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Teacher Notes and Tips for Teaching 'Acts 5' to Preschool Students

Introduction to the Lesson:
- Begin with a short prayer or song to set a respectful tone.
- Explain that the story comes from the Bible, a special book about God's love and guidance.

Duration:
- Total time: 15-20 minutes.
- Divide into segments: Introduction (2-3 mins), Storytelling (5-7 mins), Activities (5-7 mins), and Closing (2-3 mins).

Explaining the Story:
- Use simplified language and focus on key themes: honesty and the power of God.
- Explain Ananias and Sapphira's choice to lie and why it's important to tell the truth.
- Highlight the positive example of the apostles who shared everything with one another.

Difficult Concepts:
- Truth and Honesty: Explain with everyday examples (e.g., if you take a cookie, tell a parent instead of hiding it).
- Sharing: Use toys or classroom items to show how sharing makes everyone happy.
- Divine Authority: Convey that sometimes we listen to God's guidance over what others might say.

Storytelling Tips:
- Use props or puppets to represent characters and make the story more engaging.
- Employ vivid facial expressions and tone changes to convey different parts of the story (e.g., using a concerned tone when discussing lying).

Activities to Reinforce the Message:
- Role Play: Act out scenes where sharing and honesty are practiced (e.g., sharing toys fairly among friends).
- Craft Activity: Create simple heart-shaped cards with "Truthful and Kind" written on them for each child to decorate and take home.
- Coloring Pages: Provide sheets with images from the story for children to color while discussing what they remember.

Managing Student Engagement:
- Keep the pace lively; if attention wanes, switch activities.
- Encourage participation by asking questions (e.g., “What do you think happens next?”)
- Use positive reinforcement ("Great job sharing your thoughts!")

Closing:
- Recap the story’s key points briefly.
- End with a simple prayer or song reinforcing the importance of being truthful and kind.
- Provide take-home materials related to the story for children to share with their families.