

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/hvZcWWzhRKA>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/vq46vNOkPs4>

Worship Theme: God deserves our best.

Memory Verse: "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." (Romans 11:36)

Songs (Youtube links):

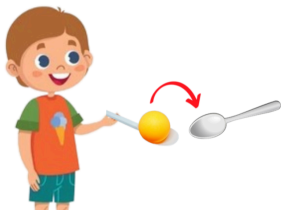
1. Who Is My Master? <https://youtu.be/e4gCJBfWNTs>
2. Hosanna in the Highest <https://youtu.be/QWQ47zCVaCw>
3. Lord I Worship You <https://youtu.be/1C4guXZFdAw>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Passing on the Ball"

Materials Needed: 6 big plastic cups, 10 spoons, 6 small balls



1. Divide the children into 2 groups and place 3 plastics, 5 spoons, and 3 small balls on a table for each group.
2. Have each group select 3 representatives and come to the table. The first child has to use the first spoon to pick up a ball. Then they have to place the ball on the second spoon without making it fall. Continue until the ball is on the 5th spoon. Then the child has to use the fifth spoon to place the ball in the first cup.
3. Then the second child will come and do the same. Once the second child is done, the third child will come and do the same. The group to finish putting the 3 balls into 3 cups wins the game.
4. After the game, explain to the children that they gave their best to play this game because God deserves our best.



Introduction:

If you have an old thing and a new thing, which one would you give to God? God always gives us the best, so it is natural for us to give Him the best we have. Today we will learn about a man who got into trouble because he did not think it was important to give God the best he has.

Bible Story:

Our Bible story today comes from the book of Genesis. We have been learning that after God made the world, he created Adam and Eve to live in it. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and had to leave the Garden of Eden. Then Eve had a baby boy and named him Cain. Later she had another baby, a brother for Cain. His name was Abel. When the boys grew up, Cain grew vegetables as a farmer and Abel raised sheep as a shepherd.

Cain worked hard in his garden. He watered the plants, and he pulled out the weeds. Abel worked hard taking care of his sheep. He made sure they had green grass to eat and cool water to drink. One day Cain and Abel each brought gifts to God. Abel gave God the best gift he could find in his herd of sheep and God was very happy. But Cain didn't give God the best from his farm. God was not happy with Cain because what God wanted was not the best vegetables but Cain's heart to give God the best. God helped him to raise his vegetables, so it is only right Cain gives God the best. Cain was jealous of Abel for doing what was right. Instead of telling God he was sorry, Cain got mad.

Cain could have said he was sorry, and God would have forgiven him. Cain could have prepared another gift with love for God instead of getting mad at his brother. But Cain decided he was going to get back at Abel for making him look bad. So Cain murdered his brother. Then Cain was in more trouble. Not only had he given God a gift that was not his best, but he had also hurt someone else who had given a sincere, good gift to God.

God deserves our best because he loves us so much. The best gift we can give God is our hearts. That means we love God best. If we love God most, then we will naturally want to give him the best that we have!

Questions to discuss:

1. What are the names of two sons of Adam and Eve? (Cain and Abel)
2. What were their jobs? (Cain was a farmer and Abel was a shepherd)
3. Why was God not happy with Cain's gifts? (because Cain did not give the best that he had which showed his heart was not full of love for God)
4. How can you give the best that you have? (let the children answer; praise God with a loud voice, pray to God knowing God will answer, take care of people in need, etc.)

Game: "Throw the Ball into the Cup"

Materials Needed: 3 plastic cups, small ball, table, tape



1. Divide the children into 3 equal groups and have them stand in a line.
2. Teacher will tape the 3 cups to the edge of the table and assign a cup to each group.
3. Each group has to roll a ball into their cup to get a point. If the ball goes into the different

group's cup, they will not get a point. The group with the most points wins the game.

4. After the game, explain to the children that there are many things that we can do for God. But we must be like Abel and give God the best that we have with all of our hearts.



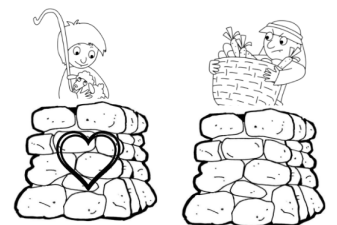
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Craft: "God Deserves Our Best"

Materials Needed: Printed craft sheet, crayons, scissors, glue

1. Give the printed craft sheet to each child and have them color it.
2. Have them cut out Can and Abel. Let the children glue Abel behind the altar that has a heart to symbolize that God was happy with Abel's gifts. Let the children glue Cain behind the altar with no heart to symbolize that God was not happy with Cain's gifts.



3. Explain to the children that God deserves our best and always wants our heart to be full of love for God.

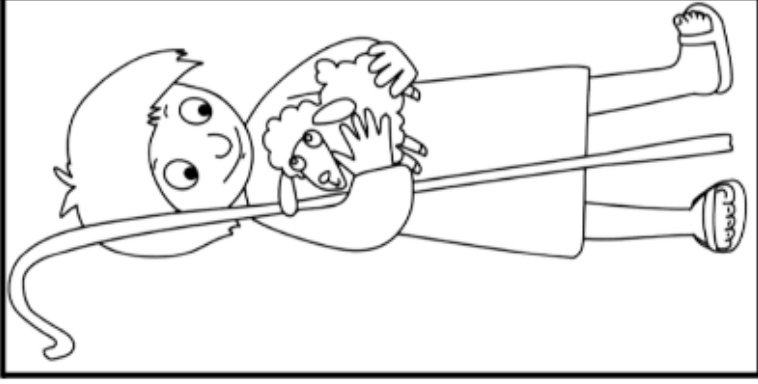
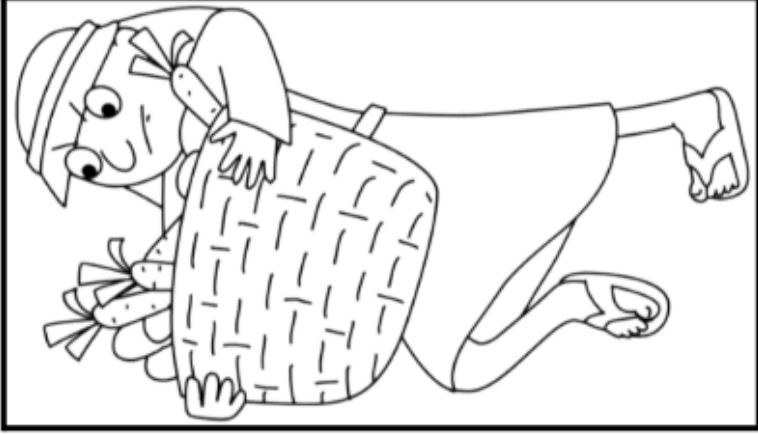
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Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

God has taught us about love through Jesus' life and through our own families. How has God taught you about love through your family? Take some time to write a note to each member of your immediate family, expressing how God has loved you through each person and expressing your love for each of them. Also pray for your students' families, and ask God to help your students learn more about him through their families.

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