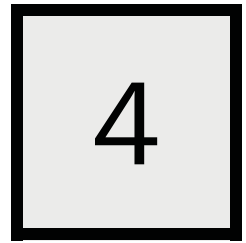


Faith-Builders Sunday Morning Workout
October 2, 2011
"From Good to Bad to Awful"



Class Goal: to hear God's call to us to be people who give life to others rather than steal life from them..

Belong _____

THE FAMILY TABLE:

Imagine that the rectangular box below is a fly's eye view of your "family table". How many people regularly sit at your table? How many people join you on holidays and such? Draw a seat for each of those people and write their names on them. (Bonus points if you can remember who regularly sits where!)



Believe

Some Things to Remember from Last Week!

In chapter one of the Book of Genesis, we discovered how good God's universe is. By the end of chapter three, we learned the answer to the question "How come God's good creation has become so bad?" The answer to that question is "sin". Adam and Eve sinned when they thought of themselves as gods and forgot that they were God's. We too sin whenever we think of ourselves as gods and forget that we are God's.

The First (Messed Up) Family (Genesis 4:1-7)

1. Adam and Eve had two sons, named _____ and _____.
2. Cain spent his time taking care of _____.
3. Abel spent his time taking care of _____.
4. God was pleased with the offering of _____.
5. God was not pleased with the offering of _____.



Think About It

1. Why do you think God was pleased with Abel's offering but not with Cain's?
2. How do you think that Cain felt when his offering was disregarded by God?
3. With whom do you think should Cain have been angry? With whom do you think Cain did get angry?

The First Murder (Genesis 4:8-16)

1. Why did Cain killed Abel?
2. How does Cain react when God asks where Abel is?
3. Can you think of a time in your own life when you've said something like Cain did?
4. Why is God so upset with Cain?
5. One key lesson of this story is that God values _____ and that things which we do that steal life from others are displeasing to _____.



“Marty Sez”:



Do you think they have any clue who I am?

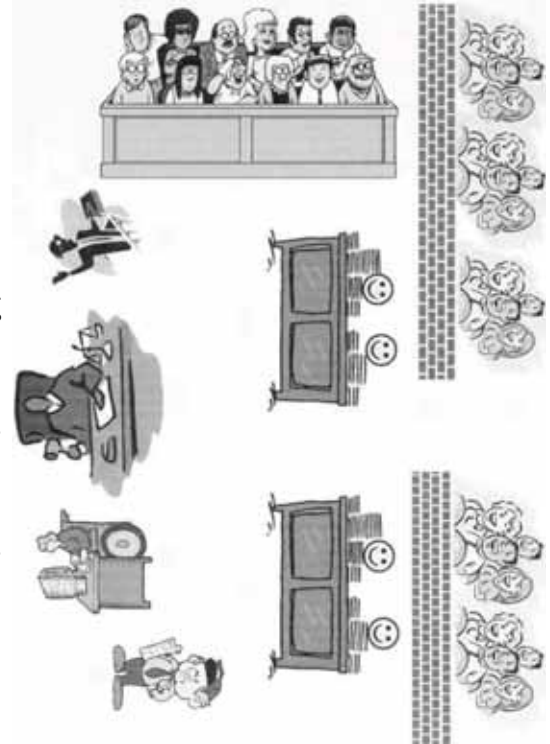
God gave Moses the Fifth Commandment:
“DON'T KILL.”

Martin Luther explained that commandment by saying:
We are to fear and love God, so that we will neither harm nor hurt our neighbors, but help them and care for them when they are ill.

Become

ORDER IN THE COURT: With the other members of our class, we are going to put Cain on trial. The following roles (and role-players) *may* be required:

1. Da' Judge: Oversees the courtroom and has control of how the courtroom operates.
2. The Bailiff: Works for da' Judge to ensure that the courtroom is orderly.
3. Cain: The defendant. Has been accused of killing his brother, Abel.
4. The Defender: The lawyer who argues that Cain is innocent.
5. The Prosecutor: The lawyer who argues that Cain is guilty and should be punished.
6. The Jury: The people who sit in judgment of Cain and must make a decision about whether he is guilty or innocent.



Terms that may be helpful:

Murder: The killing of another human being.

Manslaughter: A killing provoked by acts of the victim.

Victim: Abel, a.k.a. the dead dude.

Guilty: "He did it!"

Innocent: "He didn't do it!"

Verdict: The jury's decision.