



Bible Drama Scripts presents

WHAT'S WRONG WITH VEGETABLES?

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SYNOPSIS: Adam calls Cain to come for the evening sacrifice. Cain comes . . . on his own terms. Adam patiently tries to remind Cain that worship is about pleasing God while Cain petulantly attempts to derail the discussion by accusing God of favoritism and by declaring that he, Cain, should be able to set the terms for how he approaches God.

SETTING: In the early years after Adam and Eve have been banished from the Garden of Eden.

CHARACTERS: ADAM and CAIN.

PERFORMANCE TIME: 3-4 minutes.

PERFORMANCE NOTE: Characters say lines together when marked with a star.

TOPICS: Worship. Attitude. Arrogance. Pride. Alienation. Our attitude toward God. Our need for redemption.

PERFORMANCE POSSIBILITIES: Worship services. Small groups. High school and college groups. Youth activities. Evangelistic outreaches.

BIBLE REFERENCES: Genesis 4:1-8; Hebrews 9:22, 28.

PROPS: Wood for the evening sacrifice.

A basket of vegetables, including a large head of cabbage, a potato, and a fat tomato.

(Enters stage right, carrying wood for the evening sacrifice)

ADAM

Cain . . .

It's time for the evening sacrifice . . .

We're all waiting . . .

What's this?

I know what they are, Cain . . .

I named them. Remember?

But where's your sacrifice?

Vegetables instead of a lamb?

Nothing's wrong with vegetables.

But God . . .

Oh really?

You think you can impress God

CAIN

(Offstage)
Coming . . .

(Slightly irritated)
I'll be there in a minute.

(More irritated)
I said I was coming . . .
(Comes on stage with left arm bent as if holding a basket.)
See, I'm here.

(Points to top of basket proudly, then to other items as appropriate.)
My prize cabbage . . .
My biggest potatoes . . .
My sweetest tomatoes . . .

This *is* my sacrifice.

What's wrong with vegetables?

Abel raises sheep;

I raise vegetables.

What's wrong with vegetables?

God made vegetables.

And I'm bringing Him my best vegetables.

I think He'll be impressed.

ADAM

By bringing Him your best vegetables?

So do I.

But God wants an animal sacrifice.

What *you* like is not the point.

Yes, of course.

But we don't make sacrifices for our
own enjoyment.

We make them to show we're sorry for our sins . . .

To let God know we love Him.

No one said God doesn't like vegetables.

That's *not* what I said.

Cain, God's in charge, not us.

We bring our sacrifices to please Him.

CAIN

I like vegetables.

That's messy!

I don't like killing animals.

I don't like blood and burning flesh.

I like *vegetables*.

Why not?

Doesn't God want me to enjoy what I'm
giving?

Why should I love someone
who doesn't like vegetables?

You said He likes lamb better.

Then why can't I bring vegetables?

Abel raises sheep;

I raise vegetables.

Why can't I bring vegetables?

Why would God choose sheep instead of
vegetables?

I think God plays favorites.

ADAM

Cain, God loves you, too.

Because God is God.

It isn't just the animals . . .

It's your attitude.

Other than defiance, pride, and anger?

Cain, you wouldn't be in trouble either

If you'd just listen.

(Wearily)

Cain, my son . . .

My firstborn son . . .

It's time for the evening sacrifice.

I know . . .

Abel raises sheep . . .

CAIN

God loves Abel, but He doesn't love me.

Then why can't I bring what I want?

And Cain is Cain.

I'm *not* Abel.

I don't want to bring animals like Abel does.

My *attitude!*

What's wrong with my attitude?

Look, you'd be angry, too, if you had a

namby-pamby brother like mine

who never gets in trouble.

Why should I listen?

Abel's always right;

I'm always wrong.

Everyone loves Abel . . .

But no one even likes me.

And I'm here.

With my vegetables.

Abel . . .



Abel raises sheep . . .

ADAM

but *you* raise vegetables.
What's wrong with vegetables?

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CAIN

but *I* raise vegetables.
What's wrong with vegetables?