



K - 2ND

1-3
The First
Family



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **What's the best gift you have received? How did the gift show that you are loved?**



WHAT IS IT?

Start by 9:20/10:45

Use the prepared paper bags with numbers 1-4. Lead kids to sit in front of you while you display the paper bags. Tell kids each paper bag has a clue about the Bible story. Hold up bag number one and invite kids one at a time to feel what is inside the bag. Then lead kids to guess what they think is in the bag. Reveal the contents of the bag. Repeat with the three remaining bags.

Our bags revealed cotton balls, felt, corn, and broccoli. Each of these materials represents something about our Bible story. We'll hear how two brothers, Cain and Abel, gave offerings to God. Abel gave to God from his flock [point to the cotton and felt], and Cain gave an offering from the produce he grew [point to the corn and broccoli]. Let's get ready to hear why God accepted Abel's offering but not Cain's.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



DISCUSSION

- **What is sin? Why must God punish sin?** Sin is when we disobey God and do things He says are wrong. God is perfect and never sins, so our sin separates us from Him. Because God is good and fair, He must punish sin.
- **How did Cain's sin separate him from God? How does our sin separate us from God?** Cain's sin separated him from God, and he had to leave God's presence and his family. When we sin, it also separates us from God, because sin keeps us from being close to Him.
- **God promised to send a Rescuer, and that Rescuer is Jesus. How does Jesus bring us back to God?** Jesus always obeyed God, then He died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin. When we believe in Jesus, He forgives us and brings us back to God.



KEY PASSAGE

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 104:24 together.

God made a beautiful and good world! Even though sin has broken the world, we can still see how great God is through what He's made. Just think about how you feel when you see a cute puppy or a bright starry sky. God is a good Creator!

Provide kids with a bookmark and allow time for them to color them and/or draw things God has created.



WHAT TIME IS IT?

Choose one kid to be Mr. Wolf. Lead Mr. Wolf to stand at the front of the room and the remaining kids to stand at the back of the room. Tell the kids to say, "Mr. Wolf, Mr. Wolf, what time is it?" Then direct Mr. Wolf to call out a time such as four o'clock. Lead kids to step forward the number called out, in this case four times. Lead kids to repeat saying, "Mr. Wolf, Mr. Wolf, what time is it?" until he decides to say, "Lunch time!" Then Mr. Wolf will turn around and try to tag as many kids as possible while they move away from him. Play again as time allows, choosing a new kid to be Mr. Wolf.

At just the right time, Mr. Wolf decided to call out 'Lunch time!' This reminds me of how God determined just the right time to send His Son, Jesus, into the world. God had promised Adam and Eve that a Rescuer would come, and today we learned that Cain was not the promised son. But the good news is God kept His promise! Jesus came into the world at just the right time to die for our sins that we may be saved.



Key Passage: *How countless are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24*



Big Picture Question: *Who is God? God is our Creator and the King of everything.*



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.