

GENESIS 4:1-15

I CHOOSE PEACE OVER ANGER

Have you ever felt so jealous of someone that your jealousy turned into anger to that person? Let us take a look at the story of Cain and Abel.

Cain and Abel were Adam and Eve's sons. Cain was the older brother and Abel was the younger one. One day, they both brought an offering to God. God was pleased with Abel's offering but He was not pleased with Cain's.

How do you think that made Cain feel?
The Bible tells us that Cain was very angry.

Do you think Cain took control of his anger? Unfortunately, Cain did not take control of his anger. It is the other way around. His anger got the better of him. He was so angry that he attacked his brother and killed him.

What could Cain have done when he was angry? Cain could have come to God and make things right with God. God wanted him to bring his offering with a righteous heart.

So remember, when you feel angry or jealous, pray and tell God about how you feel. Ask for forgiveness and make things right with God. God will always forgive us when we come to Him and confess our sins. God is able to turn our anger into peace and comfort as long as we are willing to come to Him and admit our mistakes and our weaknesses before Him.

Key verse:

Proverbs 27:4

Anger is cruel.

It destroys like a flood.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to have a

righteous heart so that my life

can please You.

Holy Spirit, fill me

with Your peace

and lead me in

my daily life. In

Jesus' name I

pray. Amen.



GENESIS 8

GOD IS A PROMISE-KEEPER

While the earth was full of violence because all the people on earth had lived wickedly, Noah walked faithfully with God. One day, God told Noah to build an ark because God was going to destroy the earth and all the wicked people. God would bring floodwaters on earth but God would keep Noah and his family safe inside the ark. God also told Noah to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive.

Noah was in the ark for about 370 days. After the surface of the ground became dry, God told Noah to come out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to give an offering to God, praising and thanking Him for His awesome power. God told Noah that He made His covenant*) with Noah, with his descendants and with all the living creatures that was with Noah, that He would never again bring a flood to kill all living creatures and destroy the whole earth.

Then God gave them a sign of this covenant: a rainbow. He put a rainbow in the sky and God says that whenever the rainbow appears, He will remember His covenant. So, each time you see a rainbow, remember His promise for Noah and for every living creature with Noah and also for us! Then, say a little prayer and thank God that He loves you and that He keeps His promises.

*) A covenant is an agreement with a promise.

Key verse:

*Genesis 9:13
I am putting
My rainbow in
the clouds. It
is the sign of
the agreement
between Me and
the earth.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
you for Your
promises. I thank
and praise You
because You
are faithful and
You always keep
your promises.
In Jesus' name I
pray. Amen.*



GENESIS 12:1-9

GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL

Sometimes, your teacher or parents might forget to keep their promises to you. Let me tell you something. There is only one Person who keeps His promises 100% all the time and that is God!

There was an old man named Abram. He was living in the city of Harran and one day, God asked him to move to the land of Canaan. He was 75 years old. Abram followed what God asked him to do. He took his wife, his nephew, his servants and all their possessions and they set out for the land of Canaan.

Why do you think Abram obeyed God?

Because of God' promise.

I will bless those who bless you.

I will place a curse on those who harm you.

And all the people on earth will be blessed through you.

God is all-powerful. He made promises and He never ever fails to keep His promises, no matter how impossible and difficult they seem.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 21:12
The righteous
God wisely
considers
the house of
the wicked,
overthrowing
the wicked
for their
wickedness.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I am
in a great hand
because I live in
Your promises
and You never
forget Your
promises. Amen.*



GENESIS 15:1-18

GOD'S BIG PROMISE

Can you look up to the sky and stars and think for a moment about the stars? Do you know there are many stars in our galaxy the milky way? Sun is the nearest star to earth but it would take 221 days to reach there by spaceship, 177 years by car and 3000 years by walking!

After Abram settled down in Canaan, Abram and his wife, Sarai were longing for a child. God knew their desire and told Abram that his children would be as many as the stars in the sky. It is uncountable! God kept His promises. When Abram was 100 years old and his wife was 90 years old, their son was born. His name was Isaac. From Isaac, came many, many, many descendants of Abraham like the stars in the sky. One of them is Jesus!

Key verse:

*Deuteronomy 6:5
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

Prayer

Dear God, I believe in You because Your words and promises are yes and amen. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.



GENESIS 19

TRUST AND OBEY GOD

This is a very sad story in the Bible about a man named Lot, Abraham's nephew. Lot had a wife and two daughters. After separating from Abraham, he chose to live in a city named Sodom. This was a very bad choice because Sodom was a very wicked city. Years after years, the people who lived in that city were getting more and more wicked and it upset God. God decided to destroy the city of Sodom.

One night, two angels who appeared like men came to Lot's house and they warned Lot to get out of the city because it was going to be completely destroyed. The angels warned them not to look back. Lot and his daughters obeyed and ran away from Sodom. They didn't stop even for a moment. They didn't look back.

Unfortunately, Lot's wife disobeyed. After they had gone some distance away from Sodom, she stopped and looked back. Then Lot's wife became a pillar of salt.

We can learn a good lesson from this. It teaches us that God wants us to just trust and obey Him no matter how hard it is.

Key verse:

*Deuteronomy
5:33*

*Live the way the
Lord your God
has commanded
you.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I want
to trust and obey
you with all of my
heart. Amen.*



GENESIS 22

FAITH (FORSAKING ALL, I TAKE HIM)

Have you ever been in this situation before? You were having your favourite gummy bears and at the last piece, suddenly your best friend came and asked if you could share it? Will you give it to him or will you eat it all by yourself?

I want to tell you a little story. As we have learned before, finally Abraham and Sarah had a son and he was named Isaac. During the time of Abraham, people showed their devotion to God by placing food or sometimes an animal they had killed on an altar and burning it up. This was called a "sacrifice". One day, God asked Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Did Abraham get angry at God and say "NO WAY, GOD!?" Or did he run away with Isaac to hide from God? No, none of them is correct.

And that is when Abraham realised God would always do the right thing. If he obeyed God, even in this very hard thing, God would make it alright in the end. He might have thought that maybe God would let Isaac die but then he would bring him back to life. Abraham did not understand exactly what would happen but he had faith in God.

Faith means trusting someone who can see what you cannot see yet. So, when Abraham had faith in God, God was touched seeing Abraham's faith. God asked him not to kill Isaac and He provided a ram to replace Isaac.

Today, let us have faith in God for things that we hope for. God has already seen it before you!

Key verse:

*Hebrew 11:1b
Faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.*

Prayer

Dear God, teach me to trust in Your plan and direction. Amen.



GENESIS 25:19-34

I DID IT GOD'S WAY

Isaac got married to Rebekah. When Rebekah was still pregnant, the twins in her tummy tumbled and kicked each other. The Bible tells us that God had purposely said since the beginning that the older son, Esau would serve the younger one, Jacob.

However, Isaac tried to do things his way by trying to bestow the family blessing on Esau whom he favoured, in opposition to God's purpose. Eventually, what took place was exactly what God had planned. Jacob was the one who was blessed with the birthright.

Kids, when God speaks to you to do something for Him, you can either cooperate with His sovereign plan and be blessed or you can resist His purpose and He will set you aside and raise up someone else to fulfil it. His purpose never fails. Let's follow His will and do it God's way.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 55:8
The way you
work isn't the
way I work.*

Prayer

*Dear God, help
me to follow
Your ways as
You lead me
into a life of
fruitfulness and
joy. In the name
of Jesus, I pray.
Amen.*

