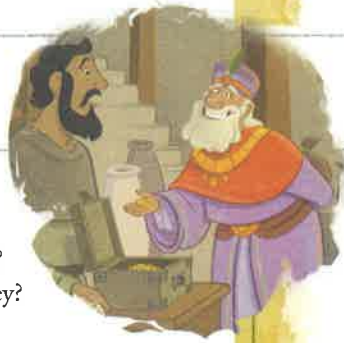


Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4-5

STORY POINT: ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA LIED ABOUT THEIR GIFT TO THE CHURCH.

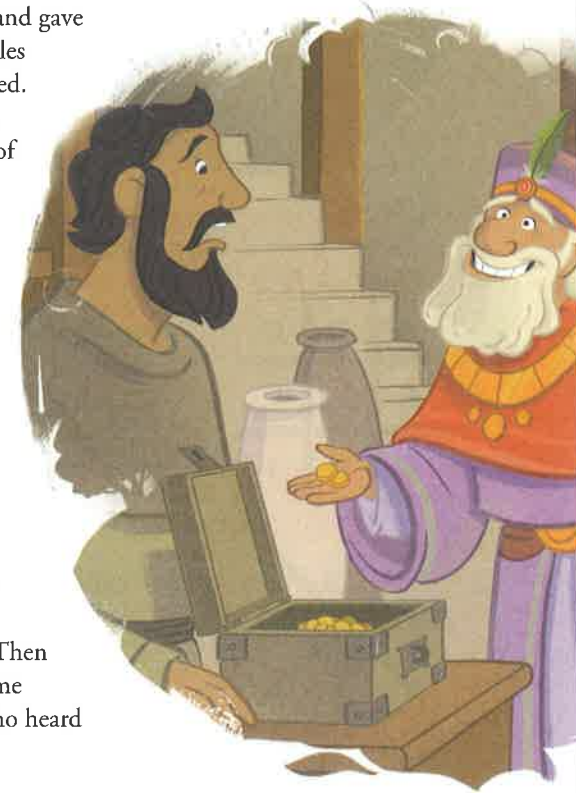
The early church was growing. A large group of believers met together in Jerusalem. They shared everything they had. If someone had more than he needed, he gladly gave it away so everyone had what he needed.

One man, Barnabas, sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. The apostles used the money to help people in need. Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, sold some land and pretended to give all of the money to the apostles, but they kept some of it for themselves.

When Ananias brought the money to the apostles, Peter asked him, "Why are you lying to the Holy Spirit?" When Ananias heard this, he fell down, died, and was buried. Everyone who heard about this was filled with fear.

About three hours later, Sapphira came to the apostles. Peter asked her, "Is this all the money you got for the land?"

"Yes," she said. "That's all of it." Then Sapphira fell dead too. Great fear came on everyone in the church and all who heard about these things.



Christ Connection: Ananias and Sapphira wanted to look generous, but they were greedy. The Holy Spirit changes our hearts to want to share with those in need because Jesus generously gave all He had so we can share in His riches and have forgiveness and eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

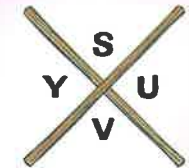
- When has someone else shown generosity toward your family? How did you feel?
- What could you share or give away to help others?
- How was Jesus generous toward sinners?

Ananias Again

Find and circle the two pictures of Ananias that are the same.



Coin Code | Use the code to discover the words missing from the Christ connection.

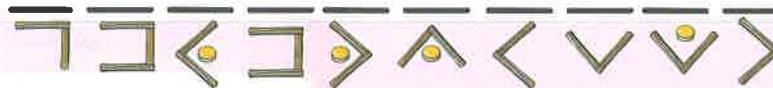


Ananias and Sapphira wanted to look _____, but they were



_____. The Holy Spirit changes our hearts to want to _____

with those in need because Jesus _____ gave all He had so



we can share in His _____ and have



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Spot the Differences

INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle the seven differences between the two versions of the Bible story picture.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 29 • Session 1 Ananias and Sapphira

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Believers in the early church sold things to give generously.
- Ananias and Sapphira lied about their gift to the church.
- They did not have to give any of the money, but their choice to lie had consequences and they died.

KEY PASSAGE: Romans 12:5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the church? The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why does God want us to give generously?
- Who provided the perfect example of generosity?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Organize a yard sale to sell unused or unneeded items your family has collected. Plan to give the proceeds to your church or a charity. Discuss with your kids that Ananias and Sapphira sinned by lying about their gift, not by keeping some of the money for themselves.



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