

## ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

Text: Acts 4:31 - 37; 5

Memory Verse: Prov. 10:9

This week's text continues the history of the growth of the early church. We are told of how the Apostles were received by the people and the Jewish leaders. We are told of the things that the Apostles did, spoke, and experienced. Be sure to read the entire text before answering the questions.

Define these terms:

1. WITNESS
2. PROCEEDS
3. ESTEEMED
4. BENEVOLENT -
5. What had just happened prior to Acts 4:31 and who is this verse talking about?
6. How were Peter and John able to speak the word of God?
7. What did some believers do with their possessions?
8. In verse 36 we learn of a certain Jewish believer.
  - a. His original name was \_\_\_\_\_ but the Apostles named him \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Give the meaning of Barnabas.
  - c. How do we know Barnabas was a Jew?
  - d. What did Barnabas do in v.37?
9. Many people were selling their goods and sharing the money. Ananias and Sapphira did this as well. Why were they punished for doing a good deed?
  - a. How did Peter know they lied?
10. What was their punishment?
11. What was the reaction of the church and all who heard of it?
12. What effect did this have upon the spread of the Gospel?
13. What kinds of miracles were performed?
14. Who opposed the Gospel and put Peter and John in prison. (v.17)?

15. Who released them from prison?
16. In the morning, they were found and brought before the council. Read vs. 28. How did Peter and the other apostles respond?
17. Peter and the apostles reminded the council that they had done what to Christ?
18. How did the council react to Peter's words?
19. Who persuaded them not to and what do we know about this person? (v.34)
20. Why did Gamaliel encourage them to leave them alone?
21. Instead, the council \_\_\_\_\_ them and commanded them not to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ anymore.

### THOUGHT QUESTIONS

22. Compare Acts 2:37 with Acts 5: 30-31. What were the responses of the listeners?
23. List 3 scriptures that indicate how many people were being converted, including the number of converts in Acts chapters 2 - 5.      3000  
    Acts 2:41              Acts 4:4              Acts 5:14  
    3000                      5000              multitudes of men and women

**Amplified Bible Curriculum**  
**Grades 4, 5 & 6**  
**Wednesday Night Activity**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

**Lesson #4 - Ananias and Sapphira**

**\*Say Memory verses all together: Acts 2:38  
Acts 4:12  
Acts 5:29**

**\*Bring 4 poster boards, markers, colored pencils, construction paper, cotton ball, yarn, glue and sissors. Divide class into 4 groups. Assign each group to represent, on the poster board, one of the lessons we have already covered in Acts. (Lesson #1 - The Acension, Lesson #2 - The Church Begins, Lesson #3 - Peter & John Imprisoned, Lesson #4 - Ananias and Sapphira). The poster will be shared at the end of class and hung up in classroom to view.**

**\*Have boy lead assigned song if time allows.**

## Ananias and Sapphira

### Concept development:

Obedience – Lying is sin; being benevolent to fellow Christians; bring the message; willing to face persecution

**Words to define:** benevolent

### Body:

#### Benevolence

After they prayed the place shook and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with all boldness  
They had all things in common lacking in nothing  
Some sold land and houses and gave the money to the Apostles [Barnabas]  
Every man received, as he needed

#### The lie

They agreed to sell a possession and keep part of the price and give the rest to the Apostles  
Ananias gave Peter the money claiming that it was all that they received in the sell of their possession  
Peter said that you have not lied to man but to God and Ananias fell dead  
When Sapphira came in Peter asked her how much did you get from the land and she fell dead  
They were looking for the praised of men  
Fear came on the whole church  
The apostles knew what you are thinking

#### In prison

The apostles continued to do many signs and wonders  
Multitudes of men and women were added to the believers  
The high priest and Sadducees were filled with jealousy  
They took the apostles and put them in public ward  
An angel came and let them out and told them to go speak the words of life in the temple  
The counsel came together in the morning and found the apostles gone  
The guards did not know they were gone  
They were found at the temple and brought before the counsel  
Did we not tell you to not preach in this name any more or bring His blood on our head  
Peter said, "We shall obey God rather than man"  
The God of our fathers raised up Jesus  
Whom ye slew, hanging Him on a tree  
God exalted Him to His right hand  
Prince, Savior, to give repentance to Israel, Remission of sins  
They were cut to the heart  
Ready to kill them  
Ready to obey God [Acts 2:37]  
Gamaliel said  
If this is of man it will end  
If this is of God we cannot stop it  
They were beaten, let go and told not to speak of Jesus  
They left rejoicing that they could suffer for the name of Jesus  
They continued to preach every day