

# **Stories in History History 3 — Jealousy and Envy — Study**

## **Big Idea: Jealousy and envy destroys**

- Proverbs
  - Proverbs 27:4
- When do you feel envy?
  - What makes you to feel envy?
  - How do you feel when something good happens to you and someone envies you?
- What is the worse thing that someone has done to you out of jealousy and envy?
  - What is the ugliest thing that you have done out envy?

## **Caín and Abel**

- Genesis 4:1-16
  - Hebrews 11:4
  - 1 John 3:12
- Why wasn't Cain's sacrifice accepted and Abel's was?
  - Why do you think Cain was not able to control his emotions?
  - What was the worse punishment that Cain received?

## **Jesus**

- Mark 15:10
  - Hebrew 12:24
  - Isaiah 53:4-6
- In what way is Abel is an omen of Christ?
  - What does it mean that the blood of Christ speaks better than the blood of Abel?

## **Fight for the Gospel**

- James 4:1-10
  - Romans 8:28-32
  - 1 Corinthians 3:21-23
- How can we use the Gospel to fight against our own envy?

## **Application: What should we do?**

### **Non-Christian: Enter into Christ**

- If you have never made your own decision
  - To surrender to Jesus
  - Through repentance and getting baptized
  - This story is for you
- Today you are outside of Jesus
  - Like Cain, you are responsible
    - For all your disobedience of God
    - It's a barrier between you and God
- But everything can change in an instant
  - By surrendering to Jesus and decide to follow Him
    - By repentance and baptism
    - Accepting Him as your Lord and Savior
- You will be accepted in the presence of God
  - For the best sacrifice there ever was
    - For the one that was killed by his brothers
    - And suffered in your place

### **Christian: Fight against our envy with the cross**

- If you are a Christian
  - This story is also for you
- When we feel envy
  - Remember that we have received everything in Jesus
    - For what He did on the cross
  - I am the beloved and forgiven child of God
    - I have the Spirit in me
    - Nothing can separate me from Him
    - My eternity will be secured
    - My Father loves me
- And you will see envy for the little earthly things
  - Christ best sacrifice not only forgives you from your own envy
    - It also frees you from its power
    - Because it tells you that in Christ you have received everything from God M