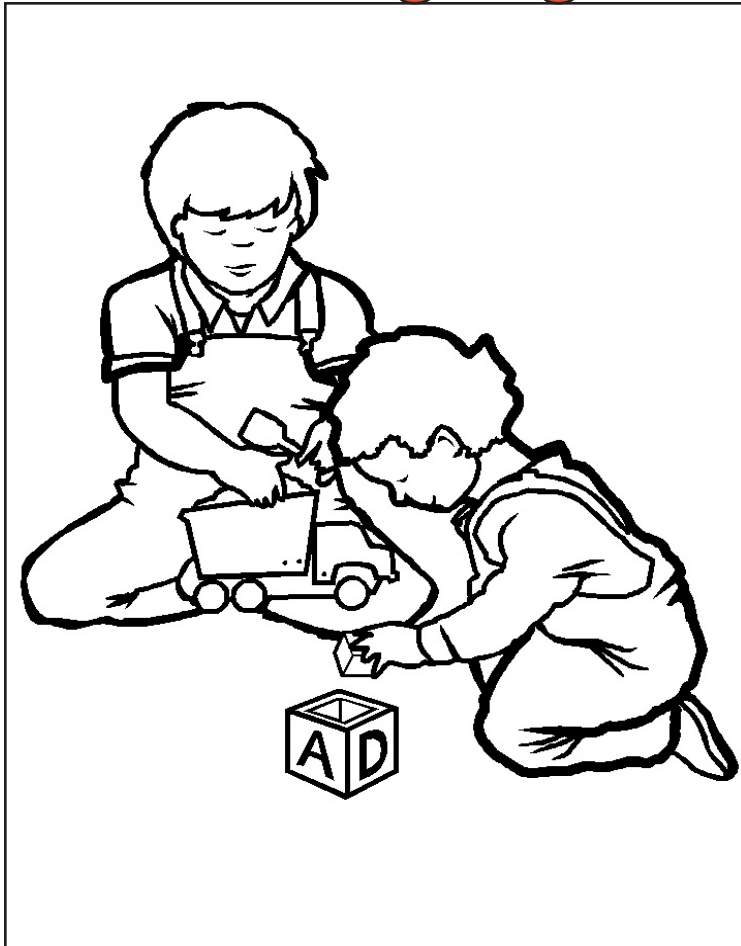
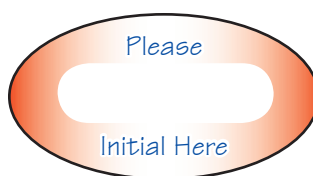


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Obeying our parents and taking God's way will
cause us to treat our brothers and sisters properly.

Parent's Initials:



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Relationships in God's Creation

- Lesson Five -

Brothers and Sisters (2)

Cain's Wickedness and Abel's Righteousness

I. Overview.

In the story of Cain and Abel we see that the way we treat our brothers and sisters is related to how we obey our parents and how we are toward God. God provided an example when He sacrificed a lamb to save Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve taught this example to their children. Cain ignored God's example and he also ignored his parents teaching. Because of this Cain's offering could not please God. Cain became angry toward God.



Cain and Abel were
the first two children
of Adam and Eve.

Abel's sacrifice was according to God's example and his parents teaching. Therefore Abel's sacrifice was acceptable to God. This made Cain jealous of his brother. Because of his anger against God, his disobedience toward his parents and his jealousy of his brother, Cain committed a great sin, he murdered his brother. We must not be like Cain, but should obey God and our parents.

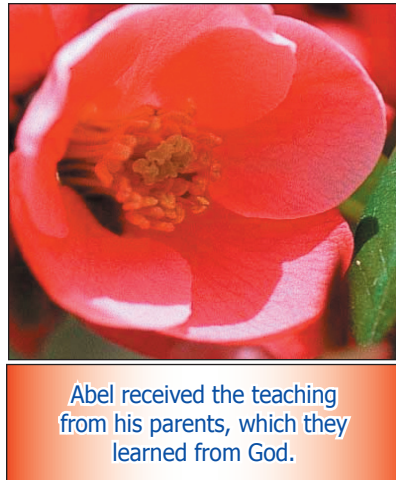
II. Memory Verse.

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you."

(Eph. 4:32)

III. Lesson.

After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God showed them the only way that their sin could be covered. A pure spotless lamb must be killed in their place. They were taught that forgiveness required the shedding of blood. Adam and Eve learned this from God and taught it to their two children, Cain and Abel.



Cain and Abel

Abel received his parent's word about God's way of salvation and the kind of offering God requires. Abel spent his time to raise sheep so that he would have lambs for the offerings. God was pleased with Abel and his offerings. Cain refused to receive his parents teaching and God's way. Instead of bring a lamb for his sacrifice, Cain brought the work of his own hands, the fruit of the ground. He rejected God's way and tried to please God in his own way. God was not please with Cain and did not receive his offering.

Cain's Anger and Sin

Because his offering was refused by God, Cain became very angry. He also became very jealous of his brother. God spoke to Cain, telling him that he could turn back and take God's way and God would be pleased with him. But Cain refused and his heart became harder. Cain's jealousy toward his brother turned into hatred. One day while the brothers were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother and killed him. God came to Cain and asked him "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain spoke harshly to God saying "Am I my brothers keeper?"

Learning Lessons from Cain and Abel

There are important lessons we can learn from Cain and Abel. First we should receive and practice all the things that our parents teach us. Many of these things are actually from God. We also should realize that we should not turn our back on God. If we do, we will begin to have problems with our brothers and sisters. If we feel jealous toward our brothers or sisters, we should realize that this is wrong and that we need to confess these wrong feelings. We should learn to live like Abel did, following the instructions he received from his parents and taking God's way. In this way, we will live happy lives and will be pleasing to our parents and to God.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Where did Adam and Eve's teaching come from?

2. What did God do to show Adam and Eve the kind of sacrifice He requires?

3. Why did Cain become angry with God?

4. What can we learn from Cain and Abel?

