Takehome

Take-Home Assignment: Reflecting on Acts 5

Objective:
To understand the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5 and reflect on the themes of honesty, trust, and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Scripture Reading:
Begin by reading Acts 5:1-11 together as a family. Consider reading from a version that is easy to understand, such as the New Living Translation (NLT) or the New International Version (NIV).

Reflection Questions:
1. The Consequences of Dishonesty:
- What were the actions of Ananias and Sapphira?
- Why do you think their actions were so serious in the early church?
- How does this story show the importance of honesty?

2. The Role of the Holy Spirit:
- How did the Holy Spirit play a role in revealing the truth about Ananias and Sapphira?
- What can we learn about the presence and power of the Holy Spirit from this story?

3. Community & Accountability:
- How did the early church respond to what happened?
- Why is it important for us to be truthful in our communities, including church, school, and home?

Activities:

1. Family Honesty Pledge:
- As a family, create an "Honesty Pledge" that each member signs. Include commitments such as telling the truth, admitting mistakes, and supporting each other with love and transparency.

2. Role Play:
- Choose a familiar situation where honesty might be difficult. Role-play different scenarios and discuss how each person would feel and respond.

3. Prayer Time:
- Spend time in prayer as a family. Ask God for help in being honest and truthful in all areas of life and for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Creative Exercise:

- Make a “Truth Tree”:
Using a large sheet of paper or poster board, draw a tree with branches reaching out. On each branch, write words or sentences about the importance of honesty, how truth strengthens relationships, or characteristics of an honest person. Display it prominently in your home as a reminder.

Discussion Prompt:
After completing the activities, discuss together: How does living truthfully reflect our faith in Jesus?

How can each family member contribute to creating a more honest and trusting environment?

Conclusion:
Encourage students to carry the lessons from Acts 5 into their daily lives, recognizing the significant impact their words and actions have on others and on their relationship with God. Remind them that the Holy Spirit is always with them, providing guidance and strength.