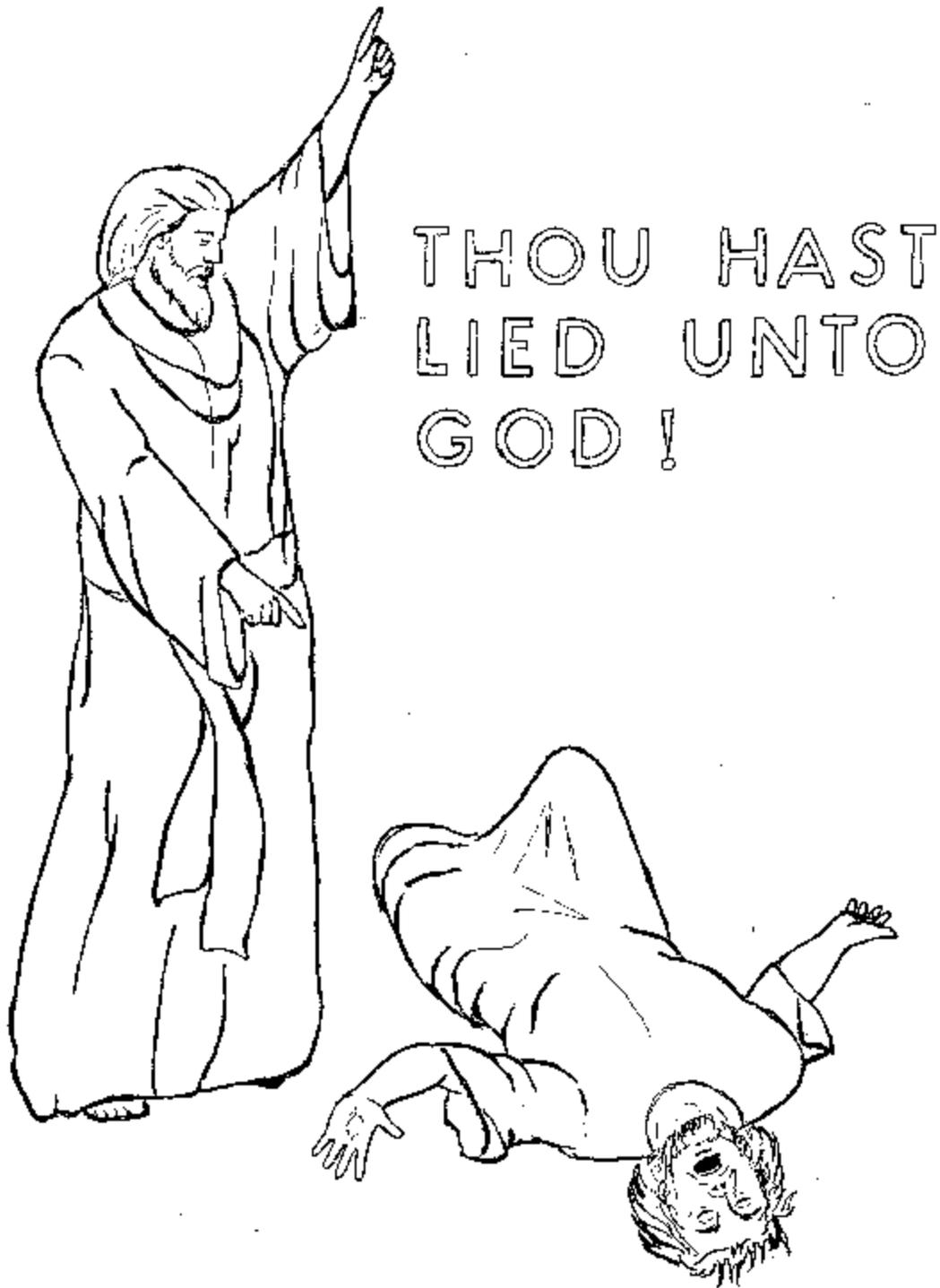


Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4:31-5:11



The Story

The believers in the church in Jerusalem were like a big family. The believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each believer was filled with love for the others. They shared their possessions with those who were needy. Those who had land or houses sold them and brought the money to the apostles to give to those who were in need. Barnabas, a believer from the country of Cyprus, had land and sold it. He brought the money to the apostles to share with the needy.

A certain man named Ananias, and Sapphira, his wife, did not feel the same way that Barnabas felt. They sold some land, but they did not want to part with all that money. They wanted people to think they were giving everything for the Lord, but they decided to lie about it and to keep some of the money for themselves.

Ananias brought part of the money to the apostles and laid it before them.

Peter, through God's power, knew what was in Ananias's heart. He said to Ananias, "Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it belonged to you, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not your own to use? Why have you planned this thing in your

heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. Great fear came on all those who heard these things. Some young men who were there rose up and wrapped Ananias in his robes, carried him out, and buried him.

About three hours later Ananias's wife, Sapphira, came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you sell the land for this much?"

Sapphira answered, "Yes, for so much."

Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

Immediately Sapphira fell down at Peter's feet, struck dead by the power of God. The young men came in and found her dead. They carried her out and buried her by her husband.

So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. They knew that God knows all things and has great power.

Review - Use these words to fill in the blanks. You may use a word more than once.

Ananias	Sapphira	Peter	Andrew	repented
Paul	liar	hypocrite	sin	miracles
died	fear	lied/lies	lying	believers

1. In the picture for this lesson, color the apostle who received the money.
What was his name? _____
2. In the picture for this lesson, color the man who is bringing the money to the apostle. What was his name? _____
3. What do we call someone who pretends to be something that he is not? _____
4. What is a person who pretends to be something else really doing?

5. Why is that a bad thing? _____
6. What happened to the man who was pretending to be something else?

7. What happened to the man's wife? _____
8. Why did that happen to them? _____
9. What feeling came over the people who heard about what happened?

10. Why would that be good? _____

Passages

"He (the devil) is a liar and the father of it." John 8:44

Who wants people to lie?

"He who speaks lies will not escape." Proverbs 19:5

What will happen to a liar?

The Second Commandment

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use His name to curse, swear, practice witchcraft, lie or deceive; but we should call upon His name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Word Search - Find these words
in the puzzle.

ANANIAS	SHARE
SAPPHIRA	GOD
PETER	LOVE
HYPOCRITE	ADAM
LIE	REST
SATAN	APOSTLE
HOLY SPIRIT	CHRISTIAN
SIN	



Hymn TLH #323 v.1

With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free,
O God, be merciful to me!

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

We know that we are tempted to lie and hurt You every day. Please help us to show our love for Your great sacrifice by always telling the truth. Help us to show love for our neighbor by sharing what You have given us. Please be with us every day. Amen.