

# Rights and Responsibilities

**BIG QUESTION:** What are my responsibilities?

**The story of Cain and Abel** Adam and Eve had two sons, their first son was called Cain and their second was called Abel. Cain was a farmer and Abel was a shepherd. Cain and Abel were like most siblings—they didn't always get along. But they were brothers who loved each other very much, despite their occasional fights. Their parents, Adam and Eve told Cain and Abel that God had given them a message to sacrifice a lamb to show God how sorry they were for their sins. Abel chose his first and best lamb and offered it to the Lord. Cain thought that his little brother was silly for giving up his best lamb, and he didn't want to waste the wheat he had grown, so he wanted to offer the left over straw that he had. When the offerings were burned, Cain watched as the lamb burned up completely, but his left over straw just smouldered and did not catch fire. This could mean only one thing—God preferred Abel! Cain was very jealous and he got angry at his brother. Cain asked Abel to go for a walk with him and while he was still angry, Cain struck Abel and killed him. When Cain realised what he had done, he was more concerned that someone might have seen what he'd done than he was sorry for his brother's death. He looked around and sighed a breath of relief that no one was nearby. And then the Lord spoke and said, "Cain where is your brother?" Cain shrugged and said "I don't know. **Am I my brother's keeper?**" God replied "Cain, how could you be so cruel to your only brother? He has done nothing but try his best for me, for his parents and for you." Cain fell to the ground sobbing. Finally he felt the horror of what he had done and he had to live with that feeling and the knowledge that he had killed his brother for the rest of his life.

## Key Vocabulary

rights

responsibilities

Cain

Abel



## **Am I my brother's keeper? (Genesis 4:9)**

Think about how this has been quoted time and time again through the ages.

Now we are going to ask ourselves,

**Do we have a responsibility to watch out for and care for one another?**

**Yes we are! Jesus commanded us to Love one another (John 13:34-35)**



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**BIG QUESTION:** What are all our responsibilities?

**Task:** Be Bible detectives—look up the following parts where The Bible tells us that our responsibilities are to love one another



- ◆ As commanded by Jesus (John 13:34-35; John 15: 12, 17)
- ◆ As taught by Paul (Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:9)
  - ◆ As instructed by Peter (1Peter 1:22) and
- ◆ As stressed by John (1 John 3:11, 23; 1 John 4:7, 11-12; 2 John 5)



## Music Task

Research both religious music and pop music to find as many examples as you can of music about love.



## The Bible also tells us how we show our love to one another:

1. We are to “receive one another” (Romans 15:7)
2. We are to “edify another” (Romans 14:19)
3. We are to serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
4. We are to “bear one another’s burdens” (Galatians 6:1-2)
5. We are to be “Forgiving to one another” (Ephesians 4:32)
6. We are to be “submitting to one another” (Ephesians 5:21)
7. We are to “Consider one another” (Hebrews 10:24-25)
8. We are to be “hospitable to one another” (1Peter 4:8-10)

**Task:** How can we demonstrate one of these ways in our community today?

## Computing Task:

**Make a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate your ideas of how we can show love to one another in our community.**

