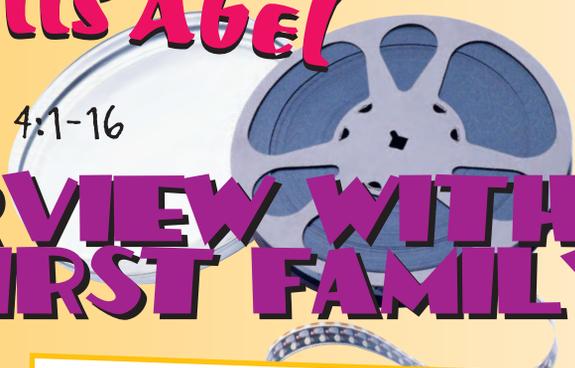




Cain kills Abel

Genesis 4:1-16

INTERVIEW WITH GOD'S FIRST FAMILY



Part 1 Newscast Instructions

What questions would you like to ask Adam and Eve about Genesis 4:1-2?

Adam and Eve are new parents.

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Part 2 Newscast Instructions

What questions would you like to ask Cain and Abel about Genesis 4:2-5?

Argument arises over the quality of two brothers' gifts to God.

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Part 3 Newscast Instructions

What questions would you like to ask Cain about Genesis 4:6-7?

Cain receives counseling and advice.

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Part 4 Newscast Instructions

What questions would you like to ask Cain about Genesis 4:8?

Body discovered in farm field.

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Part 5 Newscast Instructions

What questions would you like to ask Cain about Genesis 4:9-12?

Cain brought to trial for brother's murder.

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Part 6 Newscast Instructions

What questions would you like to ask Cain about Genesis 4:13-16?

Cain pleads for mercy after being found guilty.

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BIBLE FOCUS (THE BASICS)

The first family was getting along quite nicely. Adam and Eve had two sons. The older brother was named Cain, and the younger one was named Abel. Cain's job was to tend the soil, and Abel took care of the animals. Both brothers gave offerings to God. The Bible doesn't say exactly why, but God was pleased with Abel's offering and not pleased with Cain's. The Bible says that Cain offered some of the fruits of the soil, and Abel brought the best portions of the firstborn in his flock, so maybe Abel had a better attitude and more faith.

Cain was upset because God liked Abel's offering better than his. God talked to Cain and said that if Cain did what was right, he would be accepted, too. But Cain did something very wrong. Cain killed Abel. So God punished Cain by sending him away from his presence. But God still protected and cared for Cain, even after he sinned.

Bible Point: God wants us to love our families.

Key Verse: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10).

Jealousy

Jealousy was part of Cain's problem. To combat jealousy in your family, plan a night where everyone will look for ways to praise other family members. Encourage children to think of situations in which they would feel jealous of siblings. Instead of sharing why they're jealous, have children think of a way to praise their siblings. After everyone has shared praises, serve a dessert or some other fun food and enjoy it together. Talk about how much better loving emotions make your family. Then thank God for your family.



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 1 Samuel 18:6-8

Saul was jealous of David's military victories. Jealousy always makes a mess! What can you do to turn jealous feelings around and love your family?

TUESDAY Genesis 4:6-7

God warned Cain about the sin his jealousy could cause. Take a moment to think about how your jealousy could lead you into sin.

WEDNESDAY Mark 10:37-43

Jesus warned the apostles about thinking some were better than others. What can you do to get along with your brothers or sisters or friends?

THURSDAY Romans 12:3-5

Rather than being jealous of something you can't do or don't have, thank God right now for the talents and possessions he's given you. Pray that you won't be jealous about what you don't have.

FRIDAY Genesis 37:5-11

Joseph's brothers' jealousy caused great problems for their family. What can you do with your family to keep jealousy out of your home?

SATURDAY Genesis 45:4-5

Joseph forgave his brothers' jealousy. What can you do to show forgiveness when someone is jealous of you?

Daily Challenge®

Choose one or more of these ways you can love your family this week.

- I'll share my _____
—something I don't usually share—with a family member.
- I'll let a family member be first at anything he or she wants this week.
- I'll do something nice for a family member. That nice thing will be _____.

