

Cain and Abel should make an offering (explain) to God,—a thankoffering for His goodness to them in the harvest and amongst the flocks. Here is Cain bringing two offerings of fruit. Here is Abel with his offering,—the very best and fattest of his sheep. God knew the hearts of each of these brothers. He was pleased with Abel and his offering, but not with Cain and his offering. Cain was very angry, and envied his brother Abel because God praised him. God saw Cain's anger and envy and said, "If you do well shall you not be accepted? and if you do not well, sin lies at your door." (You see it was Cain's sinful heart that was the trouble.) This made Cain more angry and envious of Abel.

Cain's Wicked Deed—One day the brothers were in the field. Cain was likely quarreling with Abel. Suddenly Cain struck Abel and killed him. It was envy that caused Cain to do this wicked deed. He had let envy grow in his heart till it drove him to murder his brother. Tell of the punishment God gave to Cain (vs. 9-14), but God was kind even in His anger, v. 15.

Envy—"I just hate Mary. Our teacher is always saying how smart she is." Ah, look out! Envy is beginning to appear there, and it will lead to trouble. Do not let envy

get into your heart. Be glad when you hear others praised. Be glad at the good fortune of others. Envy leads to anger and anger to murder.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text.

Wanted—Here is the kind of boy and girl God wants and everybody wants:

"Wanted! a pure souled noble boy (or girl),

Bright, honorable, and brave,
Who would not spoil another's joy
Nor life nor happiness destroy,
By being passion's slave."

Will you try to be the kind of boy and girl that is wanted?

Hymn—Sing No. 529, Book of Praise:

"Do no sinful action,
Speak no angry word,
Ye belong to Jesus,
Children of the Lord."

Our Book—Tell the children to try to make an ALTAR by cutting out bits of brown paper and pasting them to look like stones. Pictures of two boys beside the altar,—some fruit beside Cain, some sheep beside Abel. The word ENVY printed between the two boys will recall the cause of Cain's terrible deed.

Something to Think About—I must not envy.

FROM THE PLATFORM

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER MURDERER

What question does God put to Cain in v. 9? What is Cain's answer? There are two parts to it. First, Cain denies that he knows where Abel is, and, second, he asks a question which reveals the hardness of his heart. Print on the board, MY BROTHER'S KEEPER, as above. Should Cain have asked such a question? Does the fact that you have a brother place any responsibility upon you? Now bring out the view of Christianity that all men are our brothers. What awful result did Cain's wrong attitude to his brother bring about? Cain became his brother's MURDERER (Print). Have we to kill our brother in order to be his murderer? Ask the School to repeat the Golden Text. What is the only sure cure for hate? Positive love. Call attention again to the two statements on the board. Which will we be—there is no third choice—keepers or murderers?