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DEDICATED TO THE STUDENTS OF **CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL**

USING THIS TEACHER'S GUIDE

OVERVIEW

Investigating God's Word...At School is a Bible curriculum designed for Christian schools, grades K-5th. Each unit provides material for 9 weeks, divided into four lessons each week. Each lesson is designed to be taught in a 25-30 minute teaching blocks. This Bible curriculum also includes Scripture memory.

DISTINCTIVES

This Kindergarten Bible curriculum is unique in the following ways:

- (1) It teaches the students how to study God's Word for themselves.
- (2) It includes daily quizzes in order to help the students build their Bible knowledge.
- (3) It teaches the students a Word of the Week each lesson to build their vocabularies.
- (4) Each lesson puts the texts of Scripture in historical context, teaching the children that the Bible is real history.
- (5) It trains the students to apply God's Word to their lives.

COMPONENTS

Each four-lesson week includes a lesson overview to give you the "big picture" of the Scripture being studied. It also includes a brief preparation section and a teaching encouragement to help get you started.

Introduction. Each lesson starts with an introduction section. The introduction includes a question or two that will teach the children basic Biblical theology.

Quiz Time. Next, the students are quizzed in order to train them to remember what they

words that the children need to learn. The W.O.W! often provides the theme for the entire lesson.

Bible Investigation. The Bible Investigation time is the heart and soul of each day's lesson. It plunges the student directly into God's Word, not simply a paraphrase of a Bible story. All Scripture text included in the curriculum is from the English Standard Version (ESV). The Bible reading is taken in short sections, separated by times of discussion, questions, and application points. This format allows ample opportunities to stop, think about and discuss what is being read.

Scripture Memory. At the end of each lesson, the students will be taught a Scripture memory verse. There will be one memory verse for the entire week. These memory texts will be connected to what was studied that week.

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WEEK ONE // GENESIS 1-5

OVERVIEW

We begin this school year right where we should—in the Book of Beginnings. The first chapters of Genesis have much to teach our youngest students about the origins of this world. From the very first verse, we learn that God created the heavens and the earth, and everything in them. The rest of Genesis One tells the story of the six days of creation. By the word of His power, God creates all things, and all very good.

In our next lesson, we focus on the creation of man. Man is made in the image of God, male and female. He is the highest and most unique of all God's creation. He is to work and rule the garden and the animals. As a suitable helper isn't found for him, God creates woman from his rib.

Also in Genesis 2, Adam is commanded not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In the next chapter, the serpent shows up and tempts Eve with lies and deception. Eve eats of the forbidden fruit and gives some to Adam. Satan, Adam and Eve, and the ground are cursed as sin has entered the world. After Adam and Eve are driven from the garden, Cain and Abel are born. Sin continues to thrive, and Cain kills Abel out of envy and jealousy. A new line is begun in the birth of Seth.

PREPARATION

Read and meditate on Genesis 1-5 this week. You may want to provide pictures or felt figures to illustrate each day's lesson.

TEACHING ENCOURAGEMENT

The art of reading the Bible to children is not rocket science. It always begins with your own love for God's Word, which should then explode into a passionate telling of the stories of Scripture. Teaching the Bible is not about entertaining the children or keeping them from becoming bored; rather, it's all about demonstrating how much YOU delight yourself in God's Word (and how THEY should too). Passion is contagious, and it will bring each story alive. Teaching God's Word is not just for those with exciting, outgoing personalities, but for all believers who relish and cherish the lessons of Scripture!

LESSON 1: GOD CREATES THE WORLD

LESSON SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

Who made you?

2-3 min.

QUIZ TIME

The Bible

3-4 min.

W.O.W!

Bible

2-3 min.

BIBLE INVESTIGATION

God creates the world

10-12 min.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Genesis 1:1

3-4 min.



INTRODUCTION

Say: *I have a question for you. Who made you? **Allow answers.** That's right, God made you! What else did God make? **Allow the children to name several things that God has made.** God has made everything, hasn't He?*

*So, how do we know that God made all things? **Allow answers.** The only way we know for sure that God is our CREATOR is because the Bible tells us so. That leads us to our daily QUIZ TIME!*



QUIZ TIME

QUIZ TIME is our regular opportunity to review what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Show the children your Bible. *Who can tell me what this is? **Allow answers.** Yes, this is my Bible. Do your parents have a Bible? Do you have a Bible? I hope so, because it is the most important Book in the world.*

*Who wrote the Bible? **Allow answers.** Yes, God wrote the Bible—that's why we also call the Bible "God's Word."*

Have the children stand up.

How would you like to stand up forever? I wouldn't! Guess what? God says that the Bible, His Word, stands FOREVER.

Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.



W.O.W!

Say: *Each week in this class, we will learn new vocabulary words. Do you like learning new words? I do! God has given us the ability to speak and use wonderful words to learn more about Him.*

Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) for today is **BIBLE**. **Write the word on the board.**

You all know what a BIBLE is—I showed you my BIBLE earlier. But I bet you don't know what the word BIBLE really means. It actually comes from an old word which means "BOOKS."

Show your Bible again. *So, the BIBLE is not just one BOOK, it is a collection of many BOOKS. That's how it got its name! We'll talk about this great word next time.*



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Have pictures or felt figures available to teach the lesson.

Introduction: *We will start our study of the BIBLE in the very beginning—in the Book of Genesis. Do you know that the word GENESIS actually means "beginnings?" Listen to the first words of the first book of the BIBLE.*

Read Genesis 1:1.

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Discussion: *So, who created the heavens and the earth? [God.] And, WHEN did God create the heavens and the earth? [In the beginning.]*

*Listen to more of the story. **Read verse 2a.***

² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep...

Discussion: *This tells us that God created all things from absolutely NOTHING. Can you and I do that? No way! Only God is the almighty CREATOR!*



*Let's read more. **Read verses 3-5.***

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Discussion: *What did God create on the first day? [Light.] Now we have light separated from darkness. Is God done CREATING yet? Not even close!*

*Let's continue. **Read verses 6, 8.***

⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Discussion: *What did God do on the second day? [He created the sky!] Is God done CREATING yet?*

*Let's see! **Read verses 9-11, 13.***

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Discussion: *What did God create on the third day? [Dry land, vegetation.] Is the earth ready for human beings? Not yet!*

*Listen to the next day. **Read verses 14-15, 19.***

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Discussion: *What did God create on the fourth day? [Sun, moon, and stars.] Those are very important creations, aren't they? What's left for God to create? **Allow answers.***



Let's see. **Read verses 20, 22-23.**

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."

²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Discussion: *What did God create on the fifth day? [Birds and fish.] What did God command them to do? [To be fruitful and multiply.]*

Let's finish our reading for today. **Read verses 24-25.**

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Conclusion: *What did God create on the sixth day? [Animals.] All of His creation was GOOD. But, God's best creation is yet to come. We'll read about it next time!*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Read the Scripture Memory verse (Genesis 1:1) together.

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Say: *Who created the heavens and the earth? [God did!] How did God create the heavens and the earth? [He just spoke and all things were created from nothing.] We'll talk about this most important verse of the Bible all week!*

Review the verse. Close in prayer.

LESSON 2: GOD CREATES MAN

LESSON SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

Made in God's Image

2-3 min.

QUIZ TIME

God as Creator

3-4 min.

W.O.W!

Bible

2-3 min.

BIBLE INVESTIGATION

God creates man

10-12 min.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Genesis 1:1

3-4 min.



INTRODUCTION

Say: *I have a question for you. Who made you? **Allow answers.** That's right, God made you! What else did God make? **Allow the children to name several things that God has made.** God has made everything, hasn't He?*

*So, what makes YOU different than everything else that God has made? **Allow answers.** We will see in our Bible lesson that it has to do with being made in God's image. You and I are God's highest creation—more so than the animals, and the heavens and the earth!*



QUIZ TIME

Now let's have our regular QUIZ TIME so we can remember what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: *Who created the heavens and the earth? When did God create the heavens and the earth? How did God create the heavens and the earth? What did God say about everything He created?*

Answers:

1. God.
2. In the beginning.
3. He spoke everything into being, out of nothing.
4. It was good.

Say: *Last time, we read all about what God created on each day, for six days. But is God finished creating yet? [No.] And what will God do when He finishes creating?*

We'll see in a moment...but first, our Word of the Week!



W.O.W!

Say: Remember that each week in this class, we will learn a new vocabulary word. What is our Word of the Week for this week? That's right, it's **BIBLE**.
Write the word on the board.

Last time, I told you that the word **BIBLE** actually comes from an old word which means "BOOKS." **Show your Bible.** So that reminds us that the **BIBLE** is not just one **BOOK**, but it is a collection of many **BOOKS**. That's how it got its name!

So who wrote the **BIBLE**? **Allow answers.** The Bible is God's Word, so He is its author. But God used men to write down the words of the Bible. Isn't that neat? The Bible is actually God's "breath" written down by men! Think about that, and we'll review our W.O.W! next time.



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Introduction: What did God create on the **SIXTH DAY**? [Land animals.] After creating the animals, it was time for His most unique creation of all!

Read Genesis 1:26-27.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Discussion: When you look in a mirror, what do you see? Is that you in there? No! That's an **IMAGE** of you—a **LIKENESS**. In a similar way, human beings were created in God's **IMAGE**, His **LIKENESS**. We are not **GODS**, we are humans who have His **IMAGE** in us. And, what else do we learn from these verses? [We are to have dominion over the animals. We are made male and female.]



*Listen to more. **Read verse 28.***

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Discussion: *Human beings were BLESSED by God, and called upon to RULE over creation. Say it with me: WE ARE BLESSED IN ORDER TO RULE!*

*Now, Day Six is over. Listen. **Read verse 31.***

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Discussion: *What does God think of His creation of man, and everything else? [It was all very good!]*

*What happened next? Listen. **Read Genesis 2:2-3.***

² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Discussion: *What did God do on the Seventh Day? [He rested.] This became a special day of rest. But does that mean God is no longer at WORK in this world? No way! Our God is always at WORK, He is just finished with His work of CREATION!*

*Let's read more. **Read verses 7-8.***

⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Discussion: *Here we have more details of the creation of man. How was he created? **Allow answers.** So we are made in God's image, and have His breath of life in us!*

*So how was woman created? Let's see. **Read verses 18-20.***

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens



and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Discussion: *Why did Adam need a “helper?”* [Because it is not good for man to be alone.] *Man needed a companion. Is a dog the best companion for a man? How about a cat? No! Humans need other humans, and men need women.*

Listen to the end of the story. Read verses 21-24.

²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.²³ Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Conclusion: *So now we have the creation of the first man and first woman. Who knows their names? [Adam and Eve.] God’s creation is all VERY GOOD, and now man has a helpful companion in his work. So what’s next in this story of the BEGINNINGS of the world? We’ll find out tomorrow!*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Read the Scripture Memory verse (Genesis 1:1) together.

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Say: *Who created the heavens and the earth? [God did!] How did God create the heavens and the earth? [He just spoke and all things were created from nothing.] And what is God’s most special creation? [Human beings.] That means you were created to love and worship God as your CREATOR!*

Review the verse. Close in prayer.

LESSON 3: ORIGINAL SIN

LESSON SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

Why God created you
2-3 min.

QUIZ TIME

God created man
3-4 min.

W.O.W!

Bible
2-3 min.

BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Original sin
10-12 min.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Genesis 1:1
3-4 min.



INTRODUCTION

Say: *We have learned that God created the heavens and the earth. And we learned that God created human beings. So, why did God create you and all things? **Allow answers.***

God's Word tells us that He created us for HIS OWN GLORY. That means that all people and all things were made to praise and worship Him. God does all things to MAGNIFY Himself because He is ALL-GLORIOUS. We will talk more about what that means in future lessons.



QUIZ TIME

Now let's have our regular QUIZ TIME so we can remember what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: *What did God create on the Sixth Day? What is unique about the creation of the human being? What was "not good" about the creation of man? So what did God do about this "not good" situation? How was woman created?*

Answers:

1. Land animals and human beings.
2. We are made in God's image.
3. It was not good for man to be alone.
4. He created woman.
5. From the man's rib.

Say: *So now we have a perfect world and perfect people living in this world. Have you ever thought about what happened after God created all things? We will talk about that in our Bible Investigation time. But first, our Word of the Week!*



W.O.W!

Say: *What's our Word of the Week? That's right, it's **BIBLE**. Write the word on the board.* What does the word "Bible" mean? [Books.]

*And, who wrote the BIBLE? **Allow answers.** Yes, the Bible is God's Word, so He is its author. God used men to write down the words of the Bible. The Bible is actually God's "breath" written down by men! That makes the Bible unlike any other book in the world—the best book of all.*

*So how many "books" are there in the Bible? **Allow answers.** There are 66 books in the Old and New Testaments. That's a lot of books, isn't it? So let's go back to the first book of the Bible...*



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Introduction: *We are learning the stories of the Book of Genesis. Where did we leave off? [The first man and woman have been created.] So, let's see what happens next.*

Read Genesis 2:15-17.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Discussion: *What was Adam's job? [To work and keep the garden.] What could he eat? [Fruit from every tree except one.] What fruit could he never, ever eat? [Fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.] What would happen if he did eat the forbidden fruit? [He would die.]*

Let's read on. Read Genesis 3:1.

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"



Discussion: *Who is this talking snake, really? [Satan.] Notice he tries to tempt the woman first. And, he starts with a LIE. Did God say they couldn't eat from ANY TREE? No!*

Listen to more. Read verses 2-5.

² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden," ³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die." ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Discussion: *Did the woman answer the snake correctly? No! God never said they couldn't touch the forbidden fruit—they just couldn't eat it. Then, Satan calls God a LIAR. Did God lie to our first parents? No way! God never lies.*

This is the real sad part. Read verse 6.

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Discussion: *Oh no. Who ate the forbidden fruit? [Both of them.] The woman ate, and the man did too. What will happen to them now? [They will surely die.] The first thing they did was to cover themselves and hide from God. Then, they blamed each other and the snake. That's what we do in our sin!*

Listen to what God says. Read verses 14-15.

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life." ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Discussion: *As the tempter, Satan receives the first curse. He will be at war with God's people, and will lose that war. The good news is that Jesus will totally defeat him.*



Summary: *Then, God announced the curses on Adam, Eve, and even the ground. Sin will bring pain, suffering, and death into their lives. No longer do they have perfect lives!*

Let's finish for today. Read verses 21-24.

²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. ²² Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Conclusion: *Now this all sounds like a lot of bad news, doesn't it? Sin is now in God's perfect world. Suffering, disease, and death are a way of life. Adam and Eve have been thrown out of God's garden. We have gone from "all very good" to "all very bad." But, I don't want you to miss the good news in our story. Satan has been cursed, and will never win in the end. The Messiah has been promised to be sent to defeat him. Adam and Eve were still loved by God—He clothed them and saved them from eating the tree of life and living forever. So, all is not lost! We are all now born in sin and separation from God. But that's not the end of the story!*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Read the Scripture Memory verse (Genesis 1:1) together.

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Say: *It's time to review this week's verse again. Who can say it from memory?*

Allow volunteers. *God created the heavens and the earth, but He is not the author of SIN and EVIL. We now know where that comes from. Evil is the rejecting of God and His ways. God is good and perfect light!*

Review the verse. Close in prayer.

LESSON 4: CAIN, ABEL, AND SETH

LESSON SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

Why I can't glorify God
2-3 min.

QUIZ TIME

Original sin
3-4 min.

W.O.W!

Bible
2-3 min.

BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Cain, Abel, and Seth
10-12 min.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Genesis 1:1
3-4 min.



INTRODUCTION

Say: *I told you last time that God created us for HIS OWN GLORY. That means that all people and all things were made to praise and worship Him. God does all things to MAGNIFY Himself because He is ALL-GLORIOUS.*

*So think about this question. Why can't I GLORIFY God on my own? **Allow answers.** We can't glorify God because we are SINNERS. We are born SINFUL people. That means something has to change before we can GLORIFY God. We'll talk about what that is in the future.*



QUIZ TIME

Now let's have our regular QUIZ TIME so we can remember what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: *From what tree could Adam and Eve NOT eat? What would happen if they ate from it? Who tempted them to eat from it? What happened to Adam and Eve after they ate of it? Why were they removed from the Garden of Eden?*

Answers:

1. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
2. They would surely die.
3. Satan tempted Eve and she gave the fruit to Adam.
4. They died spiritually. Sin, suffering, disease, and death entered God's perfect creation.
5. To protect them from living forever in their sin.

Say: *So, Adam and Eve, and all the people after that, are sinners. That means that we all need a Savior, right? Sin ends in death, so we are in the need of LIFE!*



W.O.W!

Say: *What's our Word of the Week again? That's right, it's **BIBLE**. Write the word on the board. What does the word "Bible" mean? [Books.]*

*How many "books" are there in the Bible? **Allow answers.** There are 66 books in the Old and New Testaments. Does anyone know how many books are in each Testament? [39 in the Old, 27 in the New.]*

We will learn more about the BIBLE all year long. It is the perfect WORD OF GOD. It is without error and with full power to change you. It is GOOD NEWS! So my prayer is that you will always grow in your love for the BIBLE!



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Introduction: *Where are Adam and Eve? [They have been driven out of the Garden of Eden.] They are now separated from God by their sin, living out in a world of sin. What do you think their children will be like?*

*Let's read and find out. **Read Genesis 4:1-2.***

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

Discussion: *So here have the first sons of Adam and Eve. What are their names? [Cain and Abel.] What work do these brothers do? [Cain is a farmer. Abel is a shepherd.]*

*Listen to more. **Read verses 3-5.***

³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.



Discussion: *These brothers knew to bring offerings to God as an act of WORSHIP. They were attempting to GLORIFY God. But whose offering was rejected? [Cain's.] You see, boys and girls, God sees the heart. Cain's offering did not please God. So what was Cain's response? [He was mad and depressed.]*

Let's continue. Read verses 6-8.

⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?" ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Discussion: *Wow! We have our first family on the earth, and already we have our first MURDER. What did Abel do wrong? [Nothing.] Cain killed Abel out of anger fueled by envy and jealousy. Sin has entered the world in a powerful way, bringing death to Abel.*

How will Cain explain this? Read verse 9.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

Discussion: *Was Cain supposed to be his brother's keeper? Yes! Brothers and sisters are to love each other and look out for each other. Instead, Cain kills Abel and tries to cover it up. This is the power of our sinful anger!*

Listen to what God has to say. Read verses 10-12.

¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground." ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."

Discussion: *Did Cain receive a righteous punishment from the LORD? Yes! Sin demands a curse. Since Cain followed the way of Satan, he too will be a restless wanderer on the earth. Our sin always drives us away from God.*

Let's keep reading. Read verses 13-15.

¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth,



and whoever finds me will kill me.”¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Discussion: *Did you hear that? Even though Cain deserved death, God was GRACIOUS to him. Cain was protected from being killed for his sin. This is the kindness of our God.*

*Let’s finish reading for today. **Read verses 25-26.***

²⁵ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.”²⁶ To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

Conclusion: *We end with good news. God gave Adam and Eve another son. What was His name? [Seth.] From the line of Seth, we have people who call on the name of the LORD. These are worshipers of God! We’ll learn more about who comes from the line of Seth next time. God is a redeeming God!*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Read the Scripture Memory verse (Genesis 1:1) together.

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Say: *It’s time to review this week’s verse one more time. Who can say it from memory? **Allow volunteers.***

We are learning about a bunch of BEGINNINGS in the Book of Genesis, aren’t we? Always remember that God is CREATOR and the SUSTAINER of all things!

Review the verse. Close in prayer.