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Adam and Eve had two sons. Their names were Cain and Abel. The boys learned how to do different kinds of jobs to help their family. Cain, the older brother, was a farmer. Abel, the younger brother, grew up to be a shepherd.

Soon it was time to thank God for everything He had given to Adam and Eve's family. Cain brought an offering of some vegetables he had grown. Abel brought some of his sheep.

Abel had given thanks to God by giving Him the best gift he could. God was happy with the offering Abel brought. But God was not pleased with Cain's offering. This made Cain angry. God told Cain to do what was right. Then his offering would

please God. God said that if Cain didn't do what was right, more trouble would come. Cain didn't listen to God's warning and more trouble came. One day, when Cain and Abel were out in a field, Cain killed Abel.

God called to Cain, "Where is your brother, Abel?" Cain was angry and said to God, "I don't know where he is. Do I have to take care of my brother all the time?"

God knew Cain had killed Abel. God told Cain he would have to leave his home and stop being a farmer. Cain's trouble came because he did not love and obey God.