

SUNDAY SCHOOL TAKE HOME PAGE

To parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned today in Sunday School. Included are "Words to Remember" from the Bible, a suggested activity to reinforce the lesson, and a short prayer. Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you.

What We Learned:



Today, your child learned about a man named Abel and how he made God happy when he did his very best. The children also learned that they can please God by doing their best for Him. This lesson also taught that it is better to give our best to others instead of keeping it for ourselves. In this way, we are not only showing kindness to others but we are making God smile. (Scripture used: Genesis 4:2b-7)

Words to Remember:

(Bible versions used are selected to help young children learn and understand the meaning of scripture.)



"Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust in the LORD." Psalm 4:5 NLT

Practice this verse several times with your child during the week. This will not only help your child remember the verse, but also it will help to reinforce what he or she learned during class.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Choose a simple activity to do for someone else. Together you and your child can pick fruit, flowers or maybe just draw a picture for someone who might need a little cheering up. Take the best that you have and bless someone. Remind your child that when we do something with our whole heart, to make someone else feel special, God sees that and is very happy.



Daily Prayer:

Dear Lord, help me remember to do my best for You. Help me think about others before myself. Give me a heart that wants to serve and love and make others smile, especially when it comes to You! Amen.

IN THE BEGINNING

LESSON 4: ABEL PLEASURES GOD ☆

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This Sunday school lesson teaches that we are children of God and that He is pleased when we give to Him in the right way.

TOPICS

Cain and Abel, Child of God, Fairness, Giving, Pleasing God

AS KIDS ARRIVE (15 MINUTES)

As the children arrive, have lots of oranges placed on the table, making sure some look perfect, and others look slightly blemished or irregular but still good to eat. Have the children examine the oranges and separate them into two piles, one being the best looking ones and the other those that do not look as good. As the children finish this project, ask them the following questions:

1. If you were to give one of these piles of oranges to God, which one would you give?
2. Do you think God would be just as happy if you gave Him the pile of not so good oranges? Why?

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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BIBLE VERSE (7 MINUTES)

"Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust in the LORD." Psalm 4:5 NLT

Explain to the children that when we give our best to God we will live a happier life. Recite the verse several times.

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

After the introduction, read the story right from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

Introduction:

Today, our story from the Bible is about two brothers, Cain and Abel. God loved them both, but he was not pleased with Cain because of what he did. What did Cain do that was so bad? Let's read and find out.

Read Genesis 4:2b-7

Discussion Questions:

1. Abel was a shepherd, because he kept the flocks, do you remember what Cain did? (*He worked the soil.*)
2. Both boys brought some gifts to God. Who brought fat portions from the firstborn of his flock? (*Abel.*)
3. Was God pleased with both gifts? (*No.*)
4. We read that Abel brought good portions to God. What kind of portions do you think Cain brought to God? (*Perhaps good, perhaps not so good. However Cain did not give his very best because of his attitude.*)
5. How did Cain feel when he saw that God favored his brother's gift more? (*He became angry.*)
6. Why is it important to give to God in the right way? (*Allow for answers.*)
7. What are some ways to show that you are giving your best to God? (*Allow for answers.*)

FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

Give God Your Best (Coloring Activity) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

Giving My Best (Activity) [Click here](#)

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Start by praising God and acknowledging that all things belong to Him. Then, take the oranges from the not so good pile, wash if needed, offer help peeling, and give them to the children to eat. Explain to the children that they will not eat the good oranges, instead they will give them to someone else to enjoy, perhaps other teachers or parents as they come to pick up the kids.

CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

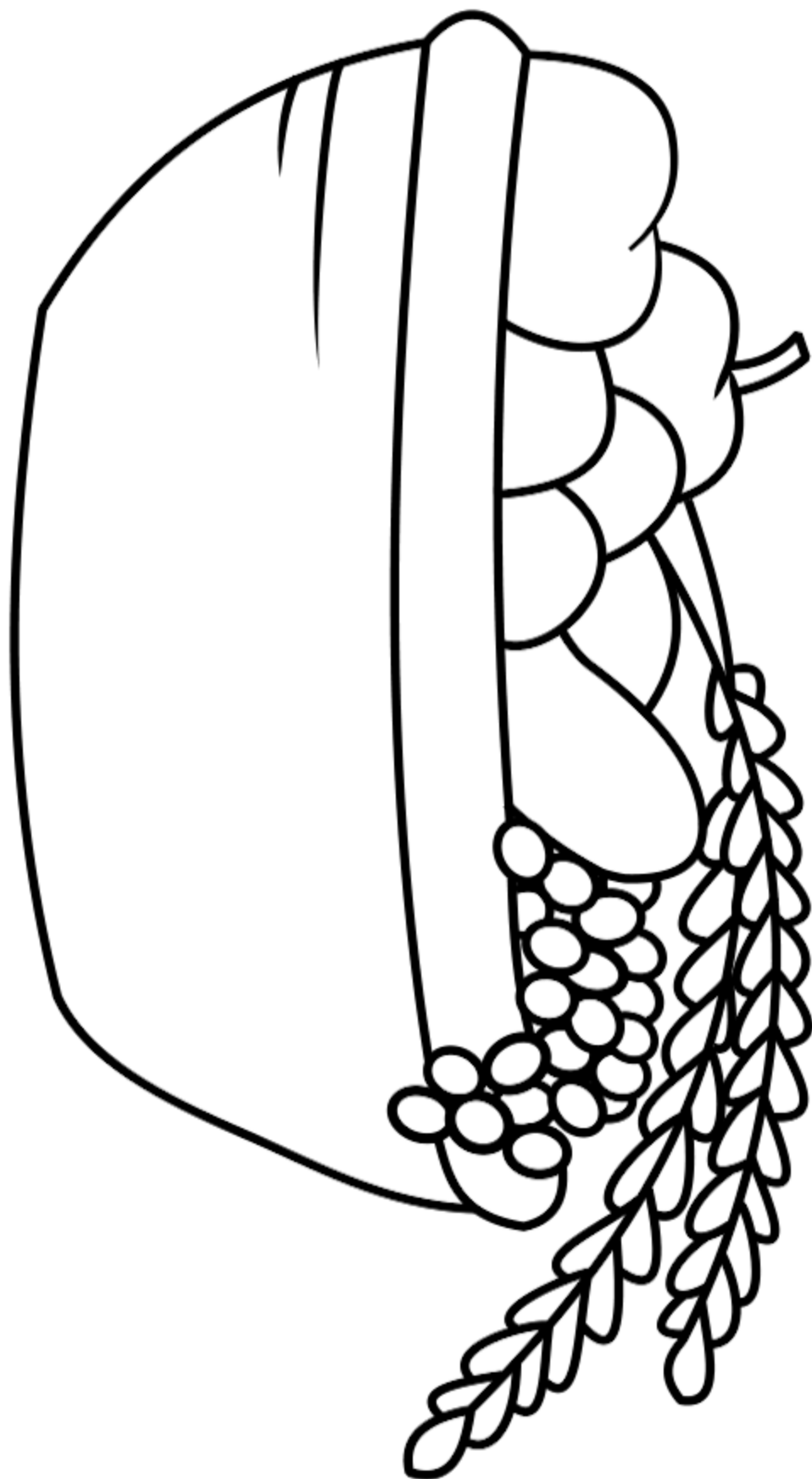
Does it Please the Lord? (Game) [Click here](#)

NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to learn more about our awesome God.

TAKE HOME PAGE

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home [PDF]. [Click here](#)



DOES IT PLEASE THE LORD? ☆

Like the familiar game "Mother May I?" but with a Biblical twist.

TOPICS:

Just for fun

MATERIALS:

None

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



WHAT YOU WILL DO:

The children will all line up along one wall. You will then call the children by name, one by one and offer them a chance to take certain steps to get to the goal. For example, the goal could be the opposite wall. The children must say, "Does it please the Lord?" If they say this, you should answer, "Yes it does." Then they can take the steps described. If they forget, they skip one turn. If the child takes the wrong step, cheats, or falls down during a jump, they need to go back to the start. The object for the teacher is to have the children progress evenly as much as possible by offering the different kind of steps shown below:

Steps:

You can offer 1, 2, 3 or more of any of the following steps. You can also combine steps

Baby Moses Step (one foot directly in front of and touching the other)

Goliath Step (leg stretched out as far as possible)

Camel Hop (short hop)

Lion Leap (long hop)

Shepherd Step (normal step)

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Explain to the children that this game is like "Mother May I?" but instead of saying, "Mother may I?" they should say, "Does it please the Lord?" Describe the other rules about cheating, falling, or forgetting to say the correct phrase as well.

Example:

Teacher: "Andy, you may take 2 camel hops and 1 Baby Moses step."

Andy: "Does it please the Lord?"

Teacher: "Yes it does."

Andy takes the steps, and then you go to the next child.

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GIVING MY BEST ☆

A fun activity to show how making the right choice is always the best.

TOPICS:

Behavior, Child of God, Choices, Pleasing God

MATERIALS:

3 sheets of paper, marked with the letters A, B, and C

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



PREPARATION:

Select three corners or sections of the room, and mark with one of the paper sheets displaying A, B, or C

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Explain to the kids you will read several situations, and then give them the chance to run and gather under with A, B, or C to indicate their choice. You may need to do a couple of trial runs to get the activity started.

Next, read the following situations, and options. If the children feel the correct answer is A, they run to be in the A section, if B is the correct answer, they run to the B section, etc. Explain what the best choice would have been after everyone has moved to a section.

1. Your mom tells you it's time go to bed, do you:
A.) Say, "Not now, I'm busy" **B.)** Go right to bed C.) Don't know what to do
2. You finish playing with your new toy, that has many pieces, do you:
A.) Walk away and do something else B.) Ask you older brother or sister to put it away for you
C.) Put the toy away neatly before doing something else
3. You are visiting relatives and for dinner they give you something you don't like, do you:
A.) Eat it anyway without complaining B.) Stomp your foot down and push the plate away
C.) Tell them you hate it and ask for something else
4. A friend comes over and wants the same toy you are playing with, do you:
A.) Keep the toy for yourself **B.)** Keep the toy and ask your friend to play together with you
C.) Give the toy to your friend and pick something else
5. It's time to go to church, but you are not dressed, do you;
A.) Hurry up and get dressed so no one is late B.) Make up an excuse not to go to church this time
C.) Not sure what you would do
6. You want to bring an offering to God next Sunday, do you:
A.) Ask mom or dad for something to give B.) Look for some extra coins laying around the house
C.) Bring some of your allowance that you have earned

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GIVE GOD YOUR BEST ☆

Children will color two pages, one sloppy, and the other as neat as possible, to learn how God desires the best from us.

TOPICS:

Behavior, Child of God, Giving, Pleasing God

MATERIALS:

2 coloring pages for each child [PDF] [Click here](#)
Crayons or colored marker
Stopwatch (optional)



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Before class, print out two coloring pages for each child.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Give the children one page to color first. Explain to the children that they are to color it as fast as they can, even if it is sloppy and not within the lines. You may want to tell them they only have one minute to complete the picture and give a count down as the time nears the end. Then, give them the second page, and instruct them to take their time and do their very best coloring this time.

After finished, you will ask the children which picture they think God would like best. Then ask them if they were to give one of them to God, which one would they give Him. Explain that we cannot always be perfect, but God wants us to do the best we can. He also wants us to worship and adore Him and behave in a way that shows we are His children.

Have the children take both pictures home and ask if they can tape them to their wall for a few days. The pictures will be a constant reminder that God is pleased when we do our best.

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