

# Readers Theater Script

## PART 1—GENESIS 4:1–7

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## END OF PART 1—BE SEATED.

Fill in the blanks below as we continue our study questions about Cain and Abel.

**Hebrews 11:4** \_\_\_\_\_ Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Answer Key

Print one script, parts 1 & 2, for for each student. Print one answer key for your use.

This script uses the NKJV. Choose students to read each of the characters. Encourage animated reading in order to help everyone visualize the scene. You may want to read the part of the Narrator yourself to keep things moving. As the lesson progresses and children answer questions about this passage, they will circle the appropriate words in the text below and fill in the blanks.

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