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LESSON 3

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Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God punished them by expelling them from the Garden of Eden and cutting them off from the tree of life. But He also promised that a Savior would come to save them from their sins. Soon afterward, Adam and Eve had two sons: Cain and then Abel. Judging by how Cain turned out, Eve likely thought that Cain was that Savior. Adam and Eve probably spoiled Cain and did not correct him often. He grew up to become a selfish man.

Abel also sinned and made mistakes. But he repented of his selfish attitude and tried to obey God. That is why the Bible calls him “righteous Abel.”

Cain grew up to be a farmer who raised fruits and vegetables. Abel became a herder of sheep.

God told Adam and Eve to kill a lamb and burn it on an altar at certain times of the year. This reminded them that a Savior would have to be killed to save them from their sins. It reminded them of how much they needed to stop sinning and repent. Adam and Eve taught this to their children.

When the time came to offer this sacrifice, Abel showed a very humble attitude and sacrificed his best lamb to God. But Cain was selfish. He did not want to repent or give up his best lamb, so he brought some vegetables instead.

Cain’s sacrifice upset God because Cain had disobeyed His

instructions and had not given his best. God rejected Cain's sacrifice. But God told Cain that if he did his best in the future, then He would accept his sacrifices.

But Cain did not try to do his best. He grew angry with God for rejecting his sacrifice. He became jealous of Abel and even began to hate him. Cain was thinking more and more selfishly—more and more like Satan!

One day, when Cain was alone with his brother in a field, he attacked Abel and murdered him!

Cain hid his brother's body so no one would know what he had done. When God asked Cain where Abel was, Cain lied and said he did not know. But God knew the horrible sin Cain had committed. To punish Cain and to protect the rest of Adam and Eve's family, God sent Cain away to a land called Nod.

Cain never repented of his horrible sin. He married one of his sisters (there were no other women to marry), and he took her with him. They had children who were also raised to be very evil. They did what they thought was best, not what God said was best. Because of this, they were selfish and hateful and became liars, thieves and murderers.

Adam lived for 930 years and had many more children. Some time after Cain murdered Abel and was sent away, Adam and Eve had a son named Seth. Like Abel, Seth tried to live God's way. God used Seth and some of his descendants to warn people that Satan's way brings only violence and misery.



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Adam and Eve's family began with Cain and Abel.



Abel watches over his sheep as a shepherd.



Cain works as a farmer.



Abel sacrifices a lamb to God.



Cain offers God produce from his farm.



Cain murders his brother Abel.



Cain and his wife are exiled.



Adam and Eve rejoice at the birth of Seth.

What Happened First?

Put the events in order from first to last.

- ___ Cain gives vegetables as a sacrifice.
- ___ Adam and Eve have more children, including Seth.
- ___ Seth tries to live God's way.
- ___ God expels Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.
- ___ Adam and Eve sacrifice lambs to God.
- ___ Adam and Eve have sons, and name them Cain and Abel.
- ___ God doesn't like Cain's sacrifice.
- ___ Cain becomes angry and kills Abel.
- ___ Abel sacrifices his best lamb.
- ___ God sent Cain away to Nod.