



The First Family

Genesis 2:20-24, 3:1-24, 4:1-16

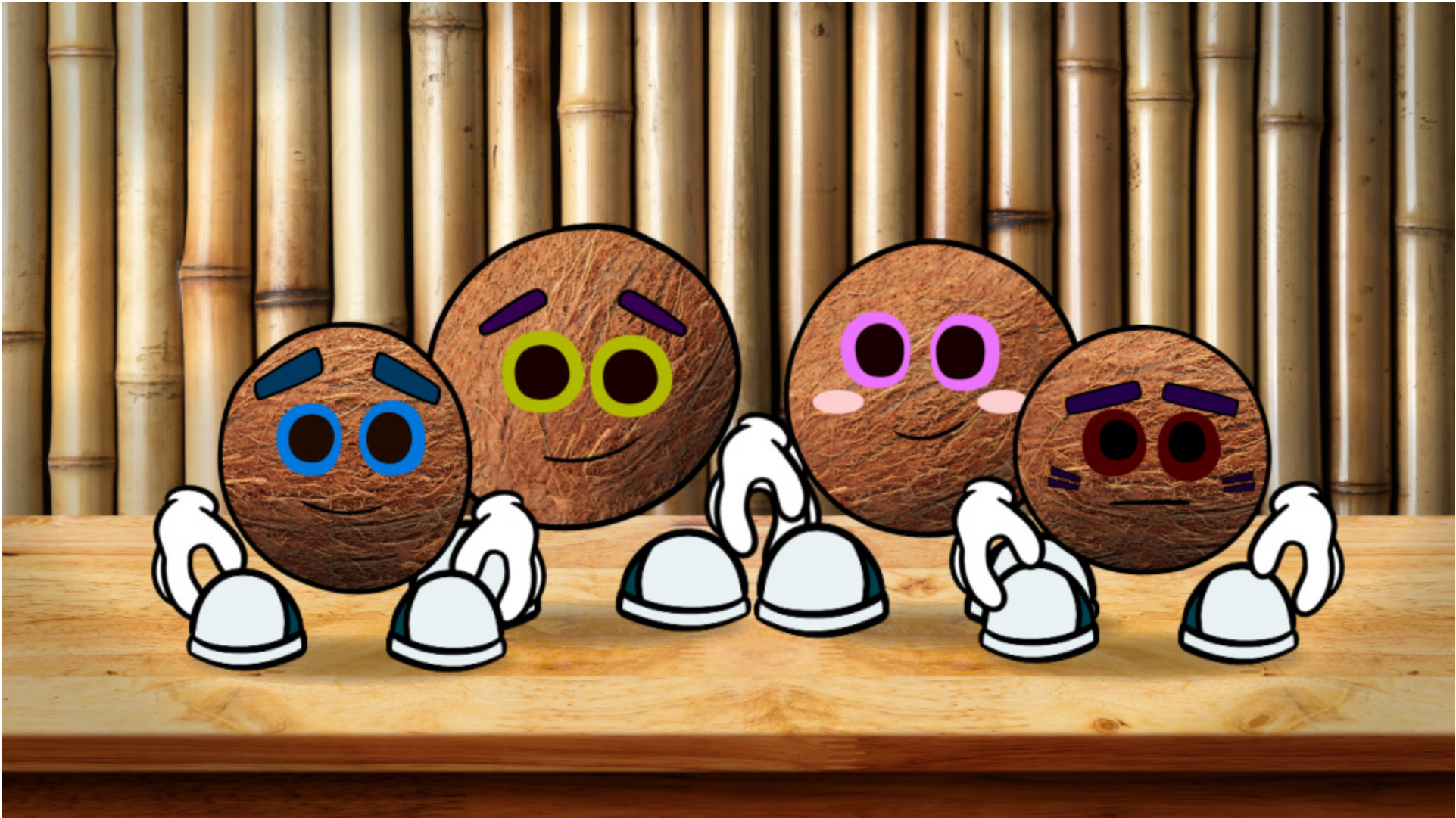
God made the first family when He created the first man named Adam and the first woman named Eve. When God created people, He knew they didn't need to be alone, so God put Adam and Eve together in a garden called Eden. At first, their family was perfect!

What do you think it was like having a perfect family? (Allow responses—great, no arguing/fighting, everyone shared/was kind/got along, etc.)



Adam and Eve were a perfect family until the day they decided to disobey God. Does anybody know what they did to disobey? (They ate from the one tree God told them not to eat from)

When they disobeyed God, everything changed. They couldn't be friends with Him anymore, and their lives became hard — even being a family was hard.



Even though their family wasn't perfect anymore, God still loved Adam and Eve. He gave them two sons named Cain and Abel. Raise your hand if you have a brother in your family. (Allow responses)

When these brothers grew up, they took on different jobs. Cain became a farmer, and Abel became a shepherd.

When we do jobs, we usually earn money. When we earn money, we're supposed to bring the first part of what we earn to church as a gift to God. But Cain and Abel didn't make money, so they were supposed to bring the first part, which is the best part, of what they had and give it to God.



Cain gathered some of the food he had grown to give to God, but it wasn't the best of his crops.

But Abel brought some of his best newborn sheep and gave them to God.

How do you think God felt about Abel's gift since Abel brought his best sheep? (Allow responses)

God cared about the thoughts and the effort the brothers put into their gifts to Him. Abel thought hard about what God wanted and made a real sacrifice by giving up his best sheep. So God was very pleased with Abel's gift, but God was not pleased with Cain because he didn't bring his best.



This made Cain very jealous of his brother. Raise your hand if you have ever been jealous of someone in your family. (Allow responses and raise your hand, too)

Sometimes we want what others have, but God knows that we can do wrong things when we feel this way.

So when God saw that Cain was feeling jealous, God warned him about the anger he was feeling. God reminded Cain that he had not done the right thing and that his sin would control him and make him do wrong things if he did not control it and make right choices.



Sadly, Cain let sin take over his heart. He didn't ask God to help him do the right thing. Instead, he asked his brother to go to the field with him, and while they were there, Cain attacked Abel and killed him.

What do you think this did to their family? (Hurt their family, made them sad, caused more problems)

Cain's disobedience hurt himself and his family. He could no longer grow crops, and he had to leave his home.



Cain was sad that he had to go, but God promised to protect him from anyone that would want to harm him. Why would God still take care of Cain after he had disobeyed? (Allow responses) God promised to protect Cain because God still loved Cain even though he wasn't perfect.

God knows that all of us are going to do wrong things and that when we do, it can hurt our families. But God still loves us, even though no family is perfect.