Crafts

Craft: Ananias and Sapphira Coin Purse

Materials List:
- Small sheets of felt (various colors)
- Blunt scissors
- Glue sticks or fabric glue
- Yarn or string
- Large safety needles or hole punch
- Stickers or markers for decoration
- Plastic or foam coins

Step-by-Step Instructions:
1. Prepare Felt Squares:
- Cut each sheet of felt into two equal squares. You will need two squares per child.

2. Create Coin Pouch:
- Place the two felt squares on top of each other.
- Use a hole punch or large safety needle to make holes along three sides of the square, leaving the top open.

3. Lacing:
- Give each child a piece of yarn or string, and show them how to thread it through the holes, "sewing" the three sides together to create a pouch. Demonstrate one or two stitches and let them try with assistance as needed.

4. Decorate:
- Allow the children to decorate their coin purses using stickers and markers. Encourage them to personalize their pouches.

5. Add Coins:
- Hand out a few plastic or foam coins to each child to place inside their finished coin purse.

Reinforcement of Lesson:
This hands-on activity reinforces the lesson from Acts 5 about honesty and helping others in the community by linking the creation of a coin purse with the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Discuss with the children how Ananias and Sapphira kept some money for themselves instead of sharing, and how it's always best to be honest and give what we've promised. The craft draws a connection with the concept of sharing, and the physical creation of the purse and coins can help solidify these values in a tangible way.