



Lesson One

God Gives Adam and Eve a New Son

Heart Preparation & Bible Background



Bible Truth

Cain murdered his brother Abel. But God, who promised Adam and Eve a Savior, sent Seth, through whose family the Savior would come.

Scripture

*Genesis 3:15; 4:1–12, 25
Hebrews 11:4*



Lesson Focus

Learn that God promised to send a Savior.

Goals for the Children

- Explain how God kept his promise to Adam and Eve.
- Learn that God always keeps his Word.
- Ask for faith to trust in God.



Memory Minute

*The LORD is faithful to all his promises.
Psalm 145:13b*

In Genesis 3 we learn that Adam and Eve disobeyed God when they listened to Satan's lies and ate the forbidden fruit. The first human pair defied God's commands, deciding what was best for them, and became helpless sinners in need of God's saving grace.

Through his Word, we learn that God, in his great love and mercy, did not abandon his people; his substantial judgment included a wonderful plan of redemption. In Genesis 3:15, God promised to choose a people for himself. He promised also to send One who would conquer the serpent, thereby defeating Satan, sin and death.

After sin entered the world, we learn of Cain and Abel—Adam and Eve's offspring—and the first murder recorded in Scripture. The story in Genesis 4:1–15 reveals that Cain and Abel brought offerings to the Lord. God saw the heart of Abel and knew that he offered his best *with faith and out of faith*, so God accepted Abel's sacrifice (Hebrews 11:4). Cain, on the other hand, came without faith, so his offering did not please God. Cain's sinful response was to go out and kill his brother in a fit of rage.

However, Abel's sad death and sinful Cain's lot following the murder did not thwart God's plan for redemption (vss. 10–12). God's plan to save his own was in place and on time, and he gave Adam and Eve a new son, Seth, through whom the promised Savior would come.

Starting with this lesson and throughout the quarter, emphasize to the children that God always keeps his Word. Help them discover the thread of God's promise to send a Savior as they learn that God kept his promise alive through generation after generation.

The final lesson celebrates the arrival of the promised Savior: God sent his Son, Jesus, a descendant of Adam and Eve, to pay the price for *all* our sin. Through Christ's death and resurrection, all of God's covenant children share in Christ's victory over Satan and are reconciled to God.

Pray for your children as you prepare to teach them that God keeps his promises. As they learn that God always does what he says, may they grow in trusting him.