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Acts 5: Background Notes for Preschool Teachers

Historical Context:
- Acts is the fifth book in the New Testament and was written by Luke, a close friend of Paul. It tells the story of the early Church and its growth after Jesus ascended to heaven.
- The events in Acts 5 happen shortly after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, when the apostles are spreading Jesus' teachings in Jerusalem.

Cultural Context:
- During this time, the apostles (followers of Jesus) were teaching about Jesus in a society that had not fully accepted His teachings.
- The early Christians shared everything they had with one another, living in a way that showed love and support for each member of their community.
- The Temple in Jerusalem was a central place of worship, and the apostles often taught there.

Theological Insights:
- Acts 5 highlights themes of honesty, sharing, and trust in God. It includes the story of Ananias and Sapphira, who were dishonest about their sharing, teaching the importance of being truthful.
- The chapter also shows the apostles' bravery as they continued to spread the message of Jesus despite facing opposition from religious leaders.
- God's power and guidance are evident, as seen through the apostles' ability to perform miracles and the growing number of believers.

For Preschoolers:
- Focus on the importance of sharing and telling the truth, values demonstrated by the early Christians.
- Highlight the bravery of the apostles, showing how they were committed to sharing love and kindness, just as Jesus taught.
- Emphasize God's love and care for everyone, encouraging children to trust in God and love one another.