

# YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

## Family Devotion — Lesson 8

### MEMORY VERSE—HEBREWS 11:4

***“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.”***

- Read Genesis 4:1-16
- Genesis chapter four records the story of two brothers, Cain and Abel. When it came time for them to offer a sacrifice unto the Lord, Abel offered an animal sacrifice by faith. This was accepted by God which gave witness to the righteousness of Abel. This speaks an important message to us even today.
- Abel reaped what he sowed—being accepted by God.  
Cain reaped what he sowed—being rejected by God.
- Cain was very prideful. Pride will lead to rebellion and independence.
- Cain reaped several things due to his disobedience:
  - 1) He was very wrath—angry (vs.5)
  - 2) His countenance fell—sad (vs.5)
  - 3) He was rejected by God (vs.6)
  - 4) Sin ruled over him (vs.7)
  - 5) He became a murderer (vs.8)
  - 6) He became cursed from the earth (vs.11-12)
  - 7) He became afraid (vs.14)
  - 8) He left the presence of the Lord (vs.16)

### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Did God give Cain a second chance to make things right? (vs.7)...yes
- What was it that God wanted Cain to do? (vs.7)...repent and offer what Abel offered
- How do your actions affect your feelings?
- Why do you think Cain did not repent and do what God wanted?

### PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for being patient and graceful.
- Pray for God to give you a good testimony like Abel's.

### CHALLENGE

- The next time you are angry or sad, take some time to search your heart for sin.