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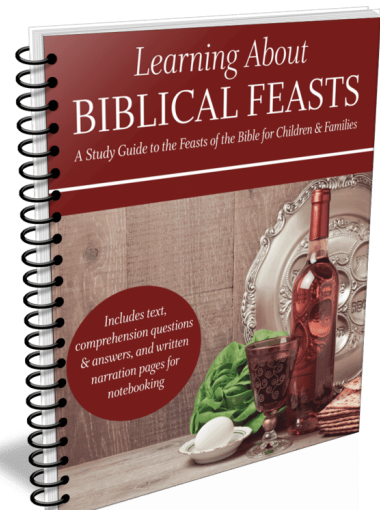
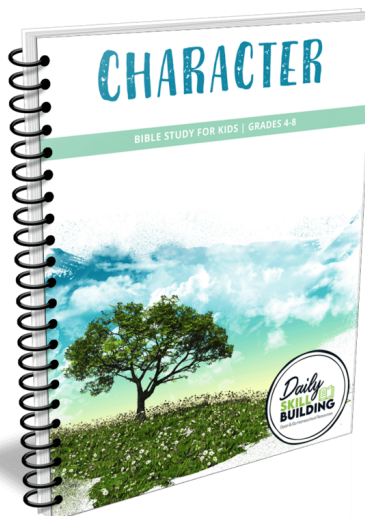
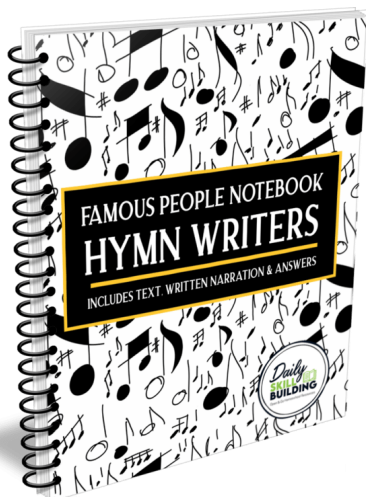
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Recommended Resources

[Famous People Notebook—Hymn Writers](#): Encourage your student's reading comprehension skills while they learn about the authors of some of the greatest hymns of all time with this Famous People Notebook. Includes text, written narration, comprehension questions, and answer key.

[Character Bible Study for Kids](#): This Character Bible Study is designed for parents to do with their children in grades 4-8. It focuses on 2 Peter 1:1-11 and explores seven character traits discussed there: virtue, knowledge, self-control, godliness, steadfastness, brotherly affection, and love. It includes engaging questions to help you guide your student into exploring the Scriptures and growing in their faith.

[Learning About Biblical Feasts—A Study Guide to the Feasts of the Bible for Children & Families](#): This unit study works great as a family read aloud and includes text, comprehension questions and answers, and written pages for notebooking. At the end of this study, you will have a deeper understanding of the Feasts in the Bible and what the Lord wants to show us through the symbolism used in each one.



Cain and Abel

The first man's name was Adam, and his wife he called Eve. They lived in a beautiful Garden called Eden, filled with beautiful trees and flowers of all kinds. But they did not live in Eden long for they did not obey God's command, but ate the fruit of a tree which had been forbidden them. They were driven forth by an angel and had to give up their beautiful home.

So Adam and his wife went out into the world to live and to work. For a time they were all alone, but after a while God gave them a little child of their own, the first baby that ever came into the world. Eve named him Cain; and after a time another baby came, whom she named Abel.

When the two boys grew up, they worked, as their father worked before them. Cain, the older brother, chose to work in the fields, and to raise grain and fruits. Abel, the younger brother, had a flock of sheep and became a shepherd.

While Adam and Eve were living in the Garden of Eden, they could talk with God all the time and always hear God's voice speaking to them. But now that they were out in the world, they could no longer talk with God freely, as before. So when they came to God, they built an altar of stones heaped up, and upon it, they laid something as a gift to God. They burned it to show that it was not their own, but was given to God, whom they could not see. Then they made their prayer to God and asked God to forgive their sins, all that they had done wrong, and to bless them and do good to them.

Each of these brothers, Cain and Abel, offered upon the altar to God his own gift. Cain brought the fruits and the grain which he had grown; and Abel brought a sheep from his flock. He killed it and burned it upon the altar. The Bible says God was pleased with Abel's gift but not with Cain's, but it does not say why. Perhaps Cain's heart was not right when he came before God.

God showed that He was not pleased with Cain. Cain could have been sorry and asked God to forgive him and show him what to do, but instead, he got very angry. He was angry with God and toward his brother Abel. When they were out in the field together Cain struck his brother Abel and killed him. So the first baby in the world grew up to be the murderer of his own brother.

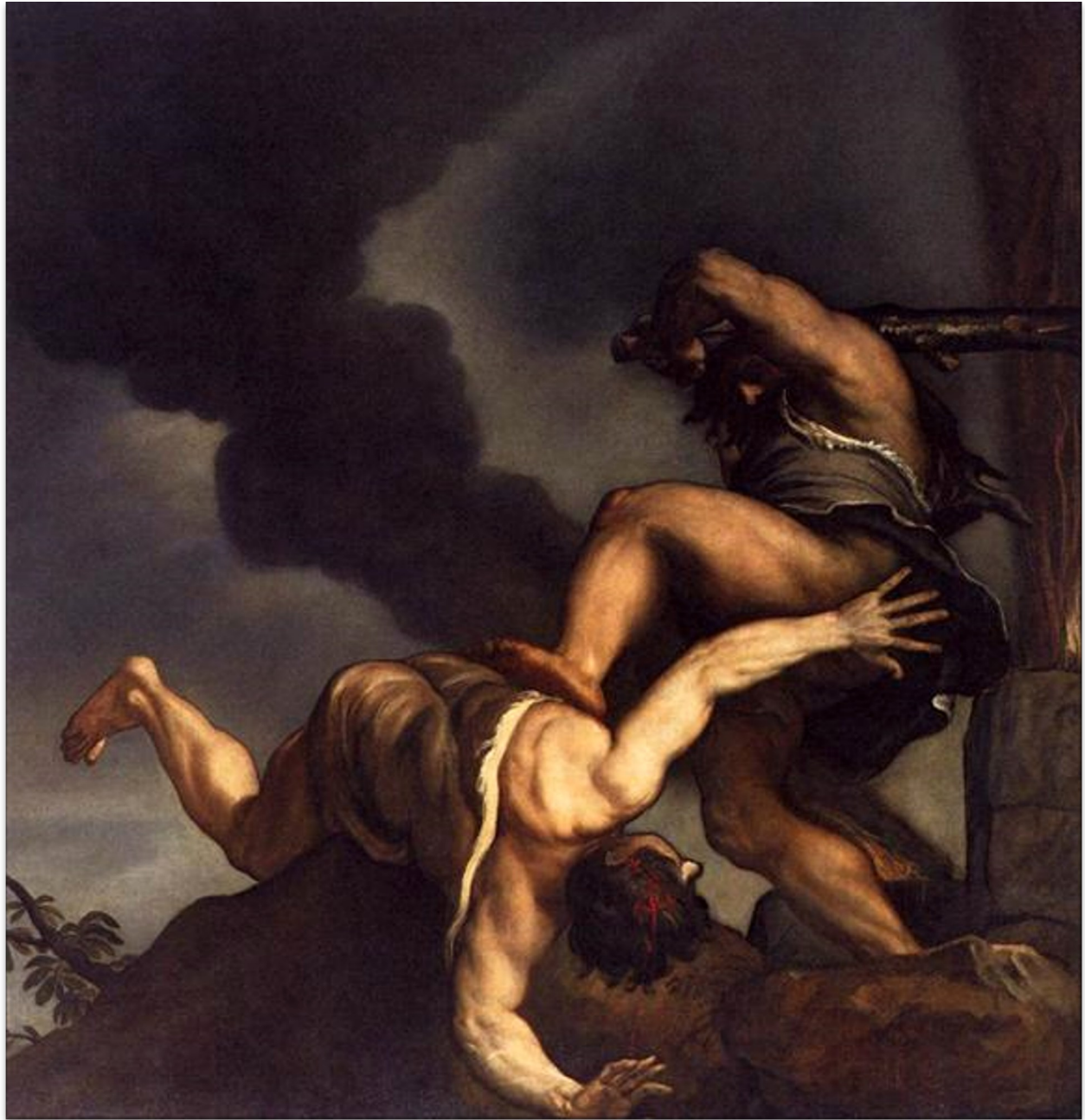
And the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel, your brother?"

And Cain answered, "I do not know; why should I take care of my brother?"

Then the Lord said to Cain, "What is this that you have done? Your brother's blood is like a voice crying to me from the ground. Do you see how the ground has opened, like a mouth, to drink your brother's blood? As long as you live, you shall be under God's curse for the murder of your brother. You shall wander over the earth, and shall never find a home, because you have done this wicked deed."

And Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Thou hast driven me out from among men; and thou hast hid thy face from me. If any man finds me he will kill me, because I shall be alone, and no one will be my friend."

And God said to Cain, "If any one harms Cain, he shall be punished for it." And the Lord God placed a mark on Cain, so that whoever met him should know him and should know also that God had forbidden any man to harm him. Then Cain and his wife went away from Adam's home to live in a place by themselves, and there they had children. Cain's family built a city in that land, and Cain named the city after his first child, whom he had called Enoch.



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