

Roots
WBS Kids' Lesson #04
Genesis 4

Hook: Listen to this story: One day two brothers collected some of their things to give to other kids in need. The oldest brother grabbed one of his old stuffed animals, a shirt he never liked anyway, and a book that was in pretty good shape and tossed them all into the giveaway box. But the younger brother looked around his room and gave a lot of thought about what he had that could bless others. He knew that giving to others in need was the same as giving to God. So, he took his new, unopened box of markers, a toy car that he bought with his own money and his favorite book. He carefully placed his items in the box and then prayed that the kids receiving them would know that God loved them. Each brother did something nice—each gave some of their things to others—but what was the difference in *how* they gave?

Book: The story I just told you is pretend, but the book of Genesis tells us a true story about two brothers—they were sons of Adam and Eve. The oldest one, Cain, was a farmer and worshipped God by giving Him some of the food he grew. The younger son, Abel, was a shepherd. He gave God the first and best of his animals. Both brothers gave back to God some of what they had, but God was only pleased with Abel's gifts and not Cain's. The Bible says, "**The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.**"

Look: Did you know that God knows our hearts and what we really think and feel? We can't fool God! When we worship and honor God, He wants us to do it for real—because we truly love Him—and not because we feel like we should or so that others will see us and think we're being good. The Lord wants us to worship Him and serve Him because we want to...because we love Him.

Took: The next time you put money in the offering or help someone in need or even sing songs of praise to God, think about what you're doing and why you're doing it. Ask God to help you mean it with all your heart. Give with a good and happy attitude because you love Him. Remember, He loves you more than you can imagine!

Bible Verse: "The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor." Genesis 4:4b-5a

Prayer: "Dear Lord, You are all-knowing so You know my thoughts and attitudes. Help me to please You in how I serve and worship You. Amen."

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what we learned

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memory verse

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Genesis 4:4b, 5a**



parent/child activity

Talk with your child about how much God loves him/her. Then draw some pictures together of what you can give back to God to honor and worship Him and thank Him for His great love. Draw a heart or some money in an offering basket. Draw a picture of serving someone else because when we serve others, we are serving Him. Or, draw a picture of yourself...with a smile on your face. Then, pray the prayer below together:



daily prayer

"Dear Lord, You are all-knowing so You know my thoughts and attitudes. Help me to please You in how I serve and worship You. I want to have a sincere heart. Amen."