

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

JANUARY 24 2021

In Sunday School Today: Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 4-5)

Memory Verse: in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.

Dear Parents,

Something amazing was happening among believers in the early church. Not only was the Holy Spirit changing people's hearts to believe in Jesus, He was empowering them to live differently. We see the evidence of God's grace among the believers in Acts 4:32-35. The believers shared everything they had. If one person had a need, someone else gladly gave what he had to meet that need. As a result, "there was not a needy person among them" (Acts 4:34).

Joseph (also known as Barnabas) was one of the disciples living in this way. He sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. But trouble arose when Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, sold some land. Perhaps they wanted to appear as generous as Barnabas without feeling the full cost of such generosity. They secretly kept back some of the money, and Ananias brought the rest to Peter.

When Peter confronted Ananias, he didn't tell him he was wrong to only bring part of the money. In fact, Peter said Ananias could have been honest about how the money was divided. Ananias and Sapphira's sin was in pretending to be generous when they were actually greedy. They had tried to deceive the apostles, but Peter pointed out that they were guilty of trying to deceive God. Ananias dropped dead, and a few hours later his wife did too.

As you teach this story to kids, avoid using Ananias and Sapphira as a warning to be generous or die.

As sinners, we struggle with the temptation of greed. Point your kids to Jesus, who forgives our greed and changes us through the Holy Spirit. **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 Questions:

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

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COGS Kids T-shirts Are here! They are in ABC order on a table in the gathering area under the coat racks. Please stop in and pick them up when you can.



COGS Kids Choir/Spring Musical: Will be held Sunday, January 24th at 11:45am via Zoom with Serena. If your son/daughter would like to

participate, please log on at this time using the Meeting ID/Passcode below.

Meeting ID: 889 5110 3452
Passcode: 550711

Speaking roles: Those that have speaking parts will be asked to stay on an extra 15-minutes on Sunday 1/24 to read through the script with Serena. All roles/solos have been emailed and posted on our COGS Kids Choir page.

REGATHERING UPDATE

It is our hope to regather in person on Sunday, January 31st for the 9:45 Worship and Sunday School hour. We will be offering Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade. We will not have nursery attendants at this time but we will have the nursery room available for parents to take a baby-age 2 if they need a break from the Worship Center. We will be live streaming the service into the Nursery so that you don't miss it.

All of the same protocols/procedures will be followed just like in October when we were in person:

- Mask wearing at all times
- Social Distancing
- Check in in the front of the sanctuary
- Drop off your son/daughter at the doors to the education wing
- Only one parent in the hallway for pick up
- Thorough cleaning in the Education Wing

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Lent Begins: Wednesday, February 17th
Palm Sunday: March 28th
Good Friday: April 4th
Easter Sunday: April 4th

- We will be praying about the possibility of having some sort of an Easter Festival/Egg Hunt. Stay tuned for information on these events.

VBS 2021 (DATES TBA next week):

- Summer Games
Train, Compete, Reach the Goal



New Year Devotions: Would you like some accountability in completing a devotional this New Year? The Bible App has some amazing plans that you can do on your own! You can even set a reminder on your phone that if you didn't do them by a certain time, it will send you a notification! Download the YouVersion Bible App and start today! Send an invite to your friends and family, and do them together!

