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Bible Story: Ananias and Sapphira lie to God
Posted by Gordano Valley



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"Seven Men Were Chosen"
posted by Masterpiece Kids

Lesson #4: THE EARLY CHURCH & ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA (Acts 5:1-11; Acts 6:1-7)

The Bible says that when a person becomes a Christian, God makes them a part of Jesus' church. That means they are part of a new family with many brothers and sisters. The church began with 3,000 people! Every day more and more people decided to trust and follow Jesus. Many were added to the church every day.



They got together often to listen to the apostles' teaching. They met together in the temple courts and in their homes. They didn't have a church building. They knew that the church is people, not a building. They shared meals, they prayed and shared the Lord's Supper. They loved being together.

If a Christian brother or sister was hungry or needed clothes, they shared. Sometimes a Christian would sell something and use the money to buy what was needed.

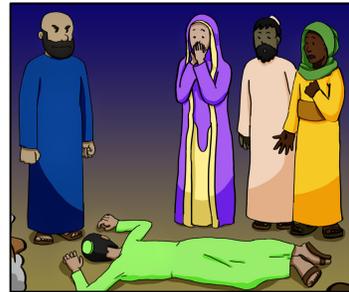


One good man, named Joseph, owned a field. He sold the field and took all the money he earned to the apostles. The apostles shared the money with those who needed it. Everyone was happy to share what they had. When other people saw Christian's love for each other, the Church grew!



Satan tempted Ananias, and his wife Sapphira. They sold property too, but they didn't want to give ALL the money to the apostles. That would have been fine for them to keep some money. But Ananias and Sapphira wanted everyone to think they were very generous. They thought they could keep some and lie about it. They thought no one would ever know.

Ananias hid some of the money. He said, "My wife and I sold our property and here is all the money." With God's help, the apostles knew this was a lie. Peter said, "Ananias, you could have kept that money and no one would have thought you were bad. But you lied to all these people. You have lied to God and the Holy Spirit. Ananias fell down dead.



Later Sapphira also lied and said, "It is all the money." She died too. The news spread. Everyone learned an important lesson - disciples follow Jesus with all their heart! No one can lie to God!

The church grew bigger and bigger. The Apostles were busy praying, preaching and teaching every day. They were also busy helping people. But sometimes they couldn't get to everyone. Some widows hungry.



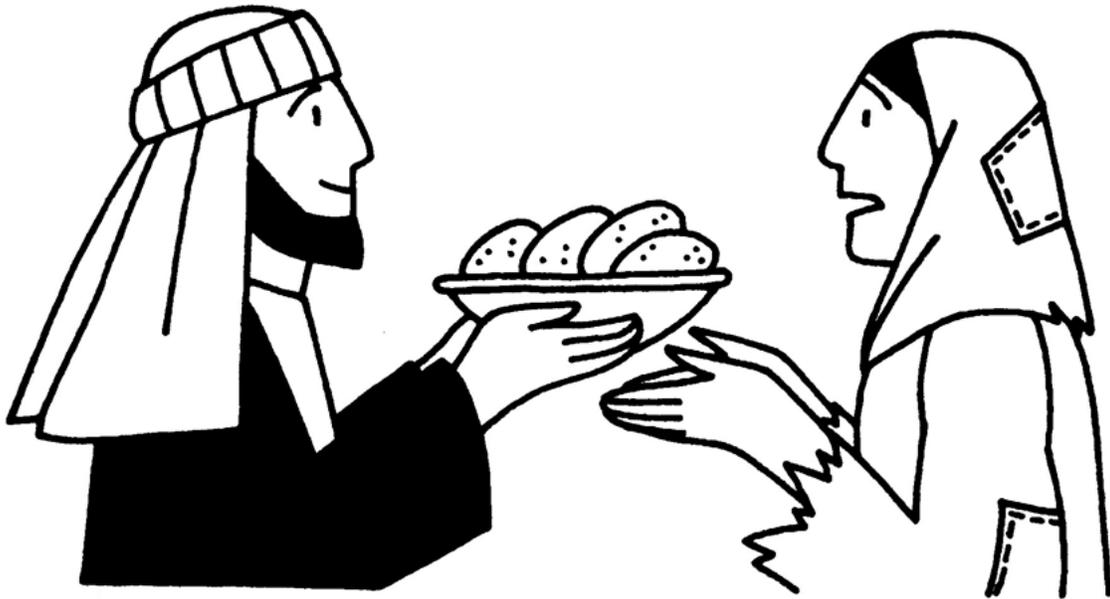
The apostles said, "We need to pray and to teach about Jesus. So, we want you to choose 7 men to pass out the food. Make sure these men are faithful to God and full of the Spirit. Choose men who are wise because it will be their job to make sure everything is fair and that no one misses out." These men are good helpers or Deacons.

Everyone was sharing in the work. The Christians were **sharing and loving each other**. The church grew bigger and bigger every day.

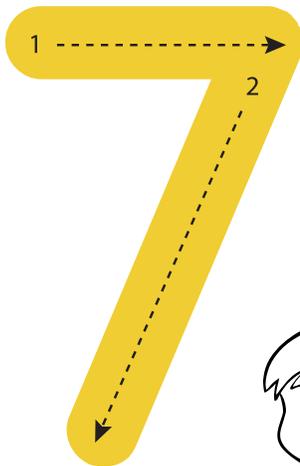


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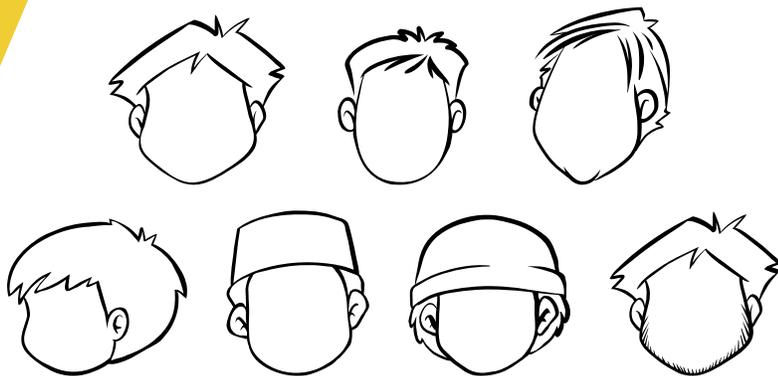
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THE EARLY CHURCH CHOSE 7 DEACONS
TO HELP PASS OUT FOOD.



Draw seven faces



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY



ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA



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| PETER | FEAR | DEATH | GOD |
| ANANIAS | MONEY | POSSESSIONS | KEEP |
| SAPPHIRA | PROPERTY | CHURCH | SPIRIT |

Do you think the church grows when we enjoy being together, sharing and helping each other? _____

What can YOU do to show love to someone at church?



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

THE APOSTLES CHOSE 7 HELPERS (DEACONS)

Find and circle the names of the 7 helpers that were chosen for the apostles.
Stephen Philip Procorus
Nicanor Timon Parmenas Nicolas



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**Who are the DEACONS of our church?
How do they help our church family?**