

Brotherly Love?

Genesis 4; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 68, 71-79

8 Lesson

Jerry was angry! His brother, Jimmy, had a new bike and Jerry got his brother's old one. Jerry was jealous. He wanted a new bike too. So one day Jerry just took Jimmy's bike and went for a long ride.

The Bible tells about two brothers. One was jealous of the other. And a terrible thing happened.

After they left the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain became a farmer. Abel became a shepherd. Every day Cain worked in his fields while Abel took his sheep to graze.

Abel loved God. He wanted to do the things God asked. He liked bringing gifts to God, and he loved to worship Him.

Cain was different from his brother. He grumbled and complained. He wanted to do things his way. He didn't like worshiping God. Cain didn't want to think about what had happened to their parents.

You remember what happened. God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree in the Garden except one. If they ate from that tree, they would die. But Adam and Eve listened to Satan and ate fruit from the tree.

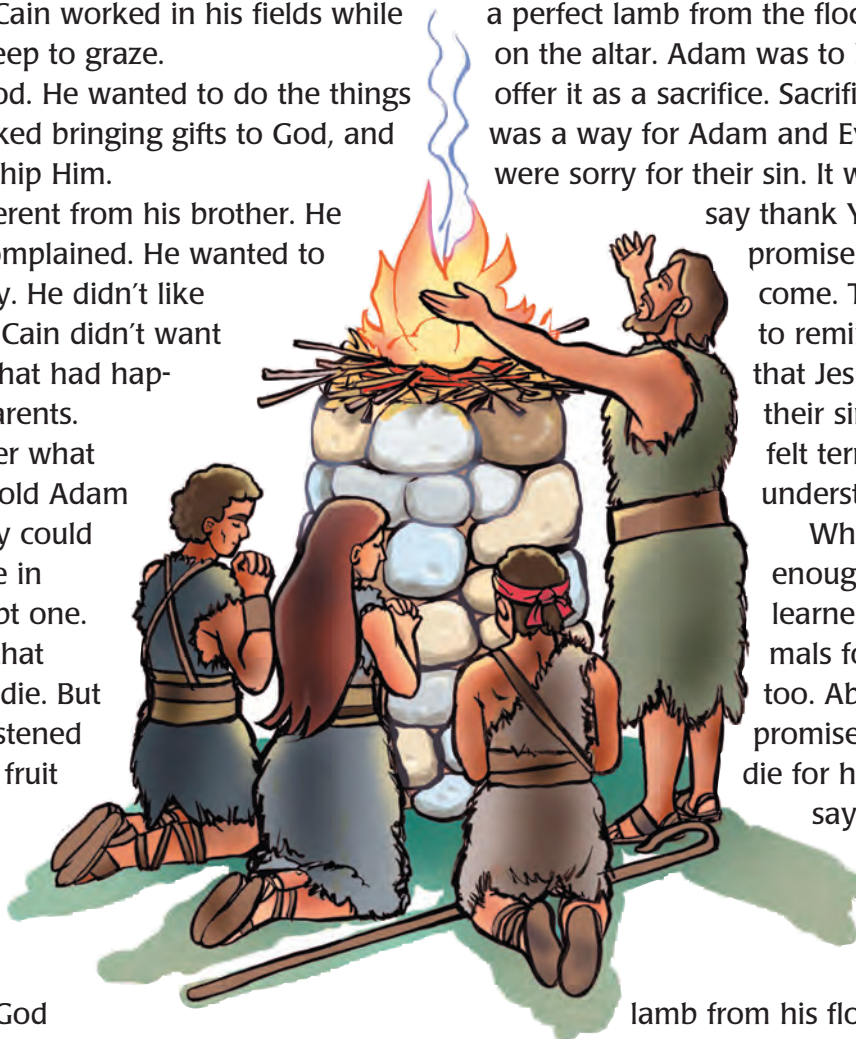
They did not die right away, but they had to leave their beautiful home. God

told them about His plan to send His Son to die for them. But it would be some time before Jesus came to the earth. So God found a way to show Adam and Eve what it meant to die.

After Adam and Eve sinned, flowers died and leaves fell off the trees. And God killed an animal to make clothes for Adam and Eve. They began to understand a little bit about death.

Then God showed Adam how to make an altar of stones. He showed him how to take a perfect lamb from the flock and place it on the altar. Adam was to kill the lamb and offer it as a sacrifice. Sacrificing an animal was a way for Adam and Eve to say they were sorry for their sin. It was also a way to say thank You to God for the promise that Jesus would come. This sacrifice was to remind Adam and Eve that Jesus would die for their sins. Adam and Eve felt terrible when they understood this.

When they were old enough, Cain and Abel learned to sacrifice animals for their worship too. Abel accepted God's promise that Jesus would die for him. He wanted to say thank You to God for His promise of a Saviour. So he built an altar and sacrificed a lamb from his flock. God accepted



The Message

We honor God when we live peacefully with others.

Memory Verse

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God”

(Matthew 5:9, NIV).

his offering and sent fire from heaven to burn it up.

Cain knew why they should offer sacrifices to God. But when it was time for him to make a sacrifice, he did not do it God's way. He built an altar just as Abel had done. But he put fruit on the altar instead of the lamb that God asked him to use. God didn't accept Cain's offering. He didn't send fire from heaven to burn it up.

Abel tried to tell Cain to do what God said. But Cain was stubborn. He was angry because

God didn't accept his offering. He was angry at Abel too. He was so angry that he killed his brother! God sent Cain away from his family after that. If only Cain had done as God asked! If only he hadn't become jealous and angry. If only he had been a peacemaker.

Aren't you glad you don't have to kill a little lamb for your worship? Aren't you glad that Jesus came and died to save you? Just pray to God and say, "I'm sorry for my sins. I accept Jesus' sacrifice. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, the One who died for my sins." He will hear you. He will accept you into His family. He will help you to be loving and kind at all times.



S A B B A T H

DO Ask someone to time you as you hunt around the house for things connected with the story of Cain and Abel. What did you find?

DO During family worship, blow up a balloon, but don't tie it. Then let it go. What happens?

READ Read Proverbs 15:1 with your family. Ask: How is a gentle answer like letting the air out of the balloon?

PRAY Pray that you will always be a peacemaker.

S U N D A Y

READ Read your memory verse for family worship.

DRAW Draw a big picture of a sheep. Write your memory verse on it. Cut it up to form a puzzle. Practice putting it together until you can say the verse without help.

ASK Ask an adult to tell you about a time they were angry and how they handled it. What can you learn from their story?

PRAY Pray for countries around the world where people are fighting.

M O N D A Y

READ Read Genesis 4:2-4 for family worship. What kind of lamb did Abel bring?

ASK Ask your family to help you find and read about three other shepherds in the Bible.

DO Find out five things about sheep. Share your sheep facts with your family.

DO Look around the house for things made of sheep's wool. Show them to your family.

PRAY Pray together that you will always do your best for God.

The lamb Abel sacrificed represented Jesus whom the Bible calls the Lamb of God.



T U E S D A Y

READ For family worship make a picture of the setting sun. Read and discuss Ephesians 4:26. Write under your picture why you think this advice is important.

DO If you have been mean to anyone today, tell them you are sorry (if you really are) before you go to bed.

SING Sing "O, How He Loves You and Me" (Sing for Joy, No. 28).

PRAY Pray that your home will always be peaceful and happy.

W E D N E S D A Y

SHARE At family worship read and discuss Matthew 18:15-17. Make a list of guidelines for resolving conflicts.

DO Cain was a farmer. Find out what the farmers near your town grow.

DO If possible, plant some seeds in the garden, or in a container in the house. Water them and watch them grow.

PRAY Ask God to forgive you for things you have done wrong.

T H U R S D A Y

READ With your family read Genesis 4:5-8. How did God try to help Cain be a peacemaker? Why didn't God accept Cain's offering?

DO Play follow the leader at family worship. Discuss with your family why it is important to follow God's leading. Ask Him to help you follow His leading.

ASK Find and count the different fruits and vegetables in your house. Ask your family what their favorite fruits and vegetables are.

F R I D A Y

DO For family worship act out the story of Cain and Abel as someone reads it from Genesis 4:1-8.

DO Talk about what you have learned about peacemaking this week. Have each person suggest a conflict situation and discuss ways to solve it together.

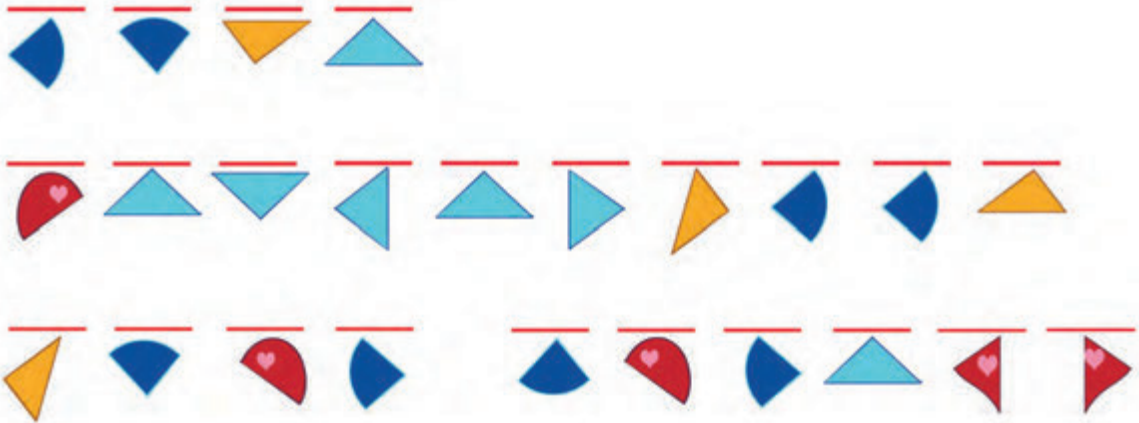
DO Say your memory verse for the rest of the family.

PRAY Pray that you will all be peacemakers.

Cain and Abel

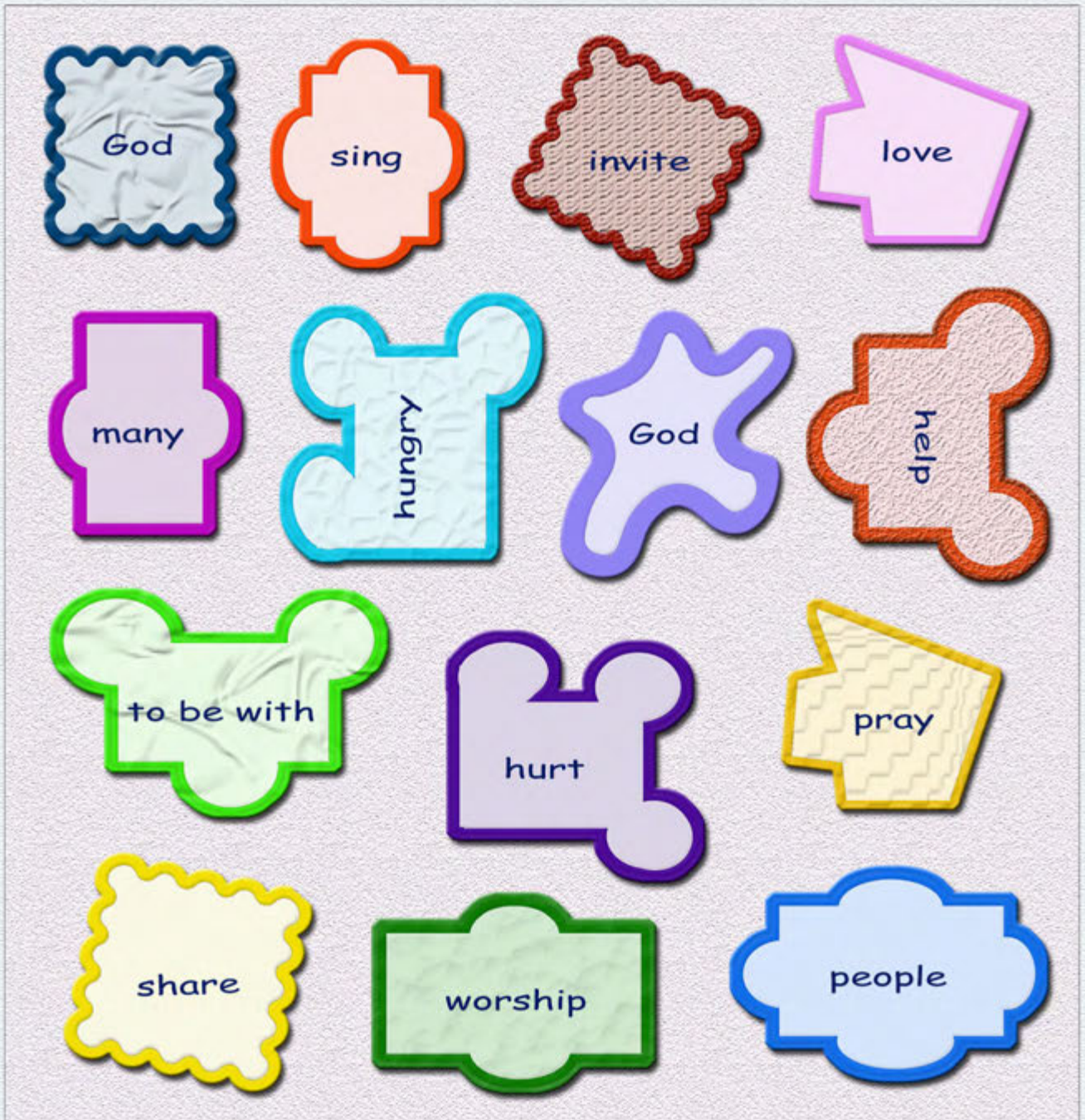
PUZZLE

Directions: Match letters from the code to find a lesson for your life.



Worship

Directions: Copy the words from the puzzle pieces into the matching outline to learn how God is present with us.



God Is Present With Us



We



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