

CAIN AND ABEL

Genesis 4:1-16

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¹Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” ²Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”

⁸Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

¹⁰The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.

¹¹Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.

¹²When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear.

¹⁴Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

¹⁵But the LORD said to him, “Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. ¹⁶So Cain went out from the LORD’S presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Cain give as an offering to the Lord?
5		2.) What did Abel give as an offering to the Lord?
5		3.) What was the Lord's punishment for Cain?
5		4.) Why do you think Cain killed his brother Abel?

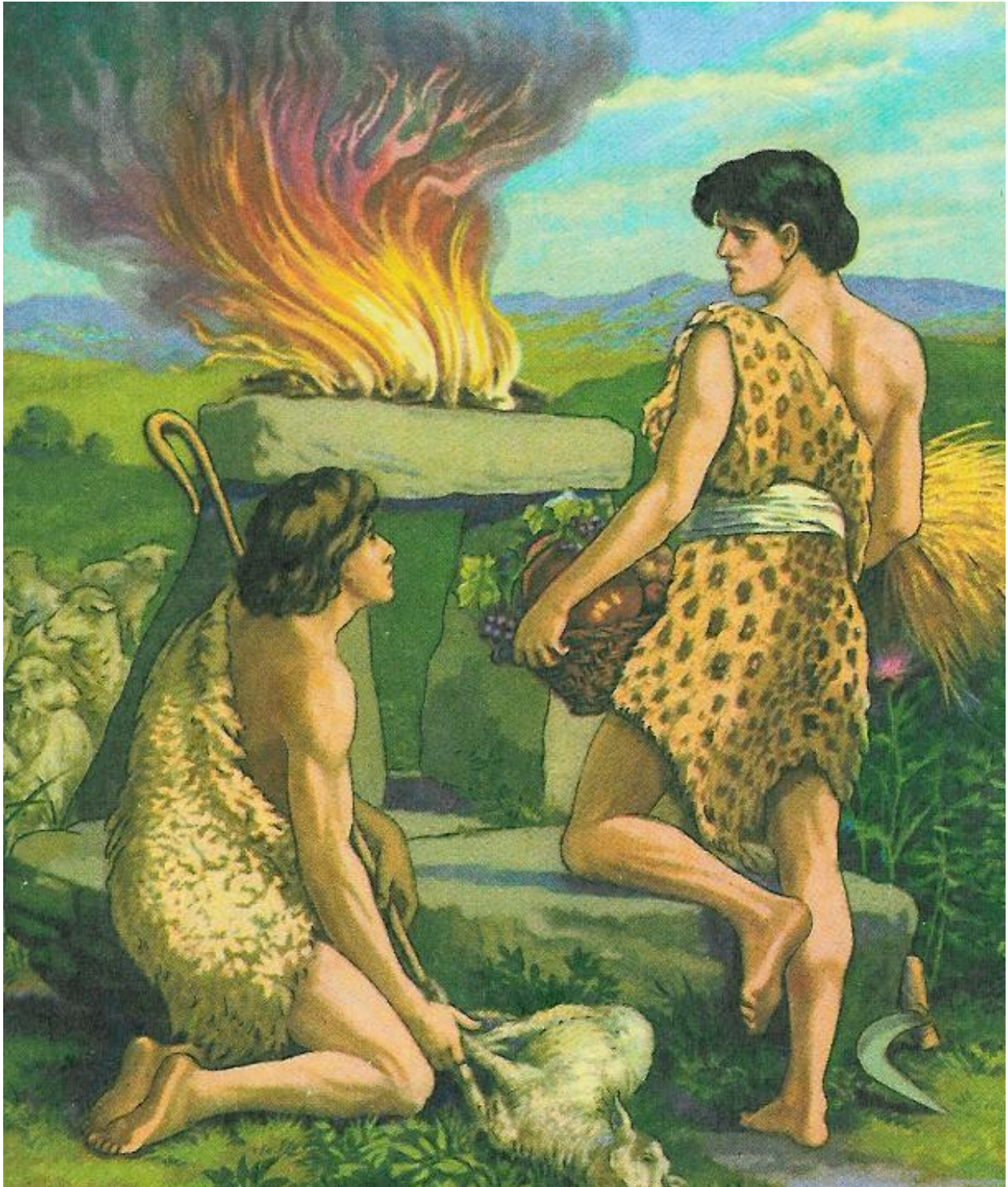
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__

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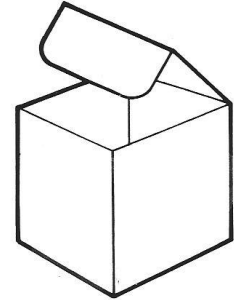
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: OFFERING BOXES

Students will make an “offering box” to place things in it that they can offer to God.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 Lb. Cardstock
2. Offering Box Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Tape or Glue
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “offering box” pattern onto 67 Lb. Cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color/decorate their offering box.
3. Instruct them to cut out the box pattern on the solid black lines, and fold on the dotted lines.
4. Use tape or glue to affix the tabs to the sides of the box.
5. Help students write down things in the squares things that they can place in their offering box as an offering to God.
6. Put all “offerings” in the box and seal.

FOR DISCUSSION

While the students are making their “offering boxes”, discuss what kinds of offerings are appropriate to God. Some examples include: praise, respect, honor, worship, prayer, money, etc. In Hebrews 11:4, Abel is commended as a righteous man because his offering was by faith. Cain’s offering was not by faith and did not please God. Help students realize that God is pleased with offerings that are from the heart vs. those that are given grudgingly.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

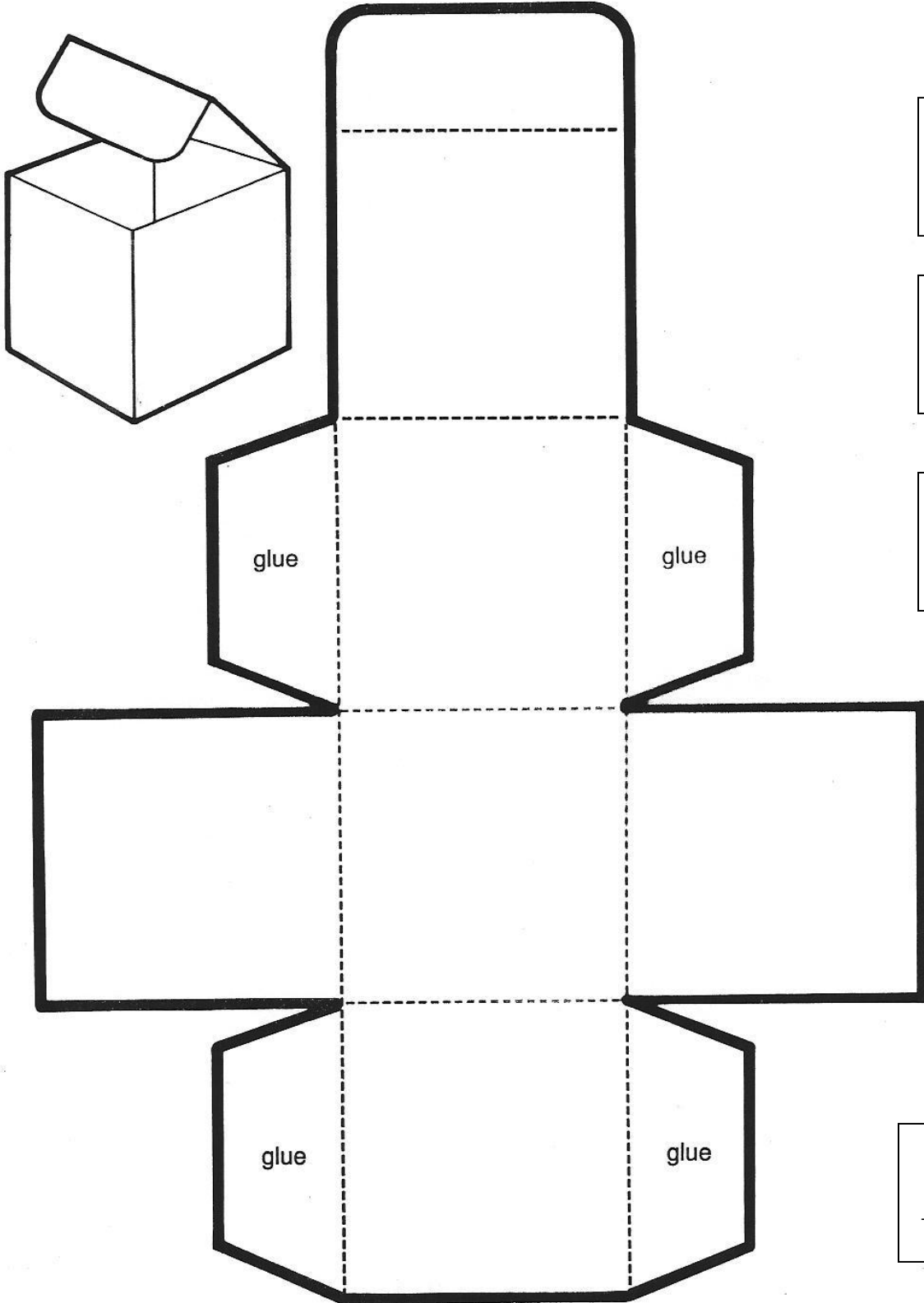
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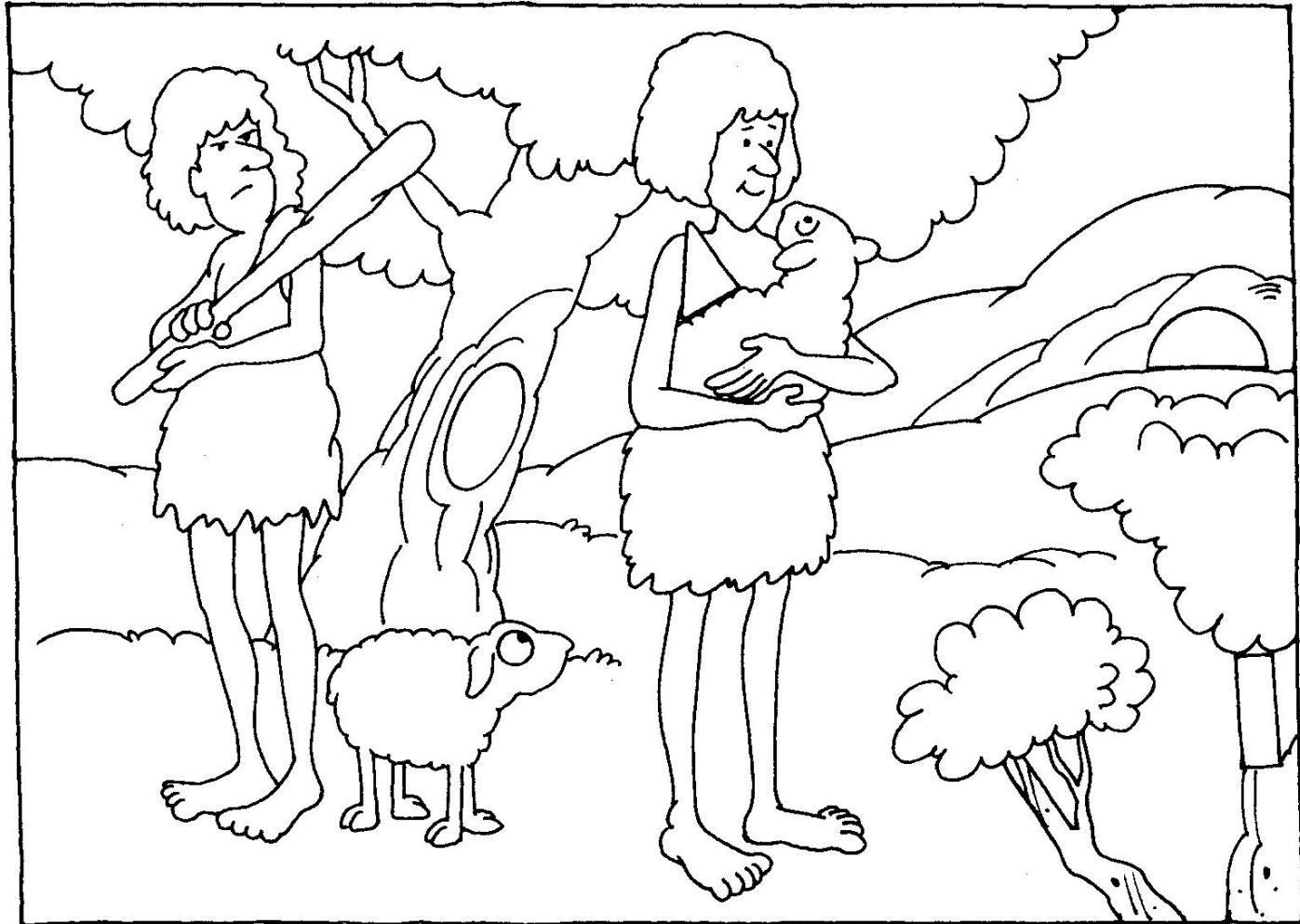
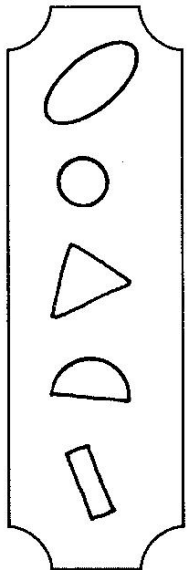
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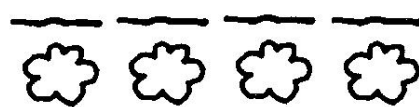
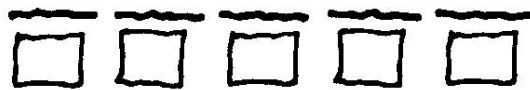
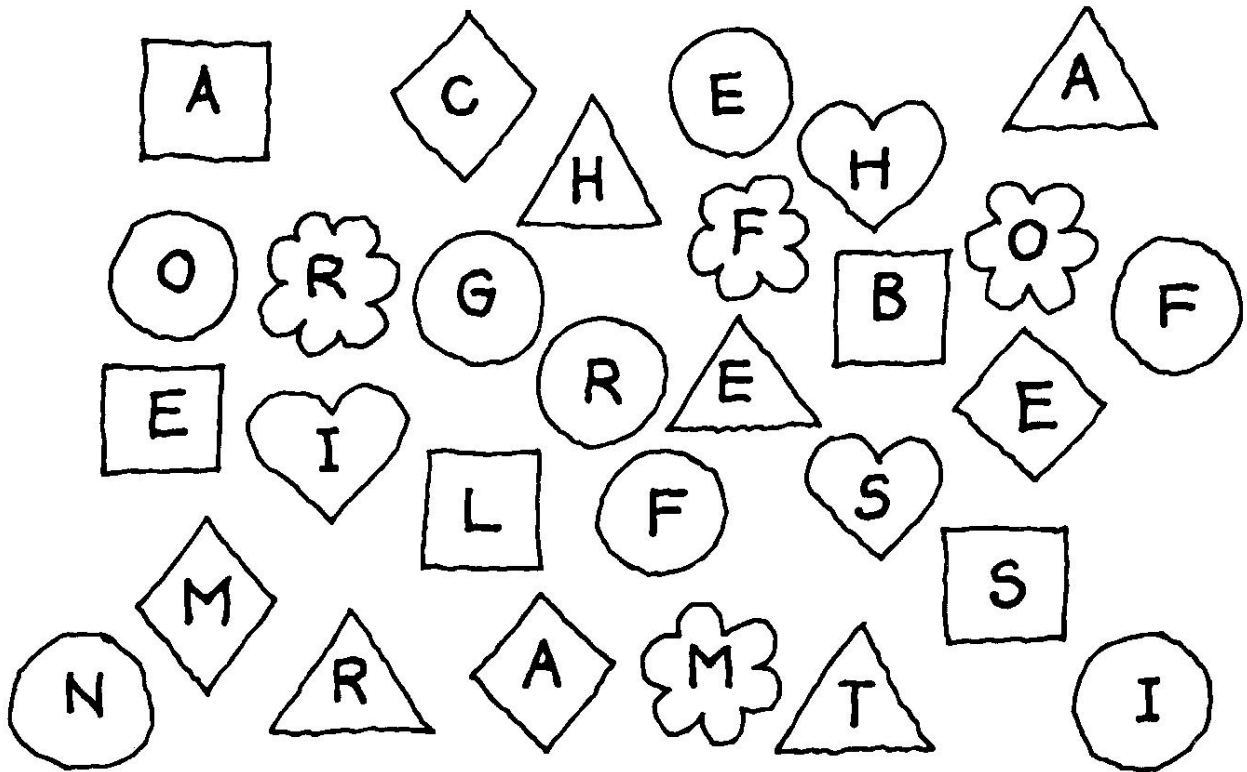


Adam and Eve had two sons named Cain and Abel. Cain was a farmer and Abel was a shepherd. One time Cain became so iealous of Abel that he killed him.

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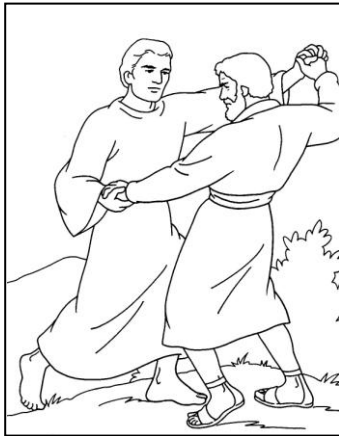
To solve this puzzle, find all the letters in each shape. Unscramble the letters found in the same shape to discover why God looked with favor on Abel's offering and not with favor on Cain's offering. Then read the story in Genesis 4:1-15.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON GENESIS 4:1-16

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Adam and Eve had two sons. The older son's name was Cain, and the younger son's name was Abel.

Cain worked the soil while Abel took care of the flocks.

Both Cain and Abel brought an offering to the Lord. Cain brought some fruits of the soil. Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn in his flock.

The Lord was pleased with Abel's offering, but not pleased with Cain's offering.

Cain was very angry. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?"

Cain went out in the field with his brother Abel. Then Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

The Lord asked Cain where his brother Abel was. Cain answered, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The Lord told Cain that because of what he had done, he would wander the earth. Cain was worried that someone might try to kill him. The Lord put a mark on Cain's head so that no one would kill him.

To find out more details about this story, read Genesis 4:1-16 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What were the names of Adam and Eve's sons?
2. What did Cain and Abel offer to the Lord?
3. What did Cain do to Abel?
4. Why do you think Cain killed Abel?

MEMORY VERSE

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WORD SCRAMBLE

CAIN	ABEL	ATTACK
OFFERING	LORD	KILL

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LKIL _____

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CKATAT _____

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