

The Gospel is For All



Parents' Page

Lesson 3

God Helps People Teach the Gospel

Your child should understand...

Truthfulness — Lying as sin against God

Your child should be able to...

1. Explain why the Jews kept arresting the apostles.
2. Identify what happened to Ananias and Sapphira and why.
3. Describe how the apostles got out of the jail without the guards knowing.

Your child should be memorizing...

Acts 2:38

“Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” (NASB)

Please help your child read...

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| 1 | Acts 4:1-8, 10, 12, 18-20 |
| 2 | Acts 4:23, 27-29, 32-35, 37 |
| 3 | Acts 5:1-10, 14 |
| 4 | Acts 5:17-22, 27-30, 32 |
| 5 | Acts 5:33-35, 38-42 |

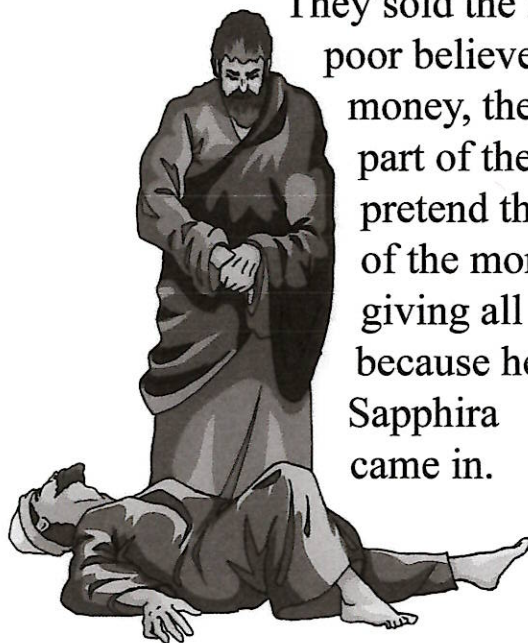
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Not everyone was happy about Jesus. The Jewish leaders wanted people to follow them instead of following Jesus. So they were angry that the apostles were teaching people to love and obey Jesus. When Peter and John healed the lame man, the leaders were afraid more and more people would believe that Jesus was God's Son. One time they arrested Peter and John and put them in jail. The next day, they let them go, but they warned them not to teach about Jesus. But Peter and John told them that they couldn't stop telling about Jesus! Then Peter and John went to their friends. They all prayed to God to help them keep teaching about Jesus.



God kept adding people who believed and were baptized to Jesus' church. Some of them were rich, and some were very poor. But they all loved one another, so those who had money helped those who didn't have money. Ananias and his wife Sapphira were believers who owned some land.



They sold the land for money to give to the apostles for the poor believers. But when Ananias and Sapphira saw the money, they didn't want to give all of it. So they kept part of the money for themselves. They planned to pretend they were giving all of it. Ananias took some of the money to the apostles. But he acted like he was giving all of it. As soon as he lied, he fell down dead because he had really lied to God! Three hours later, Sapphira came in.

Be ready to tell the class about the sin of Ananias and Sapphira and what happened to them.

She lied, too. And she fell down dead. All the people who heard about it were afraid. When we lie, we are really lying to God. That makes Him very sad.

The apostles were healing lots of sick people. When people heard about all of the miracles, they believed in Jesus. Many men and women were baptized. So the church grew every day. But the leaders of the Jews still hated the apostles and threw them in jail. That night God sent an angel to open the jail door, and the angel took them out. But the guards didn't know it! The very next day, the apostles were out teaching the people about Jesus again. What a surprise that was to the Jewish leaders! God made sure that His apostles could teach people about His Son.

We can pray for God to help *us* teach everyone, too, can't we? Praying to God and telling others the good news about Jesus are two of the most important things we will ever do.



The leaders of the Jews kept arresting the apostles because the apostles were teaching the good news about

True or False? God's angel opened the jail door and took the apostles out, but the guards didn't know it.

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Memory Verse:

Fill in the blanks in your memory verse:

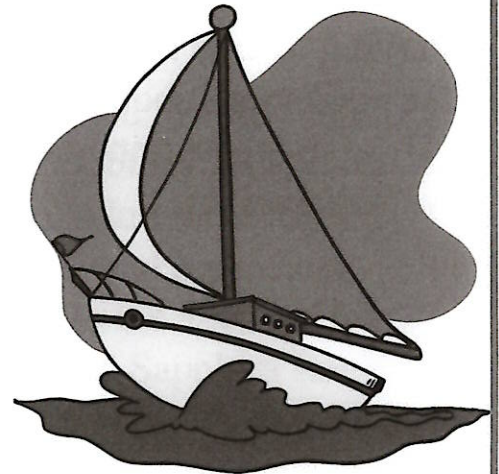
Acts 2: _____

“ _____ said to them, ‘ _____, and each of you be _____ in the name of _____, for the forgiveness of your _____; and you will receive the _____ of the _____.’”

Sailing Through the Bible Facts

What is the book of **John** about?
(Believing Jesus is the Son of God)

Can you say the **Beatitudes**? (“*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*” NASB)



On your **Bible map**, find the city of **Bethany**. What friends of Jesus lived here?