

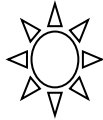
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Lesson: Cain and Abel

Life Point: "Give God your Best"

Scripture Study

Genesis 4:1-5
Hebrews 11:4



Prayer

Dear loving Father I pray for the children in my class today, I pray that they learn to give you the best in their lives. Help me teach them how to be humble before you. In Jesus name. Amen.

- Be silly and have fun!
- Pray for the children before class begins.
- Keep the group lesson to 15 minutes. You can reinforce the **Life Point** through play, activities and special one on one time with the child.

Bible Verse Focus

"Abel brought God his best..."
Genesis 4:4



Sing to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus"

Adopted by Kenia Sawyer

Cain and Abel gave to God,
Gave to God, gave to God.
Cain and Abel gave to God,
On a sunny day.

Cain's gift was not his best,
Not his best, not his best
Cain's gift was not his best,
And God was sad.

Abel gave his very best,
Very best, very best.
Abel gave his very best,
And God was glad.

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Object Lesson

(15 minutes)

Preparation:

-Arrange the children in a circle.

- April Bible Stories Board

- Stuffed animal or doll

Connect with the children by making motions as you tell the story.

Engage the children to do as you do.

Have the kids retell the story however they remember it!

Hi children! Can you give a friend a handshake? (Wait for children to follow directions). Would you like to sing a song? Well, my friend here (stuffed animal on lap) loves to sing to Jesus and I do too! Sing with me:

(sing "Cain and Abel Gave to God" two times)

Now we are going to read a story! (From the book *Read Me a Bible Story*, read *Cain and Abel & Gifts for God* (page 14 and 15))

- Encourage the children to look and touch the pictures on the Story Board.
- Engage the children. "The child that pays the closes attention will get to hold my friend." (A special stuffed animal)
- As you are reading to the children be expressive. Encourage them to repeat key phrases after you, such as: **"I will give God my best."**
- After the story encourage the toddlers to complete a coloring page or do a craft.
- Ask questions about the story.
- With the babies it helps to retell the story as you hold them and they look at the story board.

Teaching Tips

- *Share the children's positive interactions with their parents.*
- *Be creative! Do not be embarrassed to make noises, use strange voices and funny facial expressions. This will help the infants and toddlers make a connection with you and the lesson.*
- *Lean on your Junior Helpers! They can be of great help by redirecting the older children and holding the babies while you teach.*

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Mommy teach me about...

Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-5)

- Play restaurant with your child. Pretend the food is very good, say thank you and give your child a big hug.
- Color this page with your child and talk about: Why is it important that we give God our best?
- Cain made the choice to be angry with his brother and with God. Cain had the choice to repent, say sorry to God and ask if he could bring him a better gift than before. We should always give God and each other our best, but when we do not, we should repent and ask God for another opportunity to bless Him.

