

BIBLE TRUTH 10, LESSON 3: PLANNER/OVERVIEW

GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

Welcome to Praise Factory: PFI: Praise Factory Investigators Theme Song *PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 1*

Rules to Help Us Worship God and Love One Another: WoGoLOA Classroom Rules Song
PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 2

Big Question Under Investigation: Big Question 12 Songs *PFI NIV Songs 12, Tracks 3,4*

Big Question Bible Verse: Ephesians 5:1-2 Song *PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 5*

DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (*introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story*)

Bible Truth 10: God's People Say "No" to Temptation

Bible Truth Hymn: Sweet Hour of Prayer, v.1 *PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 29*

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Bible Verse Song: No Temptation Has Seized You *PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 30*

Lesson 3 New Testament: The Case of the Tricky Givers *Acts 4:32-5:14*

TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (*choose from among these activities*)

Snack and Discussion Planner: Funds in Food

ACTS Prayer: Prayer Sheet

Bible Truth Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Enemy Invaders

Bible Truth Hymn: Sweet Hour of Prayer, v.1 *PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 29*

Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Sign It, Say It, What Does It Mean? **PFI NIV SONGS 12 BOOK or ONLINE**

Bible Verse Review: 1 Corinthians 10:13 Discussion Sheet and Game: Verse Tag

Bible Verse Song: No Temptation Has Seized You *PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 30*

Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Pass the Secret Sign **PFI NIV SONGS 12 BOOK or ONLINE**

Story Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Chair Pile-Up

Case Replay, Jr: Drama Activity for Youngest Children (children do same story actions together)

Case Replay, Sr: Drama Activity for Most Children (children re-tell story with individual parts)

Craft: Lying About the Money Ananias and Sapphira Received

VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person) Prayer Time: Coloring Sheets (back of book) & Game: Crabbin' Around

TAKING IT HOME: Take Home Sheet for Review and Family Devotions

PFI Pronto: Bible Truth 10, Lesson 3 **PFI NIV PRONTOS 12 BOOK or ONLINE**

The Case of the Tricky Givers Acts 4:32-5:14

by Connie Dever

Our story is: The Case of the Tricky Givers.**As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

1. Who were the Tricky Givers?
2. How were they tricky? What temptation did they give in to that made them tricky...and how could they have avoided giving into it?

This story takes place in New Testament times, not long after Jesus rose from the dead and went to heaven.

Things would never be the same in Jerusalem after Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead! The Holy Spirit had filled the hearts of Jesus' disciples and helped them to act powerfully and boldly in Jesus' name. What amazing works they did! How powerfully they preached! What miraculous healings and amazing works they did! What suffering they joyfully endured for Jesus' sake! And how wonderful the love the Christians showed to God and to each other!

"The things these followers of Jesus do are amazing," many in Jerusalem exclaimed. "Only God could do things like this!" So many repented of their sins and put their trust in Jesus, too.

One man who became a Christian was a rich Levite named Joseph of Cyprus. The Lord gave Joseph the gifts of preaching and generosity. He was such a blessing to the young church in Jerusalem, that the apostles nicknamed Joseph "Barnabas," meaning "Encouraging Son."

As our story opens, we find Joseph in the marketplace, selling some land to a businessman.

"It's a deal," Joseph said to the man. "This silver is a fair price for my field. Thank you," Joseph told him.

Joseph carried off the bag of silver with joy. This money would take care of the widows and other poor people in the church. He was thankful that he had a field to sell to help them out.

Joseph entered the place where the church was meeting, took the bag of silver and laid it at the apostles' feet. "I sold a field today. Here's the money I received for it. I'm giving it to you to use to care for the needy," he told them.

The apostles took it gratefully and all whole church was encouraged by Joseph's gift. Other rich believers saw what Joseph did and wanted to sell their fields and houses to help others, too. No one in the church would

be in need because of the generous gifts the Holy Spirit prompted the richer believers to give.

Word of how the Christians treated each other spread throughout Jerusalem. Once more, people were amazed. "Only God could work in people to do things like this!" many thought. And many repented of their sins and put their trust in Jesus, too.

But generous gifts like Joseph's didn't only encourage others to want to do good deeds. Sometimes they became temptations to do bad things, as a rich couple named Ananias and Sapphira were to find out.

"Next time there is a need among the poor and widows, let's sell one of our fields and give the money to the apostles," Ananias and Sapphira agreed. They had watched how Joseph and other rich Christians had sold houses and fields and laid the money at the apostles' feet. They had seen the honor and gratefulness that the apostles as well as the poor had shown the rich believers for their kind gifts and they decided they wanted to be part of that, too.

It was not long before new needs requiring more money were shared with the believers. "This is our chance," Ananias Sapphira decided. Down to the market place they went. Before long they had found a buyer. With a quick exchange of silver shekels for property, the deal was done.

"What a lot of money we got for our field!" Ananias and Sapphira exclaimed, looking at the bulging bag of coins. "This will more than meet the needs of the widows and poor," they said. "Perhaps we don't need to give it all away to the poor of the church," they began to think. "After all, it really is such a lot of money."

The more they thought about all that money, the more hesitant they were to give it all away. Satan used

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Create story cue cards on index cards (or highlight text).
3. Practice telling story dramatically, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary to fit your allotted time.
4. Decorate area with story props that help bring your story alive.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story. Point to/use props at important points in the story. Include the kids in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
2. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

their thoughts about the money to begin to tempt them to sin: "But think how much grander it would be to say to the apostles in front of everyone else that we are giving all of the money we got, just like Joseph of Cyprus did? Isn't that the kind of honor and respect you are hungry for?" they began to think.

"What harm would it do to keep some of this money for ourselves?" The apostles and other believers don't have to know we didn't give the church all of it," they persuaded themselves. They were being tempted to lie to the Christians so that they might enjoy the honor of giving all money without really doing it. They could have cried out to God to provide a way out the temptation, but they didn't. Ananias gave into the temptation, removed some of the silver from the pouch and left for the church meeting.

Sapphira had stood by her husband, watching what he was doing. She could have chosen to warn him, but she did not. She gave into temptation, too, as she watched him leave.

Ananias took his money and presented in to the apostles just as he had seen Joseph and the others do. How he must have been looking forward to their words' of praise. But instead of praise, Ananias received a rebuke. The Lord, through His Holy Spirit, had told Peter the truth about Ananias' gift and the sin in his heart: "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?" Peter asked him. 'Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.' When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died." (Acts 3-5, NIV 1984) One thing was clear: sin was a very big deal to God! Especially in these first days of the church, God was making that very clear. He hated it and you can't hide it from Him. He wanted His people to say "no him" to temptation and stay pure from sin. He promised to always make a way out of temptation for them, if they would but ask Him.

Young men wrapped up Ananias' body, carried him out and buried him. The church was in shock at what had happened, but this wasn't the end! Three hours

later, Sapphira joined the church meeting, not knowing what had happened to Ananias.

"Tell me, Sapphira, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" Peter asked her.

Would she say "no" to temptation or give in to it? Would she ask God to show her the way to stand up under it? No. she would not. Sapphira hardened her heart to what was right, just like Ananias had.

"Yes," she lied to Peter, "that's the price."

Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

Sapphira fell down and died at Peter's feet. Then the young men carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard what had happened. It was clear to those who heard about Ananias and Sapphira's death that Jesus was indeed alive and at work in His Church. Ananias and Sapphira had thought they could fool the believers and even God the Holy Spirit, Himself, by gathering with them and mimicking their good works. They—and all of Jerusalem with them—knew without a doubt that nothing could be hidden from God. He knew the sin that Ananias and Sapphira had given into. They were really just hungry for the honor of men.

Some saw what had happened to Ananias and Sapphira and were too scared to join the Christians. But God uses everything for the good of His people, even this terrible judgment on Ananias and Sapphira! Many others repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. In Jesus, the perfect Savior, there was forgiveness of sins for the worst of sinners.

Cracking the Case:

It's time to answer our Case Questions.

1. Who were the Tricky Givers?

Ananias and Sapphira.

2. How were they tricky? What temptation did they give in to that made them tricky...and how could they have avoided giving into it? Why did God punish them the way that He did?

They were tricky because they acted like they gave the church all the money they made on the sale of their land, instead of just part of it. They gave into the temptation of wanting the honor of others more than being honest before God. They could have cried out to God and asked for Him to show them the way out of their temptation. In the early days of the church, God many times acted in big ways of blessing and of punishment that He rarely chooses to act in today. One reason He did this was to provide special encouragement to grow and to discipline His church in the especially early days as it was being formed.

Something For You and Me

Our Bible Truth is:

God's People Say "No" to Temptation

Our Bible Verse is: 1 Corinthians 10:13

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out, so you can stand up under it."

How swift the Lord was to punish Ananias for his sinful plan to get honor from others by lying to them and to God! We certainly can understand why the church and the people of Jerusalem were afraid when they saw what happened to Ananias and Sapphira.

There is much we don't understand about God and His ways. But we know that God hates sin. And, since Adam and Eve first rebelled against God, we have all been sinners deserving His punishment for our sins. Yet God is so merciful and patient that rarely do we ever see Him immediately punish humans so quickly for their sins as with Ananias and Sapphira. We could fear God like some did in Jerusalem that day, for His quick and mighty judgment of them. Or, like so many others did when they heard, we can confess our sins to Him, turn and trust in His forgiveness and salvation.

Let's praise our holy God who hates sin. We can praise Him for His promises to never allow any of His people to

face more temptation than they can bear, and to always provide a way out of temptation so they can stand up under it.

Let's ask Him to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Let's ask Him to help us to remember what a big deal sin is to Him. Let's ask Him to work in our hearts when we face temptation that we would not harden them and give in to sin, but would turn to Him for help to stand up under it.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Holy God who is perfectly good and hates sin.

C God, we confess that many times we, like Ananias and Sapphira are tempted to sin. We need Your help to fight sin! We need Your forgiveness! We need a Savior!

T God, we thank You for promising to help Your people out of temptation when they face it.

S God, work in our hearts! Help us to us to confess our sins—even our secret sins-- turn away from them and trust Jesus as our own Savior. Help us, by Your Holy Spirit, to turn away from temptation. Show us a way out of it that we might glorify You and do the good things You want us to do.

Special Words

Apostles: Twelve men who were Jesus' closest disciples while He lived on earth. They were the special leaders of the church in its earliest days.

Marketplace: An outdoor area where people bought and sold food, animals, clothing and other goods.

Widow: A woman whose husband has died (and hasn't remarried).

Temptation: Something we want to do, even though we know it is wrong.

ACTS PRAYER ACTIVITY

Use this sheet to write down your ACTS Prayer

Instructions:

Use this sheet to help the children apply the Bible Truth into a prayer. You can use the ACTS provided or even better, have the kids think of their own applications. Also have the children add their personal requests to the prayer, too. Lead the children in the prayer or let them pray sections, with your help. Never force a child to pray! Non-readers can participate by you whispering a section of the prayer into their ear and allowing them to pray it aloud for the group.

ADORATION:

Praise God for being so Merciful that He never allows His people to be tempted more than they can bear.

God, we praise You for being.....

Add your own Adorations:

CONFESSION:

Confess that many times we give into temptation instead of asking for God's help and looking for His way out of it. We need a Savior to save us from our sins!

God, we have sinned against You....

Add your own Confessions:

THANKSGIVING:

Thank God for His promise to always show His people a way out of the temptation to sin. Thank God for sending Jesus to take the punishment for sins of His people, all those who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their own Savior.

God, we thank You for...

Add your own Thanksgivings:

SUPPLICATION:

Ask God to work in our hearts that we might turn away from sin and trust Jesus as our own Savior. Ask God to help us to understand how much He hates sin and help us to resist temptations that we wouldn't sin against Him. Ask Him to fill us with the Holy Spirit who can help us say "no" to sin.

God, we need Your help...

Add your own Supplication:

SNEAKY SNACK

Can you figure out how this snack ties in with our case?

Snack: Funds in Food

Round fruit, vegetable, and cracker "shekels" (banana, cucumber, carrot, Ritz crackers, etc.)

This is only a suggestion. Feel free to modify. Be mindful of allergy issues among your children!

Case Tie-in: Joseph and other rich believers chose to sell their land and houses for money to give to the church to help the widows and other needy people among them. Ananias and Sapphira also sold land for money. They gave only part of the money to the church, but let everyone think they gave it all. They gave into the temptation to lie to others so that they would receive honor from the church, but still keep some of the money for themselves.

SOUL FOOD

Food for thought during snack time

1. What does the snack have to do with the story?

Choose a few questions from the other activity discussion sheets to talk about during this snack time.

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Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

God's People Trust Him

Temptation is thinking about doing something wrong. It isn't wrong to be tempted, but it is wrong to say "yes" to temptation and go ahead and do what you are tempted to do. That is sinning. All of God's people are tempted to do wrong. Sin in their hearts whispers to them to disobey God. Sin in the world around them looks attractive to them. Even Satan works to tempt God's people to forget God's good ways and to sin. Jesus, God's very own Son, was tempted to sin in every way as we are, but He never sinned. Sometimes Often it's very hard to say "no" to temptation. God promises to always provide His people a way out of temptation without sinning. He gives them His Word to remind them of Himself, His good commands and His power to help them. He gives them the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them to turn away from tempting sin. But even when God's people do give into temptation and sin, He graciously forgives them through Jesus. Praise God for being so merciful!

Understanding the Bible Truth

1. What is temptation? *Thinking about doing something wrong.*
2. What is the difference between being tempted and sinning? Why is being tempted not sinful? *Being tempted is thinking about doing something wrong, while sinning is going ahead and doing it. Being tempted isn't wrong because it isn't actually doing the sinful thing.*
3. What different ways do temptations come to us? *Sin in our hearts whispers to us to disobey God; sin in the world around us/other people tempts us to sin, too; and, even Satan, himself, can tempt us to sin.*
4. Who was tempted in every way, yet without ever sinning? *Jesus.*
5. How does God promise to help His people as they face temptation? *To never allow them to be tempted more than they can bear; to always provide a way out so they do not have to sin.*
6. How does God use the Bible to help His people not give into temptation? *He uses it to remind them of Himself, His good commands and His power to help them.*
7. How can the Holy Spirit help God's people when they face temptation? *He can work in their hearts and helps them to turn away from tempting sin.*
8. What should God's people do when they do give into temptation and sin? *They should confess their sins to God and ask Him for forgiveness and help to turn away from sinning. He promises to forgive them their sins.*

Story Connection Questions

1. What temptations did Ananias and Sapphira face? *Temptation to desire the honor of people more than obeying God. Temptation to lie to the apostles and the believers.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does our Bible Truth have to do with our **Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13**: "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out, so you can stand up under it."?
God's people will face temptations every day, but they can be encouraged that they can always say "no" to them, because He will never let them be tempted more than they can bear; and, He promises to provide a way out, so they can stand up under them.

Life Application Questions

1. What are some things God's people today can do to fight giving into temptation? *Read their Bibles so they know what is sin and what is not. Pray each day, asking God to give them strength to say "no" to temptations that will come their way. Confess their sins and temptations to others so they can be praying for them and ask them how they are doing; remember to ask God to show them the way out when they are faced with a temptation.*
2. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

BIBLE TRUTH 10 REVIEW

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for because of this Bible Truth?

Praise God for being so Merciful that He never allows His people to be tempted more than they can bear.

2. What are sins we can confess to God because of this Bible Truth?

Confess that many times we give into temptation instead of looking for God's way out of it.

3. What is something we can thank God for because of this Bible Truth?

Thank God for His promise to always show His people a way out of the temptation to sin. Thank God for sending Jesus to take the punishment for sins of His people, all those who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their own Savior..

4. What is something we can ask God for because of this Bible Truth?

Ask God to work in our hearts that we might turn away from sin and trust Jesus as our own Savior. Ask God to help us to understand how much He hates sin and help us to resist temptations that we would not sin against Him. Ask Him to fill us with the Holy Spirit who can help us say "no" to sin.

The Gospel

1. We are all sinners who have given into temptation and sinned...many, many times. We all deserve God's punishment. Is there any hope for us? What is it? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Enemy Invaders

Materials

Index cards of two different colors (or use red and black playing cards, such as hearts and spades)
Bible Truth Questions
String or yarn
Two chairs
Masking Tape

Preparing the Game

1. Choose 20+ questions for your game from the Bible Truth Discussion Questions, or make up your own.
2. Write the Bible Truth questions on small thin strips of paper (or make a photocopy of the Bible Truth Discussion Questions and simply cut them into strips) and put them in the bag/bowl.
3. Tie an end of the string to each chair and draw the line across the room where the teams will be. Preferably this line will be about 4' above the ground.
4. Tape a line about 6' to 9' from the string on each side.
5. Cut cards in half along the long side, making them about the same size as playing cards.

Playing the Game

Divide the children into two teams and have them stand (or kneel to make it even harder!) on their team's line. Give each child an index card, the same color for the children on one team. At your signal, have them try to toss their cards over the line and into their "enemy's" territory on the other side. Add up how many cards fell on each side. That is how many points they can win by answering a question. Choose a question for each team. If the team gets it wrong, the question goes to the other team for an extra point. Distribute the cards and play again.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

Non-competitive Option

Set a target number of points for the whole group. Challenge the children to see how many turns it takes score the target number of points. Once the target has been reached, start the game over and see how many turns it takes to reach the target the second time.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Verse 1

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Listen to it on PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 29

Understanding the Song

1. What does prayer time call God's people from and bids them to; and what does that mean? *It calls them from "a world of care" and bids them to their "Father's throne." That means that they take time to stop thinking about all the worries of the world and think about. It doesn't mean actually standing in front of a real throne, but remembering who God is: the sovereign, all-powerful King, who loves His people as their heavenly Father.*
2. What can God's people make known to God? *All their wants and wishes.*
3. What are seasons of distress and grief? *Not a season like spring, summer, fall, winter; but times of worry, fear and sadness.*
4. What does God give to His people's souls when they pray to Him in times of distress and grief? How? *Relief. He comforts them by His Spirit & by bringing the truth of His Word to mind as they pray.*
5. What does escaping the tempter's snare mean? *Satan is called the tempter because he tempts people to sin. A snare is like a trap set for a wild animal. The tempter's snare would be any situation that Satan hopes to use to tempt us to sin.*
6. What often is a help in escaping the tempter's snare? *By returning to pray, over and over.*
7. Do God's people have to spend an hour of prayer for God to help them? *No. Hour doesn't always mean sixty minutes. It also means a time set aside to do something. The song is saying that regular times in prayer are what help God's people in difficult times, such as when they are sad, worried or being tempted.*
8. Why does the song call the hour of prayer "sweet"? *Not because it is sugary, but because God's people come to love prayer time for what a delight it is to their soul's in hard times, just as dessert is a delight to our mouths. It becomes one of the best part of the day because they spend time with God who loves them most of all and who will help them in every situation they are in.*
9. How can we become God's people, for whom the words of this song are true? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. How does this song relate to our Bible Truth: **God's People Say "No" to Temptation?**
God's people receive the strength to escape temptation through taking time each day to pray.

Story Connection

1. How does this song relate to today's story? *When faced with the "tempter's snare" of keeping back some of the money, yet letting the believers honor them as if they gave all of it, Ananias and Sapphira both gave into temptation and sinned. Perhaps this was because Ananias and Sapphira were not truly believers who loved the Lord and spent time in prayer to Him, but only people who acted like believers but were interested in receiving the honor of other people by their "good deeds."*

Bible Verse Connection

1. What does this hymn have to do with our Bible Verse: **1 Corinthians 10:13**: "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out, so you can stand up under it?"

God helps His people escape temptation through prayer. By the Holy Spirit and through His Word, He shows them a way out of the temptation. He shows them His promises to help them. He reminds them of Himself and His good commands. He reminds them of the terrible things that happen as a result of sin. All these things help God's people fight temptation.

Life Application Questions

1. How can God's people be affected by the message of this song?

They can be encouraged to pray to God for help in times of temptation, to give them what they need, and for comfort in hard or sad times. They can remember that God their Father bids them to come to Him in prayer. He delights to hear their prayers and answer them according to His good and perfect will.

2. What is the prayer and life change that God desires all people to make? *To turn away from their sins, confess them to God and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this hymn?

Praise God for being the God who Answers the Prayers of His People..

2. What are sins we can confess to God from this hymn?

That many times we choose not to pray to God and ask for help against temptation. We are sinners in need of a Savior!

3. What is something we can thank God for from this hymn?

We can thank God for answering His people's prayers to escape temptation, as well as their prayers for the things they need or for comfort during hard or sad times.

4. What is something we can ask God for from this hymn?

That God would work in our hearts that we confess our sins, might turn from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to help us to pray to Him about all our temptations as well as our needs and other concerns.

Gospel Question

1. How can we know God as our Heavenly Father since we are all sinners? What has He done to make this possible? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who've rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth as a man to save sinners. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who's ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Song Game: Sign It, Say It, What Does It Mean?

Materials

Sign Language signs used in song, particularly choose words with important meanings you want the children to learn, such as "grace", "redeem", etc.

Bag or bowl

Preparing the Game

1. Cut out signs and put in bowl.

Playing the Game

1. Practice the song and signs until the children know them well. Then put all the signs we've learned in this bag/ bowl and mix them up.
2. Ask one of the children to choose a sign, but not show it to anyone...but you, if they need some help.
3. Ask the child to do the sign for the rest of the children and see if the other children can guess which one it is. Do the sign with the child, if desired.
4. When the children guess the sign, ask them the meaning of the word. If no one guesses the sign, put it back in the bowl to be picked again.
5. Choose another child to pick a new sign from the bag and continue.

NOTE: You might want to sing the song after you do each word or couple of words.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

choose a FEW questions for discussion, then choose the game and/or music activity

Meditation Version: 1 Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out, so you can stand up under it.”

Alternate Memory Version: 1 Corinthians 10:13

“He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out, so you can stand up under it.”

Understanding the Bible Verse

1. What is a temptation? *Something wrong that you think about doing, usually because you think you will get something you want by doing it.*
2. Is it a sin to be tempted? *No. We sin when we give in to the temptation and actually do something sinful.*
3. What kind of temptations seize us? *Ones that are common to man; that is, ones that lots of people experience.*
4. How does God show His faithfulness to His people when they are tempted? *He doesn't let them be tempted beyond what they can bear. He will provide a way out so we can resist it without sinning.*
5. How is God able to not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear? *He is omnipotent—all powerful. He is control over all things, even how much we are allowed to be tempted.*
6. What does it mean to be able to stand up under a temptation? *To feel the desire to do what you are tempted to do and to not do it.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. What does this verse have to do with the **Bible Truth: God's People Say “No” to Temptation?**
While God's people will face temptations every day, but they can be encouraged that they can always say “no” to them, because He will never let them be tempted more than they can bear; and, He promises to provide a way out, so they can stand up under them.

Story Connection Questions

1. What temptations did Ananias and Sapphira face? *Temptation to keep back some of the money for themselves yet lie to the apostles and the believers about how much they gave (so that they would get more honor from them).*
2. Why didn't Ananias and Sapphira stand up the temptations they faced? *They had sinful hearts—like us all—who desire to do sinful things. Also, they probably were not really believers, but only people who had begun to gather with the Christians and looked and acted like them for their own selfish reasons.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this Bible verse? *Praise God for being so merciful that He never allows His people to be tempted more than they can bear.*
2. What are sins we can confess to God from this Bible verse?
That many times we choose to sin when we are tempted, instead of looking to God to show us a way out. We need a Savior to sin us from our sins!
3. What is something we can thank God for from this Bible verse?
We can thank God for always making a way out of temptation for His people.
4. What is something we can ask God for from this Bible verse?
We can ask God to work in our hearts that we would want to confess our sins, turn away from disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to help us to see and take the way out of temptation each time we face temptation.

Life Application Questions

1. How can God's people today glorify God by standing up under temptation? *They show others that loving God and doing what pleases Him is even more satisfying than whatever pleasure they would get from giving into the temptation. They show that God is faithful and can be trusted to help them to not sin.*
2. What should God's people today do if they give into temptation and sin? *They should confess their sin to God, ask forgiveness and try to not keep doing it. They can pray that God would help them and ask someone else to pray for them, too.*
3. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

The Gospel

1. We are all sinners who have given into temptation to sin, many, many times. We all deserve God's punishment. Is there any hope for us? What is it? What is the gospel?
God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Horse Play Verse Tag

Materials

Bible verse written up in large print so that all can see

Preparing the Game

None.

Learning the Verse

Some or all of your children may be non- or early readers. Teach the verse in sections, having them say it after you. Repeat a few times. Add clapping or other movement as they say it.

Directions

1. If desired, lead the children in a discussion of a **FEW** of the most important questions before beginning game.
2. Explain the game to them as follows:

Have the children spread out around the playing area. Explain to the children that they will say the verse together, then the person who is "It" (start with you) will try to tag another child while walking on all fours like a horse. The tagged child and "It" say the verse together, then the tagged child becomes the new "It." Everyone says the verse together, then the new "It" tries to tag someone else. Other options: do a crab walk (hands and feet, belly-up) or slither like snakes.

Game continues until all children get to be It or as time and attention span allow.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

No Temptation Has Seized You: 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you
except what is common to man.
And God is faithful,
He will not let you be tempted
beyond what you can bear.
But when you are tempted He'll also provide,
Also provide a way out.
Yes, when you are tempted he'll also provide,
A way out so you can stand up under it

Listen to it on PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 30

Song Game: Pass the Secret Sign

Materials

Sign Language signs used in song, particularly choose words with important meanings you want the children to learn, such as "grace", "redeem", etc.

Bag or bowl

Blindfold

Preparing the Game

1. Cut out signs and put in bowl.

Playing the Game

1. Practice the song and signs until the children know them well.
2. Have all the children stand in a tight circle, except one, "It" who will stand in the middle of the circle, blindfolded.
3. Have the children in the circle to put their hands behind their backs. Choose a sign from the bag and hand to a child in the circle, still keeping hands behind their backs, not looking at the sign.
4. When "It" says "Pass the Secret Sign", the children will begin to pass the sign around behind their backs.
5. When "It" says "Stop the Passing!" the child who has the sign freezes with the sign behind his back.
6. The child with the sign brings it around and looks at it. You can help the child practice the sign.
7. Then take the blindfold off of "It", watch the child with the card do the sign, then have "It" guess the name of the sign. (If desired, "It" can ask another child in the circle for help with their guess.)
8. The holder of the sign then becomes "It." Sing the song with all the signs, then repeat.

STORY REVIEW

Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

General Story Questions

1. Why was Joseph called "Barnabas" by the apostles? *Because of his gifts of preaching and generosity.*
2. Why did Joseph sell his field? *To help meet the needs of other believers in the church.*
3. Why did Joseph lay the money at the apostles' feet? **That was how he showed that he wanted them to decide how best to distribute it among the needy, not him.**
4. Who are the apostles? *They were twelve of Jesus' closest disciples.*
5. What did other rich Christians do? *They wanted to sell their fields to meet the needs of the other believers, too.*
6. What did Ananias and Sapphira want to do when they received the money for their field? *They wanted to keep some for themselves.*
7. What were they tempted to do that was wrong? *To keep some of the money, but let everyone else think they gave it all for the believers.*
8. What did Ananias think they would get more of if they gave all the money to the church? *More honor.*
9. What could Ananias and Sapphira do to stand up under their temptation? *They could have not let each other sin. They could have confessed their sins to the other believers. They could have told the others they were giving just part of the money. They could have asked God to help them not give into the temptation.*
10. What happened to Ananias after he put the money at the apostles' feet? *Peter rebuked him and he fell down dead.*
11. What did Peter say had happened in Ananias' heart? *Ananias had allowed Satan to fill his heart so that he would try to lie to the Holy Spirit (by trying to deceive himself into thinking what he was doing was ok...and the other believers into thinking he was giving all the money.*
12. What did Peter ask Sapphira when she came to the meeting place a few hours later? *If they had given all the money to the apostles.*
13. What happened to Sapphira when she lied? *The same thing as what happened to her husband.*
14. Why did the Lord punish Ananias and Sapphira in this dramatic way? *The amazing thing is why God has so much patience with all of us, sinners as He does. We all deserve punishment for our sins, but God is very, very patient and merciful with sinners. God, in His perfect wisdom, chose this time for Ananias and Sapphira to die and used it as a display of His holiness, His hatred of sin, and as a sign to many of their need to confess their sins and turn and trust Jesus for forgiveness and salvation.*
15. How did people react to what happened to Ananias and Sapphira? *Some became scared to become Christians; yet, many more confessed their sins and turned to Him for forgiveness.*

Bible Truth Connection Questions

1. What does this story have to do with our Bible Truth: God's People Say "No" to Temptation? *Ananias & Sapphira gave in to temptations they faced instead of having God show them the way out so they could stand up under them.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

What does the story have to do with our **Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13**: "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out, so you can stand up under it."?

1. What temptations did Ananias and Sapphira face? *Temptation to keep back some of the money for themselves yet lie to the apostles and the believers about how much they gave (so that they would get more honor from them.*
2. Why didn't Ananias and Sapphira stand up the temptations they faced? *They had sinful hearts—like us all—who desired to do sinful things. They knew what they should do, but chose not to do it. Also, they probably were not really believers, but only people who had begun to gather with the Christians and looked and acted like them for their own selfish reasons.*

Life Application Questions

1. What's something we can learn about temptation from this story? *Temptations are hard for us all to face. It is very hard to stand up under them. But we can remember what a big deal sin is to God from seeing how He dealt with Ananias and Sapphira. We should be alert when tempted and ask God to show us the way out so we can stand up under them.*
2. This story shows us how serious God is about sin. What does He call all of us to do to receive His forgiveness for our sins? *To turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for being that we learned in our story?
Praise God for being the Holy God who hates sins.
2. What is something we can confess as sin that we learned in our story?
Confess that we, like Ananias and Sapphira are tempted to sin. We need God's forgiveness! We need a Savior!
3. What is something we can thank God for that we learned in our story?
We can thank God for promising to help His people out of temptation when they face it.
4. What is something we can ask God for that we learned in our story?
We can ask God to work in our hearts, helping us to confess our sins—even our secret sins-- turn away from them and trust Jesus as our own Savior. We can ask Him to help us, by His Holy Spirit, to turn away from temptation and show us a way out of it that we might glorify Him and do the good things He wants us to do.

The Gospel

1. What was the good news of Jesus that those first believers knew and believed? What is the gospel?
God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Chair Pile-Up

Materials

A Chair for every two players

Index Cards

Paper and Marker

Tape

Story Review Questions

Optional: Game "Pennies" for easy recognition for members of each team

Preparing the Game

1. Choose 20+ questions for your game from the Story Review Discussion Questions, or make up your own.
2. Form a circle with the chairs. On the index cards, make identical two sets of numbers corresponding to the number of chairs. Use one set to tape a number onto the back of each chair.

Playing the Game

Divide the children into teams. Have all players select a seat and share it with one other person. (No special ordering of players needed.) The players from both team will move from chair to chair according to the directions you give. ("If you have shoes that have Velcro, move 1 chair to your left," "If you came to church in a mini van, move four chairs to your right," "If you have a sister, stay where you are, but everyone else move 1 chair to the left", etc.) If there are too many students to sit on one chair, have them at least put their hands on the chair. After giving several direction, choose a number from the 2nd set of index cards. All the children at that particular numbered chair will answer a Story Review question. If they answer it correctly, they earn as many point for their team as team members at that particular chair, (i.e., if 2 people from Team A and 1 people from Team B are on the same chair, then Team A gets 2 points and Team B gets 1) If they do NOT answer it correctly, then their teams are DOCKED the same number points as team members at that chair. The team with the most points at the end of play, wins.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

Non-competitive Option

Don't split into teams. Simply play the game and have the children at whatever numbered chair is chosen answer the question.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children.

CASE REPLAY ACTIVITIES

Use this guide to review the Case Story and act it out for others to enjoy!

CASE REPLAY, JR: YOUNGEST CHILDREN

Description: The children will act out the story together, everyone doing the same action/sound effect at the same time. This activity is most suitable for kindergarteners.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Jr. script for younger children

Preparation

1. Read through the script and write in the blanks along the side possible actions/sound effects the children could do to act it out.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will be re-enacting the story together as you tell it.
2. As you read the script, lead the children in actions/sound effects to do with you.
3. If desired, you can read the script and stop at certain sentences and ask them what a good action/sound effect would be to act out what you just read.
4. Repeat the re-enactment one or two times more.

CASE REPLAY, SR: OLDER CHILDREN

Description: The children act out the story as a three-scene play. You will narrate it using the Case RePlay, Sr. script and they will act it out (no spoken words, for the most part), with each child assuming a different character's role. This activity is most suitable for first grade and up. You will review the story, then practice it a few times before performing it for others.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Sr. script
White board or other large format paper
Costumes and props

Preparation

1. Prepare for the play by choosing costumes and props for each character in the story. Decorate the area with any scenery props.
2. Write the words "Beginning," "Middle," "End" on a large piece of paper/whiteboard with plenty of space under each heading. You will use this paper to help the children think about the story as a three-scene play, as it is presented in the script.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will get to act out the story as a three-scene play, with a beginning, middle and end section. Tell them that before they can act it out, they need to think it out. as you narrate it with your script.
2. Take the children's answers as they recount the story, helping them put key incidents in the right order.
3. If desired, when they have filled in their Beginning, Middle, End, read through your whole (real) script, so they hear exactly what you will have them act out.
4. Then tell the children that it's time to practice acting out the story.
5. Assign parts to each child. If you are using costumes, do NOT give them out at this point. They will be a distraction.
6. Have all the children sit on the floor or in chairs on one side of the "stage," then call the characters up in place as their part in the story comes.
7. As you read the script, guide the children in where you want them to move or do to act it out.
8. After going through the whole script once, give out any costumes and props and act out the script once or twice more.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Re-enacting the Story

Read the script as the children act out together (younger) or assuming different roles (older) as the other children or the parents watch.

CASE REPLAY, JR--YOUNGER KIDS (KINDERGARTEN) P.2

Welcome to our play! The name of our story is called: The Case of the Tricky Givers.

Our story takes place in Jerusalem, in New Testament times, soon after Jesus rose from the dead and went to heaven.

And now we present: "The Case of the Tricky Givers."

Scene 1:

Joseph of Cyprus was a rich believer who had great gifts of preaching God's Word and of generosity. The apostles gave him the name of "Barnabas" meaning "Son of Encouragement" because of these gifts. When a need arose among other believers in Jerusalem, Barnabas went down to the marketplace and sold a field to a businessman. He took the money and placed it at the apostles' feet, that they may use it as they thought best for the needs of the Christians who were poor or widows. Other rich Christians saw what Barnabas did and they did the same. When another need arose, a rich man named Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, decided they would sell a field to meet the need. They went down to the marketplace and sold their field to a businessman, just as Barnabas had done.

Actions:

Scene 2:

But, when they received the money for it, they were tempted to keep back some of the money for themselves, but make others think they gave it all to the church. They were hungry for the same kind of honor that Barnabas had received, but did not want to really sacrifice as much as he did. Ananias took the money to where the believers were gathered and laid it at the apostles' feet for everyone to see. He made it seem like it was all the money. He looked forward to the honor he would get. But, the Holy Spirit told Peter what Ananias had done. Peter rebuked Ananias for allowing Satan to tempt him into trying to lie to the Holy Spirit like this. When Ananias heard this, he fell to the ground dead. Everyone was terrified when they saw what happened to Ananias. They saw that just as the Lord confirmed the good news about Jesus with great signs and wonders in these first days of the church, He was using great signs and wonders to confirm to those first believers that sinning was a very big deal to Him. They should say "no" to temptation and not sin.. Some young men picked up Ananias' body and took it out to be buried.

Scene 3

Sapphira came to the believers' meeting place. Peter asked her if they had given all the money from the sale of the property to the church. She told him that they did, lying just like her husband had. Peter rebuked her for lying to the Holy Spirit, too. She fell down dead. The young men took her body and buried it, too. The believers and others heard about this and were terrified. While some were too scared to turn to believe in Jesus, many more saw the greatness of the Lord in this, confessed their sins and turned to trust in Him.

Bible Truth Tie-In:

The Bible Truth we are learning is: **God's People Say "No" to Temptation.** Ananias and Sapphira did not say "no" to the temptation to lie to the Holy Spirit. The Lord's punishment of them was a terrifying reminder at how much He hates sin.

CASE REPLAY, SR--OLDER KIDS (1ST GRADE AND UP) P.3

Welcome to our play! The name of our story is called: The Case of the Tricky Givers.

Our story takes place in Jerusalem, in New Testament times, soon after Jesus rose from the dead and went to heaven.

The characters in our story today are: Joseph of Cyprus, businessman buying field in marketplace, the apostles, poor and widows who are Christians, rich Christians, Ananias, Sapphira, young men who are Christians, other people of Jerusalem.

And now we present: "The Case of the Tricky Givers."

Scene 1: (Beginning)

Joseph of Cyprus was a rich believer who had great gifts of preaching God's Word and of generosity. The apostles gave him the name of "Barnabas" meaning "Son of Encouragement" because of these gifts. When a need arose among other believers in Jerusalem, Barnabas went down to the marketplace and sold a field to a businessman. He took the money and placed it at the apostles' feet, that they may use it as they thought best for the needs of the Christians who were poor or widows. Other rich Christians saw what Barnabas did and they did the same. When another need arose, a rich man named Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, decided they would sell a field to meet the need. They went down to the marketplace and sold their field to a businessman, just as Barnabas had done.

Scene 2:

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Lying about the Money Ananias and Sapphira Received

Description

The children will make a turning picture that first reveals all the money they received, then turns to hide some of the money and show part of the money.

Materials

Paper Fastener, one per craft
 2 dinner-sized paper plates per craft
 Paper circles of coins
 Glue sticks
 Scissors
 Colored pencils and/or thin tips markers

Preparing the Craft

1. On one of each set of paper plates, mark the center then draw a line from the outside of the circle to that center (i.e., draw a radius, for all you geometry fans).
2. Make 1 set of coins per child. You may want to cut these out for the youngest children. Older children can do this themselves.
3. Set out other supplies.

Making the Craft

1. Show the sample of the craft you have made.
2. Have the children color in the coins and if them have not cut them out yet, then cut them out.
3. Glue 5 coins onto the paper plate WITHOUT the line. Make sure to glue these down very well so that they don't lift off the paper when the circle is turned.
4. Glue 10 coins onto the other plate (the one WITH the line), making sure not to glue a coin over the line. Again, make sure to glue these down very well.
5. Cut along the line.
6. Lay the plate with the 10 coins and the slit on top of plate with the 5 coins and no slit. Make sure they are centered over each other.
7. Poke paper fastener through center in middle of both and fasten down securely in back.
8. Pull one side of bottom plate with the 5 coins through slit in top plate with the 10 coins and slide around to cover and then reveal the 5 coin plate.
9. Children can tell show all the coins Ananias and Sapphira were paid, then turn the circle to reveal how many they offered.

Making a Bible Truth Connection

Once the children have settled into their craft, use the Bible Truth- Craft Connection Sheet to lead discussion about the craft. Note that most of these questions echo the questions on the case board, providing a review of what the children learned earlier.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Craft Presentation

If you are presenting the craft to other children or parents the children can hold up their crafts (or your model craft) and read their Bible Truth Connection answers to explain the importance of the craft.

CASE CRAFT**Discussion Guide****Instructions:**

As the children are settled into making their craft, ask them these questions to help them understand the craft's significance. Use the answers provided to guide the children's answers.

Discussion Questions

1. Where did this story take place?

A desert wilderness.

2. How were Joseph of Cyprus and Ananias and Sapphira alike?

They were all rich. They all chose to sell their own property to give money to the apostles to help those in need.

3. What did Ananias and Sapphira want? What did they do that was sinful?

They wanted the honor of the Christians, but also wanted to keep back some of the money from the field. They chose to keep back some of the money, but let others think they gave it all.

4. What is Bible Truth 10 that we are learning?

Bible Truth 10 is: God's People Say "No" to Temptation.

5. What does our craft have to do with our Bible Truth?

Sometimes it is very hard to say "no" to temptation. Ananias and Sapphira gave into the temptation to lie rather than trusting in God, asking for His help and turning away from the temptation.

6. What can our craft help us remember?

The temptation to sin is very strong in us all. We all need God's help to say "no" to temptation.

TAKING IT TO OTHERS**Craft Presentation****Instructions:**

Have children hold up your model craft/their crafts. Choose five children (or you say) the five sections below to explain the craft's importance.

Presentation:

1. Our craft is: Lying about the Money Ananias and Sapphira Received.

2. Ananias and Sapphira *wanted the honor of the Christians, but also wanted to keep back some of the money from the field. They chose to keep back some of the money, but let others think they gave it all.*

3. Our Bible Truth is: God's People Say "No" to Temptation.

4. Sometimes it is very hard to say "no" to temptation. Ananias and Sapphira gave into the temptation to lie rather than trusting in God, asking for His help and turning away from the temptation.

5. Our craft can help us remember that the temptation to sin is very strong in us all. We all need God's help to say "no" to temptation.

Note: Even non-readers can participate in presenting the craft, if you will whisper what they are to say in their ear and let them say it aloud for the others to hear.



BEFORE CLASS:**1. PICK YOUR PERSON**

VIPPs can be anyone in your church! Typically, they fall into 6 categories: Church staff, Elders, Deacons/deaconesses, Special Volunteers (people who aren't paid, but spend a lot of time helping out in particular ways), Supported Workers (aka missionaries), and Church Members.

2. GATHER YOUR FACTS

Use the VIPP Information Sheet to write down the facts about your VIPP. The information on this worksheet is used in the VIPP activities, listed in the "Choose an Activity" section below.

DURING THE ACTIVITY:**1. INTRODUCE YOUR VIPP**

Introduce your VIPP to the children, using the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. If desired, you can even have the actual person come into class for the children to meet.

Need help describing what someone does for the church in a kid-friendly way? Check out the list of common VIPPs on the Praise Factory website in the PFI resources. There are lots of kid-friendly descriptions for common VIPP's, such as pastors, elders, deacons and a lot more.

2. PRAY!

Lead the children in praying for the VIPP. Ask the children if they would like to pray for one of the VIPPs prayer requests. Even non-readers can pray for the VIPP if you whisper the prayer request in their ear, then let them say it aloud. Never force a child to pray!

3. CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

There are two activities you can use to help the children learn about the VIPP:

VIPP Clue Cards: These are nine coloring sheets in which children fill in the nine things they learn about the VIPP from the VIPP Information Sheet. Photocopy a set of each child. Use as few or as many of these Clue Cards as you desire. They are found in the back of this book.

VIPP Game: This is a game that uses a set of Clue Cards for one or two VIPPs.

Choose a VIPP and fill in his/her information on the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. Tell the children about the VIPP, having them fill in the VIPP Clue Cards with the key facts as they learn them. Write any words the children need to write on a white-board or other piece of paper so they can see how to spell them. Help younger children write these words on their clue cards. Ideas for how to tell the children about many common VIPPs are listed at praisefactory.org with the resources for this Bible Truth.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Introduce and Pray for the VIPP

If you are presenting the VIPP to other children or parents you can assign children to hold up the 10 clue cards and say what each card tells about the VIPP. (Or, you can have the children hold them up as you tell what each one means.) Then lead the children in praying for the VIPP.

Game: Crabbin' Around

Materials

Information Sheet for two VIPPs

2 Sets of Clue Cards

Tape

A Bag

Preparing the Game

1. Fill in one set of clue sheets for the VIPP you are using.
2. Put all the Clue Cards in a bag, except for the ones with the names and pictures of the VIPPs.
3. Tape the picture and name of each VIPP to the wall, about 3 feet from the ground.

Playing the Game

Reveal: Tell the children about the VIPPs, showing them your filled-in clue cards as you tell about them.

Review: Put the Clue Cards for both VIPPS put in one bag. Mix up. Have children sit down, with their legs in front of them and their hands propped behind them. Show them how to get in crab position and try moving around. (Moving on hands and feet, with front side facing up). Tell them that you will pull out a clue, tell them what it is and they are to crab-crawl their way to the picture of the person who it belongs to. Give them the answer after everyone has run to their guessed person. Continue until all clues have been used up.

VIPP INFORMATION SHEET

VIPP NAME:

WHAT VIPP LOOKS LIKE

Man or Woman? _____

Hair color? _____

Eye color? _____

FAVORITE ANIMAL

FAVORITE FOOD

FAVORITE FREE TIME ACTIVITY

WHAT VIPP DOES DURING WEEK

VIPP GROUP OF SERVICE:

Church Member

Deacon

Elder

Church Staff

Special Volunteer

Supported Worker
(Missionary)

3 WAYS VIPP SERVES CHURCH

3 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE VIPP
