



Sin Spread to People | Oct 10, 2021 | 3 year olds and 4 year olds

God created everything and everything He created was good. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve and spread to impact everyone. God shows His goodness that despite our sin He desires a relationship with us.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 4-5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do we need a rescuer? God created everything and it was good, but sin wrecked the world and separated us from God.

CHRIST'S CONNECTION: Adam and Eve's sin and its consequences spread to all of their descendants. But God did not forget His promise to send a Rescuer. At just the right time, God would send His Son to save sinners.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

BIBLE PASSAGE CONTEXT

Siblings often fight and compete as children and even adults. It may be over something as innocent as who gets the last cookie or as serious as who inherits their parents prized heirloom.

The competition Cain felt toward Abel- the world's first siblings- reminds us that these family tensions can cause great damage to our relationships with one another, with parents, and even with God.

In the story of Cain and Abel, we find a progressing pattern of jealousy and anger within Cain. Cain raged not only because his offering was rejected by God, but also because his brother's offering was accepted by the Lord. Cain's jealousy led him into a pit of misdirected hatred of Abel, ultimately leading him to murder his brother. The consequence of sin- death- that God had warned Adam and Eve about had come to fruition.

Jealousy never produces anything godly in us. And why is that? It's primarily because jealousy is nothing more than proof that we have staked our identity on what we have done or can do, rather than on what God has done through us.

When you're tempted to compare yourself to others, let that trigger a reminder of who you are in Christ.

Second Corinthians 5:17 tells us that "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." As a child of God, our identity is not dependent upon what we do, but instead upon what Christ has done to save us through His life, death and resurrection. Rather than living in the comparison between ourselves and others, let's live in the confidence that we have been made new. In Christ, we are fully loved and accepted.

Fight the temptation to compare. Fight the urge to compete with others before God. And trust in the finished work of Christ. For you are not your own; you were bought with a price. And that price is one you could never repay.

People to Know:

Cain- Adam and Eve's first son. He killed his brother Abel.

Abel- Adam and Eve's second son. His name means "breath" or "vapor"

Seth- Adam and Eve's third son. He was an ancestor of Jesus.

TAKEAWAYS

- Today's Bible story shows how sin spread from Adam and Eve to their sons
- When Cain killed Abel it was because sin spreads from one to another.
- Cain was jealous of Abel. Jealousy never produces anything Godly in us.
- We must fight to not let sinful thoughts and feelings take over our actions.
- **Bottom Line:** We all sin and all sin has consequences.

Small Group Prayer: "God, help us to have control over sin so that our sin does not control us. Thank You for remembering Your promise to send a Savior. Thank You for Jesus, who rescues us from our sin. Help us to confess and believe. Amen."

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Bean Bag Toss

What You Need: Toss Fold Up, Bean Bags, painter's tape for floor

What You Do:

Set up the Toss game. Put a taped line on the floor to mark where kids will stand to toss. Younger kids might need to stand closer. Give each kid 3 tries to toss a bean bag in the holes. Celebrate any victory.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's pray and listen to our story today."

Introduce the Story

Adam and Eve had a family. Their son Cain grew food to eat. Their son Abel took care of sheep. One day, Cain gave God some of his crops. Abel gave God some of his sheep. God was happy with Abel's gift but not with Cain's. Cain was angry. God warned Cain not to make a wrong choice. Cain did not listen. God punished Cain and sent him away. After Cain left, Eve had another son named Seth. Adam and Eve's family grew."

Play a Worship Song or 2 from DVD or Roku
Play the Teaching Video on DVD or Roku

APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Make a sheep Mask

What You Need: sheep mask printable (1 per kid), popsicle sticks (1 per kid), tape, crayons

What You Do:

- Distribute mask one per kid with crayons.
- Instruct kids to color their masks.
- When done coloring, give each kid a popsicle stick and piece of tape to attach to bottom of the mask.
- When they are finished, demonstrate how the children can place their faces through the mask to act like sheep.

What You Say "Abel was a shepherd who took care of sheep. He offered God some of his sheep. This please God, but it made his brother Cain mad. Because he was mad, Cain made a wrong choice. This was a sin, and God punished Cain by sending him away. Everyone in Adam and Eve's family made wrong choice too. God loves us even when we make wrong choices.

TRANSITION ACTIVITY: Build an Altar

What You Need: assorted blocks

What You Do:

- Spread the blocks around the room.
- Invite kids to walk around the room to find a brick or box.
- Ask them to bring them to the middle of the room.
- Tell the kids you need help building an altar.
- Direct kids to place their items on the floor, one on top of the other, to create an altar shape.

What You Say: “We have built an altar with our blocks. In Bible times, people would place their gifts to God on an altar. Today, we are going to talk about Adam and Eve’s children and what happened to their family after Adam and Eve sinned and left God’s beautiful garden. At just the right time God would send His Son Jesus, to save sinners.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **Are there situations when it is ok to lie?**
- **Why does God want us to be honest?**
- **How did Cain let sin control him?** Help the kids understand that Cain’s jealousy was not sin on it’s own. When Cain was jealous God warned him that he needed to control those feelings because sin was near. Guide the kids to discuss how feelings alone are not sinful. When we let those feelings control our thoughts, words or actions, then we have let sin control our hearts.
- **What was the real reason God asked Cain, “Where is your brother?”** Guide the kids to consider whether God really needed help finding Abel. Help them understand that God already knew what had happened to Abel. God was giving Cain an opportunity to confess his sin and tell the truth. Help the kids to understand that God knows everything about us. He wants us to trust Him with our sin, be able to confess our sins and ask for help obeying him.
- **Can God punish sin and still love us?** Help the kids understand that sin must be punished. God must punish sin because He is holy and righteous. Help the kids consider even in God’s punishment of sin, He can still love people and show mercy. Just as God punished Cain by sending Him away, He also showed Cain mercy by putting a mark on Cain that would protect him. Help the kids consider how God can show us mercy even in our sin.
- **What should we do when we sin?** Guide kids to discuss how to seek forgiveness with God and with other people. We can repent- turn from our sin and turn back to God. We can confess our wrongdoing and ask forgiveness. Prompt kids to think of someone who might feel hurt by something they did. Encourage kids to seek forgiveness this week. Discuss how kids may need to make right what was wrong. For example, if they broke a friend’s toy, they may need to replace it. Read Colossians 3:13.

TRANSITION TO HOME: Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.