

Sixth Grade-Lesson 2- Early World (Genesis 1-11)

Key Points: Some stories you might find in the book of Genesis are *Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, the serpent, God, and Noah.*

A quick overview of Genesis – basically it opens with the story of Creation. God creates heaven and the Earth from NOTHING. He creates the world by speaking into the darkness and calling into being light, sky, land, vegetation, and living creatures over the course of six days. On the sixth day, God creates people in “his own image,” Adam and Eve are in the Garden of Eden and can have anything in the garden except they cannot eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

In the garden, Eve encounters the serpent who convinces her to eat the tree’s forbidden fruit, basically lying to her and assuring her that she will not suffer if she does. Eve shares the fruit with Adam, and the two are immediately filled with shame and remorse. God, of course who knows everything, discovers their disobedience and the consequence of their actions is that they are banished from Eden.

Sent out into the world, Adam and Eve give birth to two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel both make sacrifices to God, but Cain doesn’t give the best to God, and Abel gives the best of his herd to God, so God is pleased with Abel but not pleased with Cain. Cain became jealous and enraged and kills his brother Abel. God exiles Cain from his home to wander in the land east of Eden. Adam and Eve give birth to a third son, Seth. Through Seth and Cain, the human race begins to grow.

Ten generations pass, and humankind becomes even more evil. They become so evil that God makes plans to destroy humankind completely. However, one man, Noah, has earned God’s favor because he has followed the way of God. God speaks to Noah makes a covenant, or a promise, with Noah and his family. He instructs Noah to build an ark, or boat, large enough to hold Noah’s family and two of each kind of living animal. Then God sends a great flood to destroy the earth. Noah builds the Ark and he and his family and all the animals enter the ark, and rain falls for forty days, the earth is under water for more than a year. The waters finally recede, and Noah’s family is able to find land and leave the ark. God promises never to destroy the earth again, and he shows Noah a rainbow to be a symbol of his covenant.

Let’s start by reading about the Early World on pages 20-21.

Next Watch the ‘Dive in’ Video with Mark Hart “When we go way back to the beginning, we see where we all come from. And we see that we’re born out of love.”

During the video, Mark will ask you to pause and read two Bible stories. Find and mark them in your Bibles now so that you can open to them quickly when you need to:

- Genesis 3:1-13-The Fall
- Genesis 4:1-10-Cain and Abel

Read pages 22-25 and answer the questions at the bottom of page 25

“If You Ask Me”

- List some details that stand out to you from the Creation story in Genesis. Why do you think those details stay with you? What about them is important to you?
- Can you think of a time when you gave in to a temptation that had negative consequences? What was that like?
- Has a consequence ever helped you in the long run? What did you learn from it?

“Got It” on page 26 to help you remember important information!