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BIBLE STORYLINE

## Cain and Abel

[PursueGODkids.org](http://PursueGODkids.org)**Slide: Welcome***(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

**Slide: Series Intro**

Before we get started today, let's take a few minutes to talk about family. Raise your hand if you have siblings. (Allow kids to respond). How many of you have older siblings? (allow kids to answer). How many of you have younger siblings? (allow kids to answer). Okay, here's a harder question. Have you ever been jealous of your sibling because they have better stuff or are better than you at something? (allow kids to respond). Sometimes, it's hard to get along with siblings but they are family and we need to love them.

In our lesson today, we're going to learn about two brothers. Cain was the older brother and Abel was the younger. We're going to learn about their relationship and how jealousy got in the way.

We'll talk about that some more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing a song together.

**Song***We Won't Be Quiet*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

**Slide: Big Idea***All together:*

*God punished Cain for his actions, but he still protected him. (Repeat)*

**Video***Play lesson video.***Slide: Recap**

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What were the names of the brothers? (Cain and Abel)

- What was Cain's job? What was Abel's? (Farmer/Shepherd)
- True or False: God still protected Cain even though he really messed up. (T)

Cain grew up to be a farmer and Abel a shepherd. One day, they were told to bring an offering to God as a way of saying "Thank You" to God for all he had done. Cain looked at some vegetables he had picked and thought, "These are good enough. I'll give these to God." Abel went out to his flock and decided to choose the best lamb he had and offered that to God. Now, the key to this story is in the attitudes of the brothers. Cain didn't really give a lot of thought to his offering, probably because he didn't care about God's opinion. Abel, though, did care about God's opinion and he wanted to give God the best of what he had. God praised Abel for his attitude and offering but was disappointed in Cain. This made Cain really jealous, so jealous, that he decided to kill his brother! YIKES! But, even though Cain made a terrible mistake, God was still kind toward Cain.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### Slide: Memory Verse

"The Lord (point up) is righteous (2 thumbs up) in everything he does; he is filled with kindness (hand over heart). Psalm 145:17 (Repeat)

God was very sad that Cain let jealousy overtake his heart and very disappointed that he killed his brother. Cain knew what he did was wrong and he was prepared for God to cast him away for good. But, God didn't do that. He punished Cain. Cain had to move away from his home but God protected him for the rest of his life. God still chose to be gracious to Cain.

We can learn a lot from the story of Cain and Abel. Jealousy is a yucky thing that makes us feel bad and encourages us to do bad things. Cain shouldn't have been jealous of Abel. Cain should have had a better attitude toward God. So kids, instead of being jealous of what your siblings have that you don't, or mad that they are better at something than you, be happy for them. God has blessed you with what you need and you are good at things that your siblings aren't. Don't be jealous. But, remember, God is kind to us when we mess up. He will give us consequences to teach us a lesson but he still loves and protects us.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### Song

*Lean on Me*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### Slide: Big Idea

God punished Cain for his actions, but he still protected him. (Repeat)

### Slide: Let's Pray

