Lesson

Engaging Introduction

Hello, little friends! Today we're going to hear an exciting story from the Bible about some very special followers of Jesus and how they learned an important lesson about honesty and sharing! Have you ever heard of the book called Acts? It's full of adventures and stories about the early church after Jesus went back to heaven. Today, we'll explore Acts chapter 5. Imagine a time when everyone shared what they had to help others. Isn't that sweet? Let's learn how God taught his people to be honest and caring towards one another!

Main Teaching Points

First, we meet two people named Ananias and Sapphira. They wanted to do something nice by selling a piece of their land and giving the money to the apostles to help the church. They saw others doing it and felt it was a good idea.

But here's the tricky part: Ananias and Sapphira decided to keep some of the money for themselves, which was fine, but they pretended they were giving all of the money to the church. They lied about it to Peter and the other apostles.

Now, kids, let's imagine when we play a game, and someone doesn't follow the rules. How does that make us feel? It's not fair, right? That's what lying is like. It can make things unfair and upset others. God wants us to be happy and truthful.

Ananias first came to Peter, and Peter asked him if he was giving all the money. Ananias lied to Peter, and sadly, Peter explained that Ananias wasn't just lying to him but to God. And lying to God is a very serious thing.

When Peter's words reached Ananias's heart, he became very sad and fell down. Later, his wife Sapphira also lied about the money. The same thing happened to her. These events taught everyone a big lesson: the importance of honesty and respecting God.

Personal Application for Preschool Students

Now, let's think about how this can help us. Sometimes we might feel scared to tell the truth. Maybe we're afraid someone will be upset. But remember, God is always with us and is very happy when we are honest. Just like when you share your toys or clean up after playing without being asked—the truth makes everyone feel good. God loves our honesty! Also, sharing with others like the early church did is a way to show love. Next time you play with your friends, think about how you can share and be truthful. It shows that you care about them and about making God happy too!

Interactive Discussion Questions

Let's talk about what we learned!

1. What did Ananias and Sapphira do that was wrong?
- Guide: Encourage kids to say or understand they lied and kept some money but told everyone they gave it all.

2. Why is it important to be honest?
- Guide: Explain that honesty builds trust and makes Jesus happy.

3. How can we share with others like Jesus’s followers did?
- Guide: Suggest sharing toys or being kind, helping them connect sharing with caring for others.

Remember, Jesus loves all his little children and loves honest hearts! Thank you for sharing this story time with me!