

God's Little People

Lessons From Kids of the Bible

Lesson 1

ABEL - A Lesson on Doing Right

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-15

Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:4 - "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice. . ."

TEACHER OBJECTIVE: It is always right to do right! Every student needs to understand the truth that it is always right to do what is right even if their friends or relatives do not do what is right. A good example of a young person in the Bible who did right in spite of others around him is this young man called ABEL. Hebrews 11:4 says concerning Abel when he brought the right sacrifice that ". . .he obtained witness that he was righteous. . ."

INTRODUCTION: The second person ever to be born in the history of all this world was a boy by the name of ABEL. When Abel lived, there were only four human beings on the whole earth and still there were problems.

I **FACTS ABOUT THE FAMILY OF ABEL**

- A. The name ABEL means "exhalation" (like letting out a deep breath)
- B. Abel's dad was a man named ADAM, the first man ever created. (Genesis 2:19)
- C. Abel's mom was a lady named EVE, the first woman ever created. (Genesis 3:20)
- D. Abel had one older brother named CAIN whose name means "acquisition" (Genesis 4:1)
- E. Cain grew up to become a farmer and raised fruits and vegetables. Abel grew up to become a shepherd and raised sheep.

II **FAILURES IN THE FAMILY OF ABEL**

Nobody in Abel's family did what was right. It is always right to obey God's commands. Everybody in Abel's family disobeyed God and broke God's commands. "Sin" is the word that means one has broken God's commands. (1 John 3:4)

- A. Eve disobeyed God
God had commanded Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge

of good and evil. (Genesis 2:16-17) But, Eve disobeyed God and ate of this tree. (Genesis 3:1-6) **Eve did not do what was right!**

- B. Adam disobeyed God
God had commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:16-17) But, when Adam saw that Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit, he also disobeyed God and ate of this tree. (Genesis 3:6) **Adam did not do what was right!**
- C. Cain disobeyed God
God had made it known that the only kind of offering He would accept was a blood offering. Remember when God made clothes for Adam and Eve, He had to kill an animal to get its skin to make their clothes. An animal's blood had to be shed. (Genesis 3:21) Cain knew what kind of offering God wanted, but he disobeyed God and brought his fruits and vegetables instead. **Cain did not do what was right!**

CONCLUSION: Abel knew that his dad had done wrong. Abel knew that his mom had done wrong. Abel knew that his big brother was doing wrong. But, in his heart Abel said, "I don't care what wrong things they do, I am going to do what God said to do." Abel brought a little lamb, a blood offering, to give to God. Abel was saying, "I have to do what is right even if nobody in my family does what is right!" Romans 14:12 - "So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God:" **Learn a lesson from Abel.**

QUESTION: Will you do what is right even if nobody else does what is right? "Do right, though the stars fall. Do right!" (Bob Jones, Sr.)

TEACHER TIP: Depending on the age of your students, explain that today we do not have to bring the blood sacrifice to God because Jesus gave His life on the cross and shed His blood for our sins. He made that offering so that we don't have to now. All we need to do is accept His offering by asking forgiveness of our sins and ask Jesus to be our Saviour.