Why don't we go there anymore?"
- Adam and Eve then told the sad story about their disobedience

- Adam and Eve didn't teach Cain and Abel how to sin.
- Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, everyone has been born with a want-to to sin.

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Romans 5:12 – "...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Part of the punishment for Adam and Eve's sin was that they could never return to the Garden.

- What a sad thing to have to explain to Cain and Abel!

FLASHCARD 3-3

- Cain and Abel didn't stay little boys. They grew up and had work to do.

- Abel liked animals, especially sheep and lambs. He became a shepherd.

- Cain liked growing things, plants, vegetables, fruits. He became a farmer.

- One thing they learned was God's way to have forgiveness for sin.

- They would have seen their parents offer an animal (lamb) as a sacrifice for sin. They would kill it.

- God would see the blood of the animal. The animal would die in the place of Adam and Eve.

- They were the ones who had sinned. They were the ones who deserved to die.

- Because of God's kindness, He allowed the animal to die instead of them.

- Today, instead of an animal, a Person died for us.

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Hebrews 9:22 – "And without shedding of blood is no remission."

- At the time of Adam/Eve and Cain/Abel, Jesus hadn't yet come to earth to die for sin.

- They still needed to offer animal sacrifices for their sin.

- Now that they were grown, Cain and Abel would have to offer their own sacrifice to God.

FLASHCARD 3-4

- Abel went to his flock and chose a perfect lamb for his sacrifice for sin.

- What about Cain? Cain didn't follow God's instructions. He wanted to do it differently.

- Read Genesis 4:3b. Cain brought things he had grown.

- What was missing? (blood) Is there blood in a carrot? Blood in a potato?

- Without the blood, Cain was not admitting he had sinned and needed God's forgiveness.

- Cain knew what kind of offering God required, but he wanted to do things his own way.

MT – REMEMBER, YOUR WAY MAY NOT BE GOD'S WAY

- Cain knew what kind of offering God required, but he did things his own way.

- Cain brought things he had grown as his offering to the Lord.

- Bible says, the Lord was pleased with Abel and his offering, but not with Cain and his offering.

FLASHCARD 3-5

- When Cain saw that God accepted Abel's offering but...

- not his own, Cain became very angry.

- Lord, "Cain, why are you so angry? If you do what's right, your sacrifice will be accepted."

- God was giving Cain the chance to bring another offering, but Cain didn't.

- He still wanted to do it his own way.

- Many people think their way is better than God's way.

MT, PAS – REMEMBER, YOUR WAY MAY NOT BE GOD'S WAY

Eph. 5:17 – "Wherefore, be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

- 1.
- 2.
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- God was giving Cain another chance to bring the right kind of offering, but Cain refused.

- Cain was angry with God, but also angry with his brother, Abel

- One day, Cain said to Abel, "Let's go out to the field."

- While they were there, Cain did something terrible.