

Cain & Abel

Sunday School Play

Adam	
Eve	
Cain	
Abel	
Voice	
Narrator	

Narrator: And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. But God's perfect creation was soon marred by sin when Adam & Eve disobeyed Him. Man now became a dying creature, subject to all the frailties and weaknesses of mortality and human nature. The ground also was cursed, bringing forth for the first time thorns and thistles, causing man to toil in the sweat of his face for survival, before ultimately returning to the dust from which he was created. Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden, and the way back in was barred by a cherubim and a flaming sword. But God did not leave His creation without hope. He promised a way back to the tree of life through a redeemer who would come and destroy sin through a perfect life of sacrifice. Adam and Eve lived in hope of that time as all of God's faithful sons and daughters have since. Our play opens with Adam and Eve, together with their grown sons, Cain and Abel, enjoying a meal together.

SCENE 1

Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel sitting together at a table enjoying a meal.

Adam: So, Abel, I hear you have some new lambs!

Abel: Yes, father, five healthy lambs born last night and three the night before!

Eve: That's wonderful, Abel! God has certainly blessed you.

Abel: Yes, I have much to be thankful for.

Adam: And, Cain, how are your crops coming along?

Cain: The weeds are terrible! But I've been working really hard as usual and I'm proud to say that I have the best fruits and vegetables around!

Adam: *with a sigh* Ah, yes, the weeds. I remember the time before thorns and thistles even existed. Life was so different then.

Eve: Yes, it seems too long ago, doesn't it, Adam? Each day was a pleasure. We had no hardships. And then we disobeyed and were driven from the Lord's Garden.

Adam: Yes, and the ground was cursed because of our sin. The Lord told us that we would sweat and toil for our bread, and that has certainly been the case.

Cain: It seems like a pretty harsh punishment just for disobeying one time. I mean we all make mistakes, don't we?

Adam: No, Cain, it was perfectly fair. We knew His commands and I choose to disobey. It was wrong of me. God requires complete obedience in everything.

Eve: And we have a great hope to look forward to. We must remember that the Lord has promised a redeemer who will take away our sin and our suffering. I pray he will come soon.

Adam: And never forget this, sons. The way back to the Tree of Life is through the sacrifice of a lamb. There is no other way.

Abel: *rising to leave* Speaking of lambs, it's getting dark and I'd better go. I've left my sheep with a keeper, but I like to guard them myself.

Cain: *rising to leave* I'm going home, too. Another day of back-breaking work for me tomorrow.

Everyone says goodnight and lights go out

SCENE 2

Cain bent over, tilling in the soil

Narrator: And so Adam and Eve strove to instill in their children the importance of obedience to their Creator and the need to worship Him acceptably. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain and Abel brought their offering to God.

Abel: *carrying a lamb, walks to Cain, who is labouring in his field* Shalom, brother! It's time to make our offering to God.

Cain: I'm nearly ready. Just a few more vegetables. That ought to be good enough. *Throws a few vegetables in his bag*

Abel: Good enough?? Cain, have you forgotten what God has asked for? You need to offer a lamb!

Cain: *growing angry* But I'm a vegetable farmer, Abel! And a very good one too. Growing vegetables is what I do. I'm giving God the very best of my produce. That will have to be good enough for him.

Abel: But, Cain, isn't obedience to God more important?

Cain: *interrupts angrily* Stop bossing me around, little brother! I'm doing this **MY** way!

Abel sighs deeply and walks off, Cain following angrily.

SCENE 3

Two altars on stage. Brothers enter, and each prepare their sacrifice.

Cain: God in heaven, accept the fruit of my labours, the very best of my grains and vegetables.

Waits expectantly and looks around...

Abel: Heavenly Father, God who has made all things, please accept this sacrifice as an offering to cover my sins.

Fire immediately falls from heaven and consumes Abel's sacrifice

Cain: *jumps up shouting angrily* **What?!?!** God has accepted your sacrifice and not mine?! *Marches off stage, looking back and shaking his fist at Abel* You'll pay for this, Abel!!

SCENE 4

Abel watching his sheep as Cain begins to walk down the aisle

Narrator: For this is the message that ye have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of the wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Abel: *stands as he sees Cain approaching, speaks to himself* ... Cain is coming! I wonder what he wants? Maybe he's realized he was wrong and is coming for a lamb...*to Cain* Shalom, Cain!

Cain: Shalom Abel. *pause* Hey, can I have a word with you? Out in the field? It won't take long.

Abel: Sure, Cain. What can I do for you?

Cain and Abel walk into side room. Murder takes place out of sight.

Cain: *marches back onto stage, wiping the blood off of his knife.* That takes care of him!

Voice: Cain! Where is Abel your brother?

Cain: *looking fearful, speaking defensively* I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?

Voice: What have you done, Cain? The voice of your brother's blood cries to me from the ground.

Cain: **What?!?!**

Voice: And now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened her mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand! When you till the ground, it will not yield unto you its strength. You will be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth.

Cain: *holds his head and wails* My punishment is greater than I can bear! Someone will find me and kill me!

Voice: Whoever slays Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold. I have put a mark on you so that no-one who finds you will kill you. Now, go, Cain!

Cain stumbles down the aisle, half running, holding his head...

SCENE 5

Adam and Eve sit together at their table; Cain and Abel's chairs empty

Eve: Oh Adam! We have lost both Cain and Abel!

Adam: *puts his arm around Eve* Abel is not lost to us forever, Eve. Remember he died faithful to God and now sleeps in hope of the resurrection.

Eve: *wipes her tears* Yes, that is a great comfort to me. But Cain... how could he do such a terrible thing?

Adam: *sighs* We chose to disobey God once, too. There is always a way back to Him.

Eve: *shaking her head* I'm afraid Cain will not turn back to God. He doesn't understand God's willingness to forgive.

Adam: We have chosen to serve Yahweh. All of our children make their own choices. Let us pray that they too will choose to serve our God and that our redeemer will soon come that the way to the Tree of Life may be opened once more.

They bow their heads in prayer and lights go out.