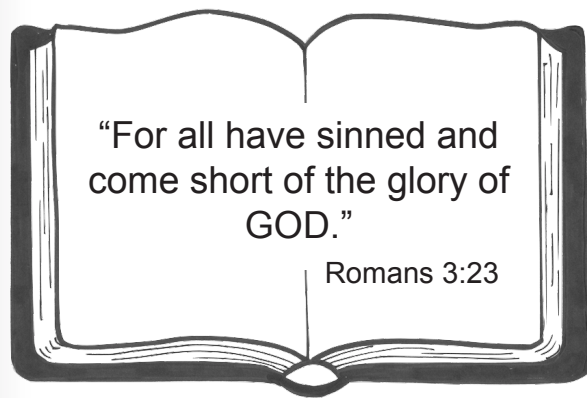


Man Seeks GOD

... but *Fails*



TRUTH SEEKER



ACTIVITY

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"Teachable Moments"

OBJECTIVE: God made mankind with a natural emptiness in his soul that was designed to be filled with a relationship or friendship with God. That friendship was perfect and enjoyable for Adam and Eve. The entrance of SIN into the world and "time" changed the way man could relate to God. Thankfully, God provided the solution to this problem of SIN. We want to help our children understand that **God's Plan** is the answer and He shows us this plan in His Word, **the BIBLE**.

☀ **Simple Truths:** These four truths are necessary for establishing the clear understanding that God alone can provide the answer for man's sin problem. We are helpless to find our way to a relationship with God. In your discussion with your children, be sure to read the scriptures or let them read, if able.

☀ **Activity Pages:** These pages can be done along with the discussion times because they too are learning opportunities:

- #1 - Cain & Abel
- #2 - Man's Failure
Man Tries, but Fails
- #3 - What About You

☀ **Enjoy singing & learning together:** *I Love God's Word*
(from last week's lesson)
Only One Way

☀ **Memorize:** Romans 3:23

☀ **Review:** Occasionally reviewing previous lessons, the songs and the memory verses will help you see how well your children are learning the truths of God's Word.

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

Simple Truths

1 All mankind is born sinful.

Now what? Can man have friendship with God?

--Our **SIN** keeps us away from the presence of God.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; You cannot tolerate wrong." (Habakkuk 1:13)

--Man thinks he can come to God; he tries, but fails.

2 Man tries to find God, but fails.

What did Cain & Abel know about God?

--We don't know for sure, but their actions must have been prompted by what their parents had told them.

"In the course of time Cain brought. . .but Abel brought. . ."
(Genesis 4: 3 & 4)

Can man find God, his own way? --NO

--Man's heart is dark with sin.

--Man's thoughts are selfish and evil.

--Sinful people don't really want to know God.

--Man's disobedience to God and sinful behavior toward other people is portrayed throughout the entire BIBLE.

--Adam & Eve's children, Cain and Abel demonstrate what is acceptable to God and what is not.

*"In the course of time Cain brought some of the **fruits of the soil** as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought **fat portions from some of firstborn of his flock**. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor . . ."* (Gen. 4:3, 4 & 5)

3 God tells His own plan to Man.

Where can I find God's Plan?

--God reveals His Plan to rescue mankind from SIN in the BIBLE.

Is God's Plan for everyone?---YES

--**God loves all** of His created work so His Plan is for all.

"For God so loved the world . . ." (John 3:16)

--**God demonstrates His love** through His Plan.

*"But GOD **demonstrates His own love** for us in this: . . ."*
(Rom. 5:8)

(The lesson next week will share God's Plan.)

4 **God's Plan** is the Only Way to Him.

What is God's Plan for mankind?

--God wants mankind to learn about Him. We must learn who God is. Through the course of our **Truth Seekers** lessons we will be discover more and more about who are God is. God has many names; these names can help us better understand His character.

--The history of the world-- it's past, present and future-- demonstrated through the people and the events throughout time, portray our Great God's Plan for us all.

Will God tell us all the details of His plan? ---NO

--Remember that the really important things God wants us to know now are written in His Word, the BIBLE.

NEXT TRUTH SEEKER LESSON

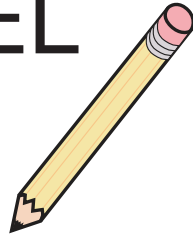
The Gift of
Salvation



CAIN & ABEL

The First Children

Word Search



Cain and Abel's mother was _____.

Cain and Abel's father was _____.

Which brother was the oldest? _____.

Cain was a _____ (his work).

Abel was a _____ (his work).

God accepted Abel's offering because it was _____.

Cain's anger caused him to _____.

S	A	E	C	F	O
H	V	T	A	A	F
E	R	N	I	R	F
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God said (to Cain):



“... why are you angry?

why is your face down cast?

(Genesis 4:6)

Sin in my _____

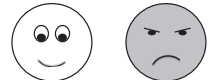
Shows on my _____



How will your face look when you...

(Circle your answer face.)

1. Obey your Mother or Father.



2. Hit or shove your brother or sister.



3. Lie about something you did.



4. Share a cookie with a friend.



5. Are kind to your brother or sister.

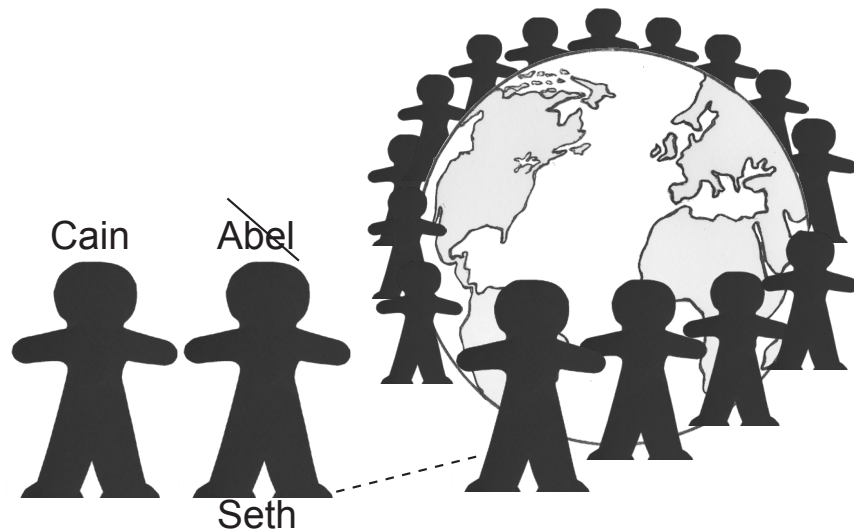


MAN'S FAILURE

"If you do what is right, you will be accepted. But, if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it?"
(Genesis 4:7)



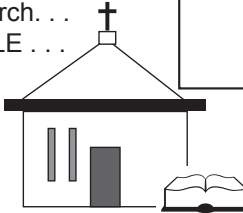
Did Cain control his anger?	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Did Cain do something really bad to his brother?	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

SINFUL PEOPLE: One Generation after another, filling the earth.



"For all have sinned. . . ." Romans 3:23

Man Tries, but Fails

	YES	NO
1 Can you BUY friendship with GOD? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Will trying to BE GOOD ever impress GOD. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Will going to Church . . . Reading the BIBLE . . . Praying earn my way to GOD? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is the ONLY WAY to find friendship with GOD?

Circle every-other-letter in the sequence, below then write those letters on the lines below.



G D O S D L ' A S N P E L D A O N

What About You

Draw your path (find the way), but watch out for the SIN filled heart that will **keep you from GOD**.

Well . . . Did you find God all by yourself?

☐ YES ☐ NO

START
HERE



only one way

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