

*Use the following thoughts and questions to have one spiritual conversation. You can pick and choose, use them all or just allow the statement to be your guide. The emphasis shouldn't be about having all the answers, but simply having a conversation.*

**Scripture**

Genesis 4:1-16,25-26

## 1. Opening Statement

*Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:*

**Sin spreads throughout the hearts and actions of people.**

This main point is the biblical truth the student's study was built around. Each week there will be one statement that ties the whole study together. These would be great statements to remember together. The hope is that thoughts and ideas will stem from these statements. You can also begin by sharing a thought of your own that you learned during your study of the same session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

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## 2. Thought From the Study

The promised mercy of God is what overcomes sin, and this is why we look to God for salvation and power in our mission. As Christians, we see ourselves in the person of Cain, but we also see ourselves in light of the cross. The cross is where God displayed the fullness of His justice by pouring out His wrath toward sin. The cross is where God displayed the fullness of His mercy by extending grace to us through His Son. And now, we seek to slow the spread of sin by pointing others to the God who forgives, transforms, and grants repentance.

► **How do you respond when you recognize the sin in your own life? Do you seek forgiveness?**

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## 3. Quote for Discussion

*Discuss this quote together. How does this change your understanding of a relationship with Jesus?*

**"The ultimate Abel, the ultimate man of faith, the only true and literally innocent man came into the world and we—Cains all—killed him. But this was not a random accident. This one came into the world to be our substitute, to bear the curse that we Cains deserved." —Tim Keller**

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## 4. Conversation Questions

*Use these questions to begin thinking through and applying the lessons to your family life:*

1. In what ways has jealousy gotten in the way of our family relationships?
2. Why is it important for our family to model forgiveness toward one another?
3. How can holding one another accountable when facing temptation strengthen our family?
4. How well does our family model God's response to sin, not with fierce accusations but with an invitation to repent?