

## **Script – By faith, Abel...**

Opening scene: Adam and Eve enter stage right. Eve kneels down holding the baby while Adam looks at the baby.

**Narrator:** [enters center stage] Meet the very first family. This is Adam and Eve. The first baby was just born. It's a boy!

**Adam:** Such a beautiful child.

**Eve:** God has blessed our family.

**Adam:** Let's name him Cain.

**Eve:** With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.

[Eve hands the baby to Adam and walks offstage, then returns with another baby in her arms]

**Narrator:** Later, Adam and Eve had another baby.

**Eve:** It's a boy!

**Adam:** Our family has doubled! God is so good to us. Let's name him Abel.

**Narrator:** The first parents, Adam and Eve, had two boys: Cain and Abel. [Adam and Eve leave the stage] The boys grew up and became men.

**Cain:** [enters stage left and begins using shovel or other tools to dig in the ground]

**Narrator:** Cain grew up and became a farmer. He would grow the best vegetables, beautiful corn, tomatoes, beans and all sorts of fruit and grain.

**Abel:** [enters stage right and begins taking care of his animals]

**Narrator:** Abel grew up and took care of animals. He had many flocks of sheep, goats, cows, horses and other animals. [step backs, downstage]

**Cain:** [waves to Abel and walks center stage] Hey brother! How's it going?

**Abel:** [walks center stage to Cain] Great Cain. How are you? Look, one of my goats just had their first kid. Beautiful isn't it?

**Cain:** [looking not so sure] Sure. Say, what are you bringing as an offering to God tomorrow?

**Abel:** God said to bring a firstborn from the flock. This is the best, so I will bring this one.

**Cain:** I'm bringing the very best fruit that I have. I know God will be pleased.

**Abel:** But God has cursed the ground. You should do what God says.

**Cain:** It took a lot of hard work. I know these apples and oranges are really good. God can take these.

Scene change: [Narrator walks to center stage as Cain and Abel leave the stage with their props and return with their offerings. When the Narrator begins speaking they return. Cain has a plate of fruit and Abel has a plate of meat. They kneel at center stage facing the audience, holding their offering plates.]

**Narrator:** In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.

**Cain:** [lifts his bowl up above his head]

**Narrator:** [Pause] But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.

**Abel:** [lifts up his offering and smiles with joy]

**Narrator:** The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, [Pause, Cain looks mad, then takes his plate and throws it on the floor, very angry] but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.

Scene change: [Cain looks at Abel and growls with anger. Abel leaves the stage slowly in the opposite direction. The narrator leaves the stage.]

**God:** [offstage voice and Cain looks around when God speaks] Cain, why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? Do what is right and your offering will be accepted.

**Cain:** [still looks upset]

**Abel:** [comes walking across the back of the stage]

**Cain:** [loudly and gets up to meet his brother] Abel! I want to talk with you. [they meet, then Cain begins hitting Abel. Abel falls to the ground and plays dead. Cain drags his body offstage, then comes back onstage looking happy]

**God:** Where is your brother Abel?

**Cain:** I don't know. Is it my job to take care of my brother?

**God:** What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your

brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.

**Cain:** [falls to the ground and puts his hands to his head] My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.

**God:** Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over.

**Cain:** [crawls off stage as the Narrator speaks]

**Narrator:** [returns to center stage] Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

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