



## **Sin Spread to People- Genesis 4 and 5**

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### **Christ Connection**

Adam and Eve's sin spread to their family. But God did not forget His promise to send a Rescuer. At just the right time, God would send His Son to save sinners.

### **Big Picture Question**

What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.

### **Talk About the Scripture at Home**

Genes are the parts of a person's DNA that determine things like hair color, eye color, height, or whether we'll be allergic to cats! Half of a person's 20,000 genes come from the mother and the other half come from the father. When Adam and Eve had children, they passed down more than just the color of their hair and eyes and how tall they would be. Adam and Eve passed down their sin and all the consequences to their children. It didn't take long for the effect of sin to be seen in the lives of their sons, Cain and Abel. As the two boys made offerings to God, God showed favor to Abel's sacrifice. The sin in Cain caused him to become furious. God had not responded the way Cain thought or wanted God to respond. God warned Cain not to let the power of sin rule over him, but sin continued to have power over Cain. Just as sin had caused their parents to blame one another in the garden, Cain became jealous of Abel and turned his anger towards his brother. The anger grew until Cain attacked and killed Abel. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." When sin rules, as it did in Cain, the consequence is death. But God has provided salvation through Jesus. The power of sin has been broken for all who believe in His perfect life, death, and resurrection. When Christ rules, the gift is eternal life!

**Adam and Eve's sin and its consequences spread to all of their descendants. But God did not forget His promise to send a Rescuer. At just the right time, God would send His Son to save sinners.**

*Pray: God, thank You for remembering Your promise to send a Savior. Give us strength to live in a world broken by sin, and help us to believe in Jesus so that we can experience eternal life with You.*