

Use The Scene to introduce “How to Prevent Anger,” the High School Sunday school lesson for January 4, 2015. The lesson is found on page 31 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

What makes you angry? Teachers who give homework over a holiday break? Lies spread by a trusted friend? Losing your spot on the team? Someone else getting credit for something you worked hard to accomplish? Being THIS close to a dream, and then having it ripped out from under you? We’ve all been there. But for 9-year-old Jennifer Rist, it was something *far* more serious . . . the tooth fairy.

When the tooth fairy ignored her precious pearl of a tooth for two nights straight, Jennifer had had enough! She wrote this letter, which has since gone viral:

*(Not very) Dear T.F.,
This is the second time you’ve done this.
You forgot me. So if you’re not going to come, then I’m going to keep my own teeth.
You are through collecting teeth from Jennifer.
From now on I’m keeping my own teeth.*

*Sincerely,
Jennifer*

*P.S.—Keep collecting teeth from Mike, though. Obviously you like him better.
P.P.S.—Don’t bother to write back.*

Despite her P.P.S., Jennifer awoke the next morning to a letter that read:

I couldn’t get to you because your room was such a mess. Maybe if you want me to get to you in a timely manner, you’ll clean your room.

And that was the end of that.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

Little Jennifer was angry because she felt that she wasn’t being treated fairly. When have you felt that way? How did you deal with your anger?

When are some other times when you feel angry?

What happens when people let their anger get out of control?

Jennifer’s letter to the tooth fairy was a pretty funny expression of anger. But uncontrolled anger is a serious problem today. Let’s look at the story of Cain and Abel and learn three important things about the serious and sometimes dangerous emotion of anger.