# Crafts

Craft: The "Sharing Heart Box"
Theme from Acts 5: Sharing and Honesty in the Early Church

Materials Needed:
- Small cardboard boxes or paper mache boxes (one per student)
- Acrylic paint and brushes
- Stickers and decorative items (e.g., sequins, buttons, glitter)
- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Heart templates (cardstock)
- Optional: Mod Podge for sealing

Instructions:

1. Introduce the Story:
Begin by discussing Acts 5 and the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Explain the importance of honesty and generosity in the Early Church.

2. Prepare the Boxes:
- Distribute a small cardboard or paper mache box to each student.
- Ask them to paint their box in any color they choose. This will be the foundation of their "Sharing Heart Box."
- Allow the paint to dry before moving to the next step (use a hair dryer for quicker drying, if necessary).

3. Decorate the Boxes:
- Once the boxes are dry, students can use stickers, sequins, and other decorative items to embellish their boxes.
- Encourage creativity, reminding them that the box represents their commitment to sharing and honesty.

4. Create the Heart Message:
- Give each student a heart template made from cardstock.
- Have students write a kind message or a personal pledge of sharing and honesty on their heart. Younger students can draw symbols of kindness and sharing if writing is challenging.

5. Attach the Heart:
- Instruct students to glue their heart to the inside lid of the box so that it is visible every time the box is opened.

6. Final Touches:
- Students may choose to coat their box with Mod Podge for a glossy finish, sealing in their decorations.
- Allow the Mod Podge to dry thoroughly if used.

7. Discussion:

- Gather the students and ask them to share the kind message or pledge they wrote on the heart inside their box.
- Discuss how they can use their "Sharing Heart Box" at home to store small items that they wish to share with family or friends, reinforcing the lesson of generosity.

Reinforcing the Lesson:
The "Sharing Heart Box" craft helps students internalize the lesson of sharing and honesty by providing them with a tangible reminder of the Biblical story. As they decorate their box, they engage with the concepts of creativity and personal expression, while the heart message inside serves as a personal commitment to live by the values taught in Acts 5. Each time they open their box, they are reminded of the importance of being honest and generous, both at home and in their wider communities.