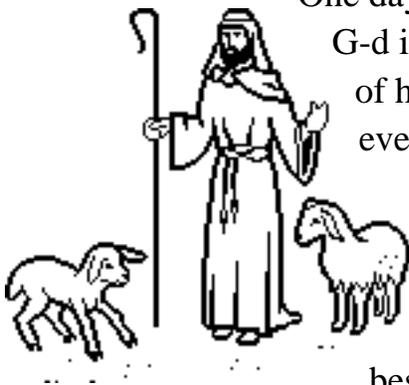
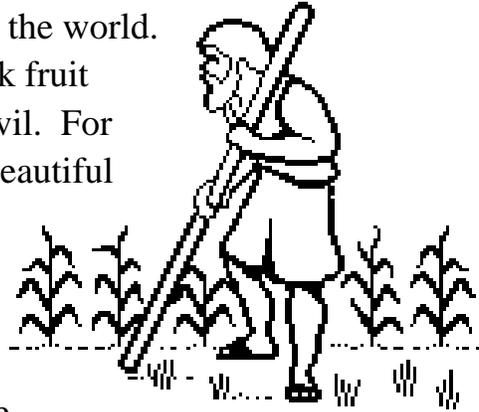


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Sin, Lesson 1

The Bible explains to us how sin came into the world. Adam and Chavah (Eve) disobeyed G-d and took fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. For their punishment they were forced to leave the beautiful place where they were living, called *gan Eden*. But even though they had sinned against G-d, He was still merciful toward them, and gave them children. The first son they had they named Cain. He learned to grow things from the ground, and made his living as a farmer who planted and then reaped the crop. The second son given to Adam and Chavah they named Abel. He was also a farmer, but he raised animals rather than planting crops like his brother Cain.



One day both Cain and Abel wanted to give something to G-d in order to show their love for Him. Cain took some of his crops and brought them to give to G-d. Abel, however, looked for the very best of his flock and brought that as a gift to G-d. Cain brought what was easy for him to give up, but Abel brought what cost the most. Abel showed that his heart was right before G-d because he was willing to give to G-d the very

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When G-d saw the offerings that Cain and Abel had brought, He was happy with Abel's offering but He did not receive Cain's. Because G-d is able to look at the heart, G-d saw that Abel's heart was right before Him, while Cain only wanted others to think he was good.

This tells us something about SIN. Sin is anytime we don't love G-d the way we should. G-d has given us good commandments, and when we keep them G-d is pleased. But when we disobey and act sinfully, we are actually telling G-d that we love our own ways more than His. Sin makes G-d sad. He sent our Messiah Yeshua to pay for our sins, and to give us a new life, a life of believing and obeying G-d. When we obey G-d, He gives us peace and happiness.

But when we sin, we bring trouble into our lives, just like Cain.

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