



Who is God? God is our Creator and the King of everything.

Week 41: May 18, 2025

Bible Story Point: Sin Separates Us from God.

Key Passage: How countless are your works, LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. (Psalm 104:24)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

The First Family (Genesis 4)

Genesis 4 offers insight into the first family in history—showcasing the deathly reality of sin and merciful nature of God. Here, we read of Abel's blood that was wrongfully shed, which cried out for condemnation. In contrast, however, the gospel speaks of a different firstborn Son whose blood provides everlasting life to us instead.

How does Cain's life differ from Eve's expectations for her firstborn son? What can we learn about sin, sacrifice, and the God who is worthy of worship?

Brothers Cain and Abel both offered sacrifices to God, but the former's offering wasn't truly a sacrifice—pleasing to God and reflective of His true worth. God spoke directly to Cain asking him to consider why he felt so rejected by His response to the offering. God also warned him that though sin's temptations were strong, he could rule over it. Yet Cain did not heed the words of his Creator. Instead, he chose destruction and would soon end his own brother's life.

God drew near to Cain and addressed his wrongdoings, acknowledging the unjust death of the righteous Abel. God told Cain that he was now cursed. As a result, Cain would not receive back from the earth the fruit of his labors and would wander for the rest of his days. Even still, God protected Cain from the fate he forced upon his brother; he received protection against the threat of death by another's hands. However, this act was only a glimmer of God's mercy toward sinners. The greatest picture we see of His mercy is in Jesus' blood shed at the cross, the ultimate offering to satisfy God's wrath toward our unrighteousness.

Reflect on Jesus' righteousness in light of the unrighteousness of Cain, Adam and Eve, and the rest of mankind. The promised descendant who would redeem us amidst our sin wasn't Eve's firstborn son, but Jesus, the firstborn of all creation. God's plan has always been to redeem us through faith in His Son. Pray that your kids hearts will be opened to the mercy of their Creator who leads us away from destruction and into everlasting life.

- What were the names of Adam & Eve's first two children? Cain & Abel
- What was Cain's job? Worker of the ground
- What was Abel's Job? Keeper of Sheep
- Which offering was God more pleased with? Abel's offering of a sheep
- What happened between the two brothers? Jealousy—to the point that Cain killed his brother Abel
- How does sin hurt our relationships in our lives today?
- What can we understand about God through His response to Cain's Sin?
- How is Jesus greater than the first son?
- How should we respond to sin in our life and others?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for having a plan to save us from sin. Ask God to help you combat sin in your life . Ask God for a plan to help you overcome sinful desires in your life. Remember, God's Word and Prayer has power .

Wednesday Night: May 21— Outdoor Water Games 6:00pm

Wear your swimsuit and sunscreen and bring a towel and let's cool off in the water!

Parental help is welcomed for those not involved in church activities.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, May 25th

The Great Flood (Genesis 6-9)

- What was going on in the world? God saw wickedness, bad people and bad behavior, in the world.
- What was good about Noah? Noah walked with God.
- What did God tell Noah to build? A huge boat, the "Ark"
- Who and what got on the Ark when it was completed?
- How many days did it rain?
- How many days after the rain before they could see land?

Upcoming Activities:

May 19	Mom's Bible Study 9AM
May 21	Acton Nature Center 6:00—7:30 (Tentative)
May 28	No Kids Activities Pick up "Faith@Home" pamphlet
May 30	VBS Workday 9AM to Noon
June 2-6	VBS—Magnified
June 11	Skate Night at Granbury Skate Rink Family Event (Preschool—High School)
June 14	Family Lake day DeCordova Bend Park 10—2 Hot Dogs for lunch
June 18	Camp parent Meeting 6PM in Castle
June 15—21	Youth Camp
June 20—24	Kids @ Kamp
June 25	Making Estes Rockets 6:15 – 7:30
July 2	Launching Estes Rockets 6:15 – 7:30

