

*Biblical Drama based on Genesis 4:1-16 — Character Parts: Narrators 1-8, Cain, Abel, God*

Narrator 1: Adam and Eve had two sons. The first was named Cain, and the second was named Abel. Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.

Cain: What did you say you do again?

Abel: I'm a herder. Haven't you heard?

Cain: Is that a joke?

Abel: Similar. It's a pun.

Cain: It's not really very funny.

Abel: So what do you do?

Cain: I'm a tiller of the ground.

Abel: You can't sail a boat on the ground.

Cain: What are you talking about?

Abel: You said you were a "tiller." Isn't a tiller something you use to steer a ship?

Cain: Not that kind of tiller. I "till" the ground. That means I plow up the fields. I'm a farmer.

Abel: That makes more sense.

Narrator 2: In the course of time, both Cain and Abel brought their offerings to the Lord.

Cain: O Lord, receive this offering from my labors. Here are the grains of the earth and the first fruit of the trees and plants that I have grown.

Abel: O Lord, receive this offering from my labors. Here are the first-born of my flocks, and the best of the meat that I have produced.

Narrator 3: The Lord had regard for Abel and his offering; but for Cain and his offering, the Lord had no regard.

Cain: I can't believe it. God didn't take my offering.

Abel: Why not? What did God say?

Cain: He didn't say. He didn't even me a reason!

Narrator 4: So Cain was very angry, and he dropped his face to the ground.

God: (*approaching Cain*) Why are you angry, and why do you look down at the ground?

Cain: It's not fair!

God: No one ever said life is fair. But if you do well, will you not be accepted? If you do not do well, watch out: sin is lurking at the door; it wants to get you. You must master it.

Narrator 5: Cain then went to his brother Abel.

Cain: Abel, let's go out into the field.

Abel: Okay. Why are you carrying that big rock?

Cain: Umm... I'm redecorating.

Narrator 6: The two brothers went out in the field. When they got there, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. (*Cain knocks out Abel with the large stone.*) Immediately, the Lord confronted Cain.

God: Where is your brother Abel?

Cain: I don't know. Why are you asking me? Am I my brother's keeper?

God: What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

Abel: Ouch! That hurt. Wait a minute — am I dead?

Narrator 7: Then the Lord told Cain the consequences of his sin in killing his brother.

God: When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and wanderer on the earth.

Cain: My punishment is greater than I can bear. Today you have driven me away, and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth. Anyone who meets me will kill me!

God: That is not so! I promise, if anyone tries to kill you, they will suffer seven times as much in return. I am marking you as my own.

Narrator 8: The Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. Cain was spared by the Lord. And when you think about it, that really wasn't fair either!