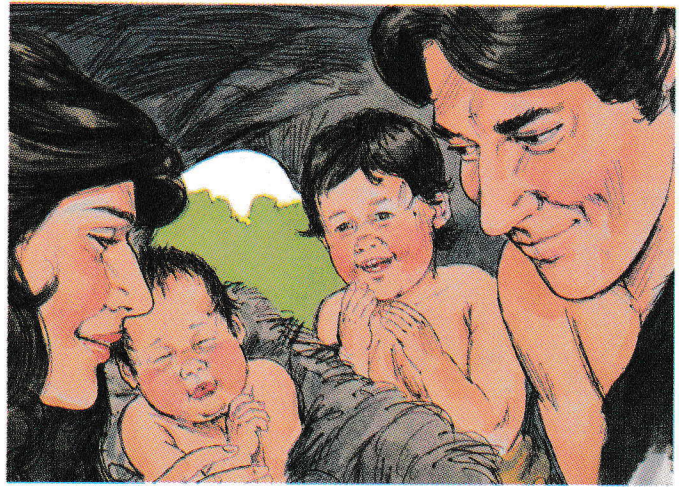
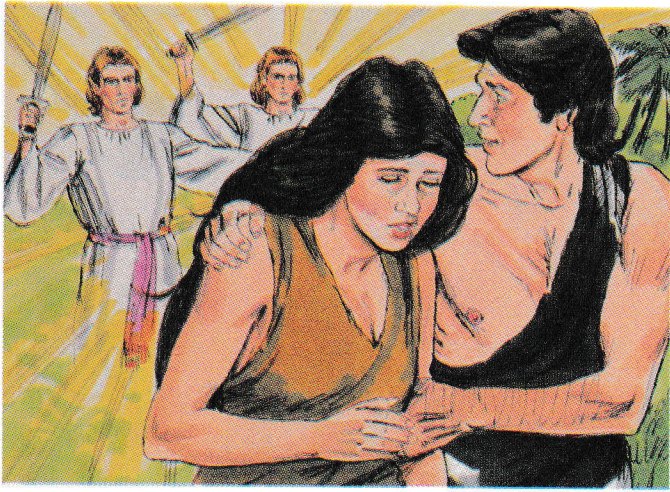
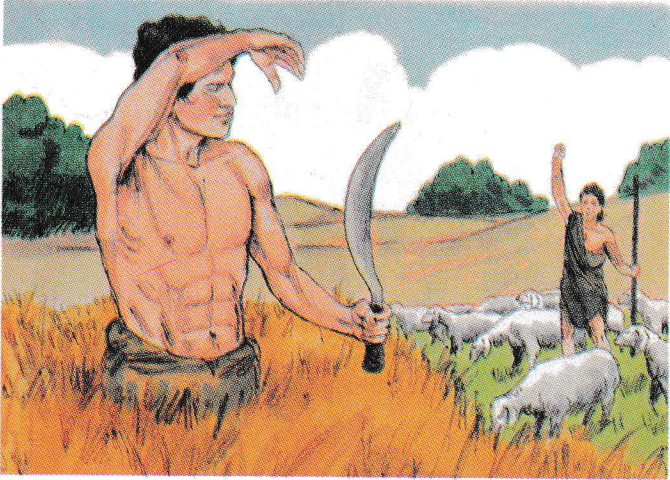


# Cain and Abel



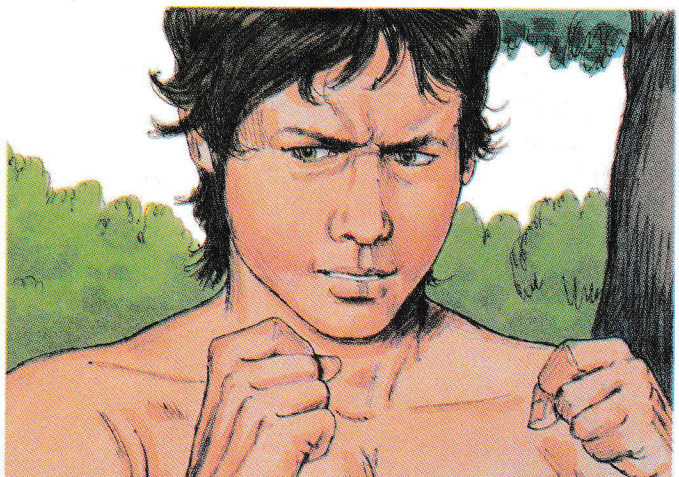
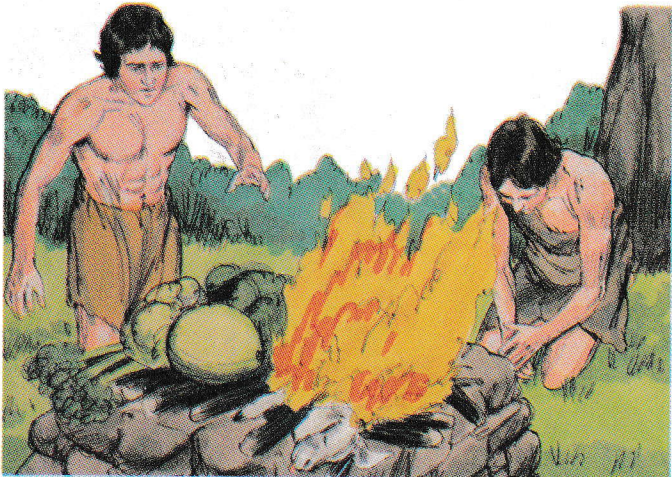
**1** Because of their sin, Adam and Eve could no longer live in the garden of Eden. The sin they had brought into the world would cause even more trouble later.

**2** Adam and Eve had two sons. They named the first son Cain. The second they named Abel.



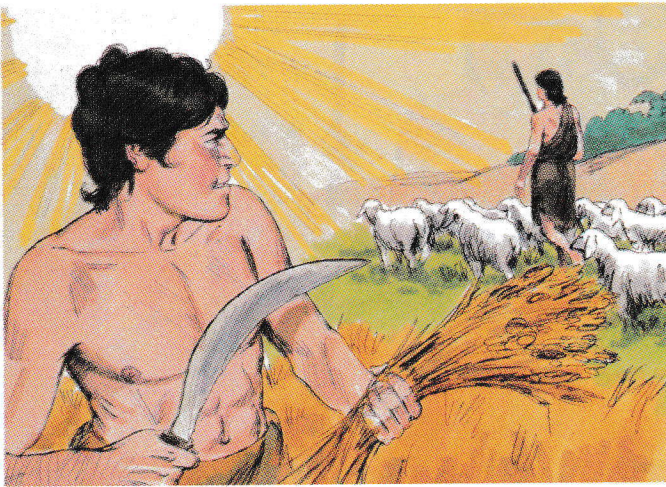
**3** As time passed, the boys grew up. Abel became a shepherd. His older brother, Cain, became a farmer.

**4** One day the two sons brought gifts to the Lord. Gifts for God are often called "sacrifices" or "offerings." Cain's offering was something he had grown in the fields, and Abel's was a little lamb.

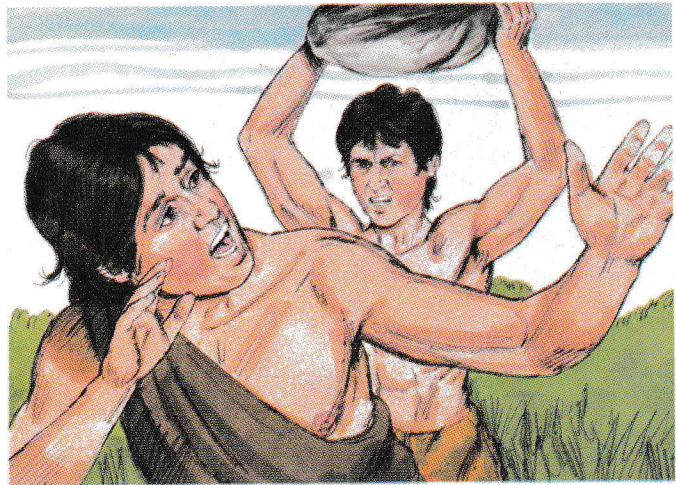


**5** The Lord was pleased with Abel's offering. But he was not pleased with the offering which Cain brought.

**6** This made Cain very angry.



**7** Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you so angry? If you had done the right thing, I would have been pleased with you, too. Sin is trying to get the best of you—so watch out!"



**8** But Cain paid no attention to the Lord's warning. One day while Cain and Abel were out in the fields, Cain attacked Abel and killed him.



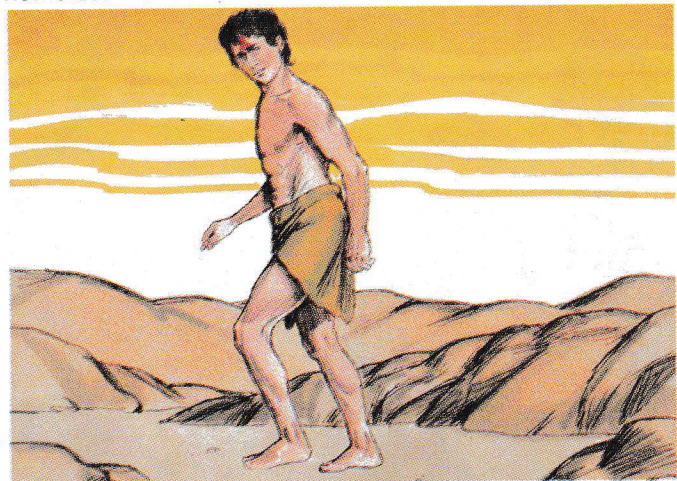
**9** Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "How should I know?" Cain replied angrily. "Am I supposed to be taking care of my brother?"



**10** But the Lord said, "Cain, I know you have murdered your brother. Because of that you will not be able to get the ground to grow anything. You will be a homeless wanderer!"



**11** Cain cried, "This punishment is too much! I won't be able to stand it. I have to go away from this land and from you—and whoever sees me will kill me!"



**12** So the Lord put a mark on Cain so no one would kill him. Then Cain went away and lived in the land of Nod, which means "Wandering." Thus Cain was punished for his sin.