

Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

You Shall NOT Murder

Shalom, children! Today we are going to hear all about the first families who lived on the earth. Remember Adam and Hawwah, who disobeyed Yahweh and had to be kicked out of the beautiful Garden of Eden? (**Place Adam and Hawwah on board.**) But later, Yahweh gave them the gift of children - 2 healthy sons to cheer them up. (**Place 2 boys on board.**) Does anyone here like to make their parents happy? Yes, I'm sure you do! When their 2 boys grew to be big and strong, they worked hard to provide food. (**Remove 2 boys from board and place Qayin with fruits and vegetables and Hebel with sheep on board.**) The first son, Qayin, became a farmer and grew all kinds of luscious fruits and vegetables. (**Point to Qayin.**) Their second son, Hebel, became a herder of sheep, which provided meat, milk and wool for clothing. (**Point to Hebel.**)

(Remove all characters from board.)

Now, the 2 boys had been taught all about bringing offerings to Yahweh, in order to thank Him for giving them all they needed. (**Place thankful emoji on board.**) Soon it became time to offer their gifts of food to Yahweh. The younger son, Hebel, brought the very best of his flock of sheep. (**Place Hebel and his offering on board.**) They were lambs, and perfect ones in every way. Yahweh liked Hebel's offering very much, because it came from Hebel's heart of love toward Elohim. His older brother Qayin also brought an offering from his fields - big baskets of fruits and vegetables. (**Place Qayin and his offering on board.**)

How many of you know that Yahweh always expects us to honor Him with our very best? I think Qayin was not very careful to do that, because Yahweh did not like Qayin's offering at all. Do you think maybe he offered Yahweh some old fruit that had fallen off the tree a couple of days ago? But hey, it still looked pretty good, so he thought, why not? Maybe he brought heads of lettuce that were just a teensy bit smaller than the rest, or some green beans that were a bit skinny. Maybe Qayin thought Yahweh would not notice. Whatever the problem was, Yahweh was not happy with Qayin's gift. (**Place sad emoji on board.**)



Now, we know that Yahweh always gives His children a chance to make things right. Qayin could have gone back home to get the fattest, freshest lettuce he could find. He could have filled his baskets with the biggest green beans and the juiciest peaches, picked right off the tree. But I'm sad to say that's not what he did. Instead, he got hopping mad at his brother for being such a goody-goody, and went around with a big scowl on his face. **(Place angry emoji on board.)** Has anyone ever made a big scowly-face at you? You'd better stay clear when they look like that! Well, Qayin was so jealous of his brother that Yahweh had to warn him that if he didn't change his attitude, he could be tempted to do some awful sin that he would always regret.

(Remove all characters from board.)

And that's just what happened. One day, when the 2 brothers were out in the field by themselves, Qayin rose up against his younger brother and murdered him in cold blood! **(Place murder scene on board.)** It was just as Yahweh had warned him. Because he never controlled his thoughts, his actions led to the first recorded murder in the Scriptures.

But was Qayin sorry for what he did? Not very. When Yahweh asked him, "Hey, Qayin, where is your brother Hebel?" Qayin spoke disrespectfully to his Creator and pretended he hadn't done anything wrong. Now, do you think Yahweh said, "Okay, I just wondered where he was?" No, of course not! Yahweh knew exactly where Hebel was - he was out in the field, lying dead on the ground. **(Remove all characters from board and place dead scene on board.)** Yahweh had seen the whole thing. Do you ever do something wrong behind your parents' backs, and then act as though you're innocent? We've all done that, haven't we? But guess who knows exactly what you did, and will make sure everyone else knows, too? That's right! Yahweh is faithful to get hold of us whenever we try to lie about our wrongs.

If Qayin had been humble and really sorry about murdering his brother, Yahweh might have made his punishment easier. **(Place humble Qayin on board.)** But because of Qayin's pride and hard heart, Yahweh had to get his attention by giving him a totally frustrating life. Qayin was ordered to leave home and forget about ever being a good farmer again. The fruit trees and vegetables were not going to produce much at all for him, ever. He would be homeless, wandering about in the earth. **(Remove humble Qayin and place Qayin with ragged clothing and blisters on feet on board.)** People would want to kill him for what he had done. But Yahweh showed kindness to Qayin and put a sign on him warning people not to kill him, otherwise they would be severely punished.

At last, Qayin found himself a wife and fathered a son named Hanok. **(Place wife and son on board.)** He built a city for his family to live in and became a great-great-great grandfather of sons and daughters. **(Place city with people on board.)** Some of them lived in tents and became experts at raising livestock **(place man with livestock near tent on board)**, and some of them became really good musicians who played harps and flutes. **(Place harpist and flutist on board.)** Still others worked with metal and learned to make all kinds of tools from bronze and iron. **(Place men working with bronze and iron tools on board.)**



But what about poor Adam and Hawwah? I'm sure they were really, really sad for a while. **(Place sad emoji on board.)** After all, one son was dead and the other was driven away from home as a murderer. Do you think they began to realize what an awful thing it is to disobey Yahweh? I'm sure they did! But Yahweh is so good and kind that He comforted Adam and Hawwah by giving them a third son, named Sheth. **(Place young Sheth on board.)** Sheth turned out to be a truly good boy, like his brother Hebel - loving Yahweh and being obedient to his parents. And when Sheth grew up, he married and became the father of another son, Enosh, who loved Yahweh just as his father and grandfather did. **(Remove young Sheth and replace with adult Sheth, Adam and Enosh on board.)** They made Yahweh very happy, because they taught others about His truth and His laws.

(Remove all characters from board except for adult Sheth and Enosh.)

Through them, a line of Yahweh's faithful leaders came into being on the earth. We will soon see how Yahweh kept this line alive, even when the rest of the earth became horribly bad. Let's thank Yahweh for giving us His good and faithful leaders to show us how to live forever with our loving Creator, no matter what other people may do or think! **(Place thankful emoji on board.)**

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

