



Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4:36-5:16

My Story

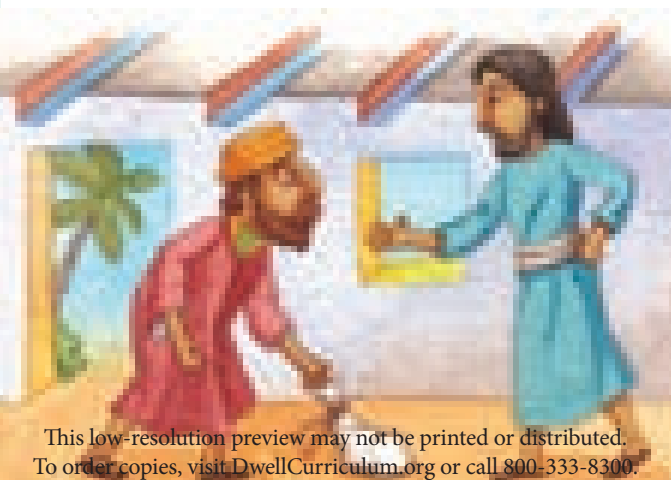
- ▶ This story encouraged me to ...
- ▶ This story warned me that ...

My Prayer

Jesus, fill me with the love that comes from your Holy Spirit. Help me encourage my friends, family, and neighbors with that love this week. Amen.

- ▶ The friends, family and neighbors I want to encourage are:

My Action Ideas for This Week





What Are the Consequences?

Actions

Ananias goes to Peter.

Results

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Sapphira goes to Peter.

Peter and the apostles continue to heal people.

What Are the Consequences Today?

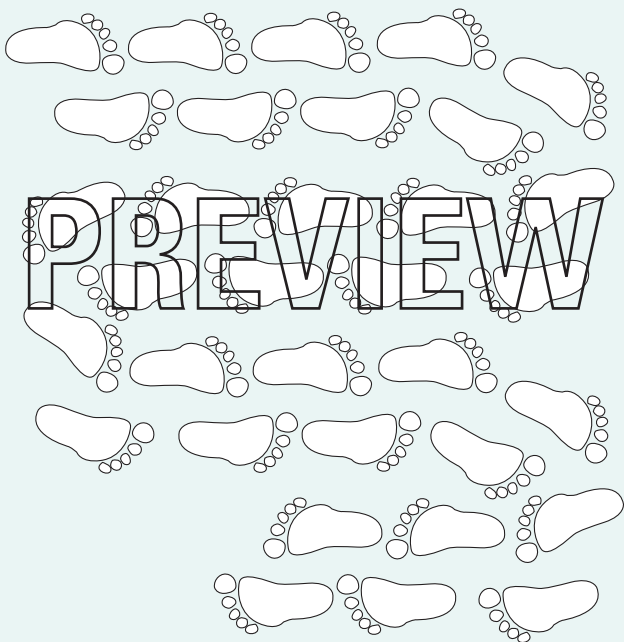
Actions

You take credit for doing something that you didn't really do because you want others to think you are really important.

Results

You invite someone to a program at your church because you are excited about it and want to share it.

The Holy Spirit began the work of the church in Jerusalem. But it didn't stop there. Draw Jerusalem at the top of this path. Write the words of Acts 1:8 on the footprints, one word on each. At the end of the path, draw the many places where the work of the church and the Holy Spirit continues. In between the footsteps draw symbols of things that encourage and attract more believers.



Memory



Challenge:

Acts 1:8

Marvel, Year 1, Unit 4, Session 1

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Stephen's Story

Acts 6; 7:51-8:4

When we are reminded of the stones that killed Stephen, we think of others who struggle or are persecuted.

To learn more about what is happening in our world, check out Operation World, www.operationworld.org.

- ▶ Find out how to pray for countries around the world, either by searching for them alphabetically or by region.

- ▶ Play the prayer videos for several of the countries. You could choose one country each day this week.

- ▶ Fill in your name in these blanks. The words are from Acts 1:8.

_____ will receive power from the Holy Spirit.

_____ will be my witness.

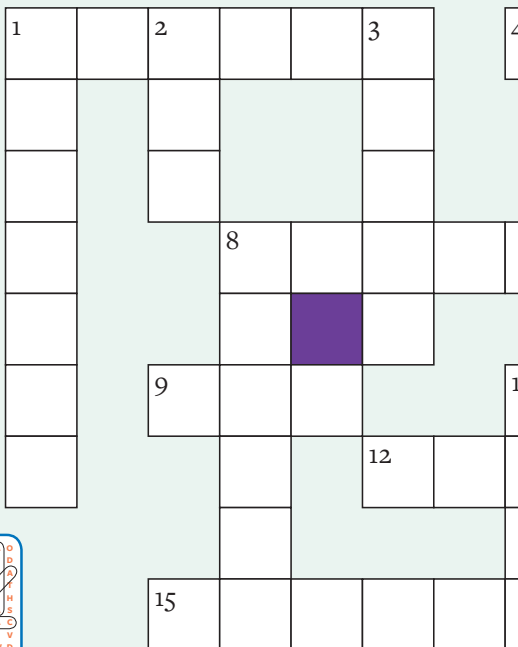
In the next two blanks, fill in two places where you'd like to go some day to share the good news of Jesus.

_____ and _____

Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. The Greek-speaking Jewish _____ were not getting their share of the food.
4. _____ agreed that the killing of Stephen was a good thing.
8. _____ was a man of great faith and full of the Holy Spirit.
9. Stephen cried, "Lord, do not hold this _____ against them!"
11. Each man who told lies against Stephen left his _____ with Saul.
12. Stephen told the religious leaders about Jesus, the Righteous _____.
13. After Stephen's death, the believers were scattered throughout _____ and Samaria.
15. The religious leaders threw _____ at Stephen until he was dead.



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Down

1. The Holy Spirit gave Stephen the boldness to be a _____ for Jesus Christ.
(See Acts 1:8.)
2. Stephen was not afraid to _____ for Jesus.
3. The believers chose _____ men to be in charge of serving tables.
5. When Stephen spoke to the religious leaders, his face looked like the face of an _____.
6. The religious leaders paid men to _____ about Stephen.
7. Many believers left the city of _____ after Stephen's death.
8. The _____ gave Stephen the courage and the wisdom to speak about Jesus to the religious leaders.
10. Everywhere the believers went after Stephen's death, they told people the Good _____.
14. The same Holy Spirit that lived in Stephen lives within _____.

4	5		6		7
10			11		
		13	14		

Answers to crossword puzzle: Across: 1. widows, 4. Saul, 8. Stephen, 9. sin, 11. coat, 12. one, 13. Judea, 15. stones
Down: 1. witness, 2. die, 3. seven, 5. angel, 6. lie, 7. Jerusalem, 8. Spirit, 10. News, 14. us



Pray for the gospel to reach children all across the world.

Word Search

Find the seven regions of the world in this word search:

**NORTH AMERICA | LATIN AMERICA | EUROPE |
AFRICA | ASIA | PACIFIC | CARIBBEAN**



Memory



Challenge:

Acts 1:8

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Simon the Sorcerer

Acts 8:4-25

My Story

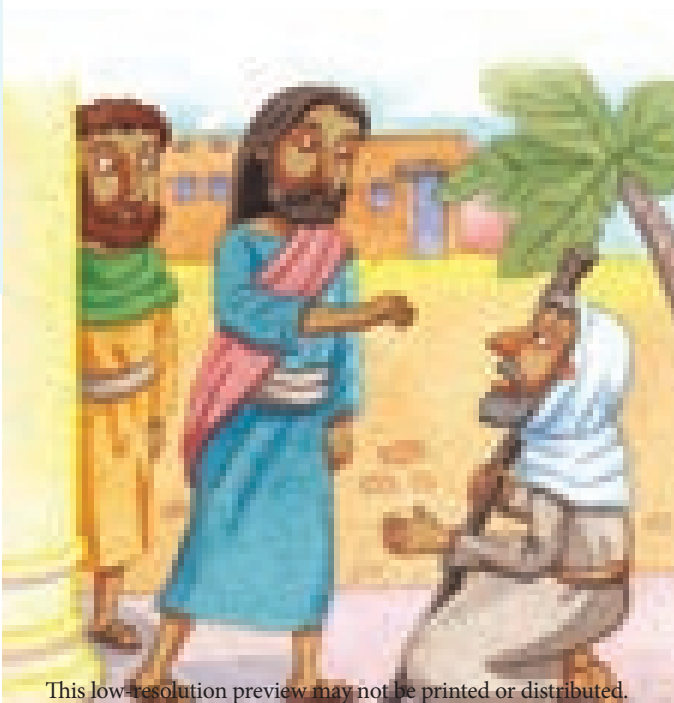
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My Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for sending your Spirit to work in my heart. Please help me not to give in when I'm tempted to

PREVIEW

Please help me _____.



Really Loves Jesus

What are these people who love Jesus thinking in each of the cartoons below? Write your ideas in the thought balloons.



Maya goes to church every single week.



Will's neighbor had knee surgery, so Will helps him do his yard work.



Mr. Peters gives at least 10 percent of his money to the church.

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Pretends to Love Jesus

What are these people who only pretend to love Jesus thinking in each of the cartoons below? Write your ideas in the thought balloons.



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Coded Message

Complete the message and the missing code.
Is this message for Simon, you, or both?

A	D	E	F	G
1	5	8		
I	O	R	S	T
9	3	7	10	

6 3 5 , 10 6 9 2 4 10

1 7 8 2 7 8 8

PREVIEW

Missing Letters

Two words are incomplete in the following sentence. Both words have the same last letters but they don't rhyme.

When the Holy Spirit speaks to you,
it is a w_____ from the L_____.

Coded Message: GOD'S GIFTS ARE FREE. Missing letter from both words: ORD.

Memory



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Acts 1:8

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Tabitha

Acts 9:36-43

► I want to . . .

Circle as many as you like.

Make a gift for someone who is sad.	Made a birthday card for the oldest person I know.	Enter a race to raise money for a need.	Do an errand for _____.
Read a book to _____.	Celebrate a birthday by asking for donations for _____.	Create a drama that teaches _____.	Make an emergency first-aid kit.
Collect school supplies to give away.	Donate the books I've finished reading.	Gather clothing for a homeless shelter.	Tend a vegetable garden and share the produce.
Make a bird feeder and give it away.	Deliver fresh flowers to _____.	My own idea: _____	

RT@

The news about Tabitha is spreading all over town. I wonder how people will react. 1 minute ago via Acts 9:42

RT@

Peter is bringing Tabitha out of the room. Alive! What will everyone say and do? 3 minutes ago via Acts 9:41

RT@

Peter is speaking to Tabitha. She is opening her eyes. Is she surprised to be alive? Or to be seeing Peter? 5 minutes ago via Acts 9:40c

RT@

Peter is down on his knees praying. I wonder what he is saying to God. 7 minutes ago via Acts 9:40b

RT@

Peter has sent everyone out of the room. I wonder why he wants to be alone with a dead woman. 8 minutes ago via Acts 9:40a

RT@

The widows are crying and showing Peter the clothes that Tabitha made for them. I wonder what stories they told. 10 minutes ago via Acts 9:39b

RT@

Peter has arrived from Lydda! They're taking him upstairs. I wonder if he feels the great sadness of the others. 15 minutes ago via Acts 9:39a

RT@

Peter is going with the two men. They traveled to Joppa. I wonder if it took much persuading to get Peter to come. 1 hour and 30 minutes ago via Acts 9:38b

RT@

The disciples send two men to Lydda to find Peter and ask him to come to Joppa. Will they find Peter? Will he come? 2 hours and 50 minutes ago via Acts 9:28

RT@

Tabitha's body is washed and placed in an upper room. It doesn't seem real that she has died. 3 hours ago via Acts 9:37a

RT@

Tabitha has died. Why did she get sick and die while we still needed her? 4 hours ago via Acts 9:37b

RT@

Tabitha never stops doing good things for others, but today she's still sick and can't work. Will she get better? Yesterday via Acts 9:37

RT@

Tabitha is a strong disciple. She works patiently and lovingly helping everyone, but especially the widows. Can you imagine how important she is in Joppa? Last week via Acts 9:36



I was just thinking about you.

A Treat to Share

You may not be able to make clothing like Tabitha did, but you can bake a favorite treat and give it to someone as an unexpected act of thoughtfulness.

You'll need:

- ▶ oatmeal or other favorite muffin recipe that's not too sweet
- ▶ 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese cut into 12 equal pieces
- ▶ $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of your favorite jam
- ▶ muffin tin and liners

Directions:

Fill each muffin tin liner with half of the muffin batter. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of jam on top of the batter. Top with 1 piece of cream cheese. Spoon remaining batter over jam and cream cheese. Bake for a minute or two more than the original recipe calls for.

Memory



Challenge:

Acts 1:8

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Peter's Vision

Acts 10:1-11:21

▶ Story Word Puzzle

Rearrange the letters of these phrases into important words from this story.

PREVIEW

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E CANDLES

Listening Prayer

Lord, speak to me that I may speak about you. Amen.

What do you think Peter saw in his vision?
Draw a picture below.

God wanted the church to spread from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria and to all the nations of the world. So God taught the Jewish Christians a very important lesson. Use the word list to fill in the blanks below and discover what that lesson was.

Word List

**astonished | Cornelius | water |
vision | unclean | Peter | Holy Spirit |
clean | angel | Gentile**

1. _____, a Roman centurion, loved God and was generous to those in need.

2. An _____ appeared to him one day and told him to send for a man who was staying in another town with Simon the tanner.

3. Around noon of the following day, _____ went up on the rooftop to pray before lunch.

4. The Holy Spirit sent Peter a _____ in which he saw a large sheet being let down from heaven.

5. The sheet was filled with all kinds of animals, some of which were _____ and forbidden for Jews to eat.

6. When Peter refused to eat these animals, the voice told him, “Do not call anything impure that God has made _____.”

7. Peter received visitors who asked him to visit the house of a _____.

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8. When Peter preached the good news of Jesus to the household of Cornelius, all who heard the message received the _____.

9. Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “John baptized with _____, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

10. The Jewish Christians were _____ that the Holy Spirit was given to Gentiles.

Potpourri Pasta

In the stories of this unit, we’ve been marveling at how the Holy Spirit sends people out in all directions! To help you remember that, make Potpourri Pasta. Here’s how to do it:

- Find four kinds of similar-sized pasta, such as spiral, penne, shell, and wagon wheel. Think of them as the representing the four directions of the earth—North, South, East, and West.
- Mix all four pastas together. Repackage in plastic bags. Add a label with the recipe below. Give the bags away.





► Listening Prayer

1. Find a quiet place.
2. Read some verses from the Bible. (If you don't know where to start, ask friends or family to share their favorite verses and use them.)

3. Ask a question about one of the verses.
Write it down.

4. Pause. This is where you listen. What do you think God is saying? Write down your thoughts.

5. Think about it.

6. As you go your way, ask yourself if God confirms your thoughts.

7. Come back and write about it.

Story Word Puzzle: RIGHTTEOUS, CLEANSER

Memory



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Acts: 1:8

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Peter's Rescue

Acts 12:1-19

► Prayer Marks

- My prayers for my friends ...



- The best time in my day to talk with God ...



- I will try to spend _____ minutes each day this week talking to God.
- What I know about prayer ...

Prayer Marks

Check the ones you know are true. Complete the last one.

- ☐ Prayer is communication.
- ☐ Prayer can take place anywhere.
- ☐ Prayer gives me what I want.
- ☐ Prayer helps me know God better.
- ☐ Prayer doesn't have to include asking.

☐ Prayer is

Story Word Puzzle

Rearrange the letters in these phrases for the answers to the questions.



4 →

PREVIEW

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Setting and characters:

How did the believers pray for Peter?

RELAY SENT

What did Peter do to obey the angel?

DO FELLOW

PREVIEW

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6

8

7

Result or conclusion:



PREVIEW

- ▶ I am certain that my friends ...
- ▶ I am certain that my family ...
- ▶ I am certain that God ...
- ▶ I am certain that Jesus ...
- ▶ I am certain that the Holy Spirit ...
- ▶ I am certain that ...

Word Puzzle: EARNESTLY, FOLLOWED

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