

Bible Passage: Genesis 4-5

CHRIST CONNECTION: God promised to send Jesus.

Key Passage: We all make wrong choices. Romans 3:23

CIRCLE TIME

Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Revelation 1. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Pray.

BIBLE STORY

Genesis 3

Adam and Eve had a family. Their son Cain grew food to eat. Their son Abel took care of sheep. One day, Cain gave God some of his crops. Abel gave God some of his sheep. God was happy with Abel's gift but not with Cain's. Cain was angry. God warned Cain not to make a wrong choice. Cain did not listen. God punished Cain and sent him away. After Cain left, Eve had another son named Seth. Adam and Eve's family grew.

ACTIVITIES

Use these activities as you play and interact with toddlers while they are in your care.

SING A BIBLE STORY SONG

Sing to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb":

"Holy, holy is the Lord, is the Lord, is the Lord!

Holy, holy is the Lord! He alone is God."

Say: God is holy. That means God always does what is right, and He never does what is wrong. The Bible tells us that everyone has sinned. God planned to send Jesus to make everything right.

Gather sheep

Using the provided sheep, scatter them on the ground. Encourage children to gather the sheep and place them in the "pen" (a basket). After they gather the sheep, tell the Bible story.

Say: God blessed Adam and Eve with a large family. Cain was a farmer; Abel took care of sheep. Cain gave crops as a gift to God, and Abel gave sheep. God was happy with Abel's gift, but not with Cain's. Cain was angry! Adam and Eve's family did not obey God. You and I are part of Adam and Eve's family too. Everyone disobeys God. God promised to send Jesus because He loves us.

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CLOSING ACTIVITES

Before doing closing activities, please have the children help you clean up the toys and materials that have been used today. After the room is cleaned up, set out crayons and let children work on today's **Bible Story Coloring Page** until their parents arrive. You can also choose a book to read to the children as they color or for those who don't want to color. Please make the effort to have the children quietly engaged when parents arrive.

When parents arrive to pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

- 1) Clean and put away toys.
- 2) Use sanitizing spray to wipe down tables.
- 3) Sweep up any cracker crumbs or dirt.
- 4) Please return your bin, binder, and sign-in clipboard to the resource room across from Toddler A.