

**LESSON 2**  
**“RESPECT”**  
(page 1)



**BIBLE CONNECTION**

Genesis 4:1-15  
(pages 6-7)

**CHARACTER WORD**

*Respect – to show a high or special importance to someone or something; honor one another*

**TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

*I can respect others by treating them the way I want to be treated.*

**MEMORY LINK**

**Matthew 7:12a**

*“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them.”*

*(KBC Study Bible pg. 1033)*

**SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK**

**GET CONNECTED**

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

**MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY**

Option 1: None  
Option 2: Note cards, pen/marker

**BIBLE CONNECTION**

Craft sticks, painter’s tape

**SURF TEAM LEADER**

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

**MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Bean bag or other objects to toss  
Option 2: Resource item, masking tape

# Cain Gets Angry

**WHAT’S THE POINT?**

Just watch the news today and you’ll see how little people respect others. Jesus clearly taught respect, both for God and for others. All people are made in God’s image and deserve to be treated with respect. Through Cain’s poor example, kids will learn to respect others by treating them the way they want to be treated. Respecting others ultimately shows respect for God, who deeply loves every person He created.

**GET CONNECTED**

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today’s lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- *Today’s Character Word is respect. What does that mean to you?*
- *What does showing respect look like?*
- *How can kids show respect at home?*
- *How can kids show respect even when they are feeling hurt or angry?*

Guide students to locate and mark today’s Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

Note: Sometimes God leads your group in a different direction and you are unable to get to these questions. This is simply a guide to help lead you in a group discussion.



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**WORSHIP TIME**



Pointing hearts toward God

Ever wonder if God really hears your prayers? Knowing that God hears us every time we pray builds our faith in Him. Realizing that He knows all about us and that He sees everything can bring great comfort and security. The song “God is Listening” by Group Publishing, is a great reminder of how God always knows, sees and hears. He always loves us, too. We know He loves us because He sent His Son, Jesus. The song “Jesus Loves Me Remix” by KidSpring, helps us remember God’s love for us.

## MEMORY LINK



2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students  
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

Note cards, pen/marker

### Focus on the Bible

*Who brought a Bible?* Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bible. Encourage kids to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total each week and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week. You might even consider a little competition between grade levels or boys vs. girls.

### Focus on Today's Memory Link

*Today's Memory Link is taken from valuable words spoken by Jesus about how we should treat others. In this passage, Jesus is calling us to make a commitment to show respect by considering others as important as ourselves. In today's Bible Connection, you'll hear about Cain, who did not respect his brother and did not respect God. You will learn how to respect others by considering others as important as yourselves. When is it hard to show respect to someone? (Allow time to discuss.) How can you show others they are important to you and to God?*

### Option 1 – OOPS!

No supplies needed

Gather your Surf Team closely in a circle. The Surf Team leader should begin by saying only the first word of the Memory Link with each child in order saying the next word. The goal is to get all the way to the end of the Memory Link one word at a time, but no one can say two words in a row, and no two people can say a word at the same time. Say the scripture reference at the end, too. If two people speak at the same time, everyone will say "Oops!" and quote the whole verse in unison together. Then begin again from the first word. In order to be successful, kids must listen closely and show respect to one another.

### Option 2 - TALK LIKE THIS

Note cards, pen/marker

#### Prepare

Write the following ways of speaking, one per note card: With an English accent, very timidly, like an infomercial salesperson, as slowly as possible, like your P.E. teacher, in the sweetest tone possible, like you have a mouth full of peanut butter, like you just woke up, like you have a cold, like you are bored.

Choose kids in your group to draw a card and say the Memory Link as indicated on the card until everyone has had at least one opportunity. Encourage them to have fun and be creative!

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### Matthew 7:12a

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### Teaching Tip

In two minutes or less, explain the verse so kids understand the meaning. Keep it simple by avoiding "churchy" words and explaining any words in the verse that might be unfamiliar to kids. And remember Memory Link is not designed to be another Bible Story time. Your job is to offer opportunities for kids to hide God's Word in their hearts. When you spend less time talking, kids can spend more time playing and learning.

### Bible 101

The Bible teaches us how God wants us to live. Guide the kids in your Surf Team to read Digging In, "The Golden Rule," on page 1033 in their KBC Study Bible. Only when our heart is changed through Jesus' forgiveness of our sins can we really care about others.

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*Cain got so jealous and angry that he killed his brother, Abel. Do you think God knew what Cain had done to his brother? Of course, God knows everything! Cain acted like he didn't know what was going on. In a way, Cain was saying to God, "Wait a minute! You mean I'm supposed to be taking care of my brother?" Do you think Cain knew he had a responsibility to care for and respect his brother's life? Of course, he did!*

*Because of Cain's sin, God punished Cain. Cain's punishment was that the land would no longer produce anything for Cain, which was devastating because Cain was a farmer. Also, Cain would be left to be a vagabond, or a wanderer on the earth, for the rest of his life.*

*Even though Cain sinned by killing his brother, God gave Cain a promise and showed mercy toward Cain by sparing his life. God promised that if anyone killed Cain, they would pay seven times. God even put a mark on Cain to warn others of God's promise.*

Show the craft stick that you broke and repaired earlier. Also show the un-broken craft stick that was in your pocket. *When Cain made the wrong choice to hurt his brother it broke his relationship with his brother and with God. We can attempt to mend relationships, but there are always consequences and some consequences leave scars. God is the only one who can heal those scars and restore our relationships.* Show the new craft stick. *God has the power to do what we cannot, no matter how hard we try. He can take our broken relationships and restore them to where they are brand new!*

**Application**

*Think about the times you've been angry with others and treated others disrespectfully. Next time you get angry, you can tell your family about how God allows us to make the right choice. We can choose to follow God's way or choose to follow our way. Consider the outcome of each choice. Let's choose to respect one another.*

**Gospel Connection**

*God promised to spare Cain's life. He has given us a promise also! Even though we may not have killed any of our family members, we have all committed sins that hurt our relationship with God. Each time we do something that God does not like, it is called sin and it separates us from God. But just like God gave Cain an opportunity to make a better decision, God gives us the opportunity to ADMIT that we have sinned. To be forgiven of our sin, we must BELIEVE that Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for our sin. He took the punishment for sin that we deserve. He offers us a life with Him when we CHOOSE to follow God and a promise of eternal life in heaven. God offered Cain a way out from the wrong he had done. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is our way out if we ADMIT, BELIEVE, and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW.*

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their forever friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available. *Treat each other respectfully as we all transition to Surf Team time.*

**Gospel Tip**

This is the most important part of every lesson. Be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Take time to clearly communicate God's plan of salvation. Use scripture. Always give kids an opportunity to respond with clear instructions on how to receive Jesus and where to go for counseling. More helps on Leading a Child to Christ are available on pages 27-29 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials.

**Bible 101** 

Draw kids' attention to the KBC Study Bible tip-in page, "The 10 Commandments" (before page 243). Explain that the 10 Commandments can help them know how to respect God and respect others.

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