

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 249: ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA**  
**ACTS 5:1-11**

There was a man named Ananias. His wife's name was Sapphira. Ananias sold some property he had, but he gave only part of the money to the apostles. He secretly kept some of the money for himself. His wife knew this, and she agreed with it. Peter said, "Ananias, why did you let Satan fill your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? Before you sold the field, it belonged to you, right? And even after you sold it, you could have used the money any way you wanted. How could you even think of doing such a thing? You lied to God, not to us!" When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. Some young men came and wrapped up his body. They carried it out and buried it. And everyone who heard about this was filled with fear. About three hours later his wife came in. Sapphira did not know about what had happened to her husband. Peter said to her, "Tell me how much money you got for your field. Was it this much?" (He told her the amount that Ananias had lied and said he received for the field). Sapphira answered, "Yes, that was all we got for the field." Peter said to her, "Why did you and your husband agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! Do you hear those footsteps? The men who buried your husband are at the door. They will carry you out in the same way." At that moment Sapphira fell down by his feet and died. The young men came in and saw that she was dead. They carried her out and buried her beside her husband. The whole church and all the other people who heard about this were filled with fear.

## 249. ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

### ACTS 5:1-11



“A man named Anania and his wife Sapphira sold a possession, and kept back part of the money and his wife knew about it. They brought part of the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.” **ACTS 5:1-2**

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### ACTS 5:1-11

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*“And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done....” ACTS 5:12*

#### **Review Questions**

##### **True or False**

1. A certain man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold some property they owned.
2. They put all the money they got for that land at the apostles' feet.
3. They put some of the money they got for that land at the apostles' feet, and kept some back for themselves.
4. But Peter said, “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?”
5. After Ananias heard this, he ran outside .
6. They took his body, wrapped it up and took it outside and buried him.

##### **Questions**

1. What did Ananias and Sapphira do with the money they got from selling their land?
2. Did Peter and the Apostles know what they had done?
3. Who did Ananias lie to? Was it to Peter and the Apostles?
4. What happened to Ananias when Peter asked him why he lied?
5. What happened when Ananias' wife Sapphira came in to talk to the apostles?

## Lesson 249 Activity

### ACT IT OUT!

#### Ananias and Sapphira

Have your class re-enact the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Allow different children to play the various parts. When they have finished, recast the story so as many as would like get a chance to participate.

### OPTIONAL CRAFT:

#### Free Draw

Let your class have a “free draw” time. Tell them that they must draw either the thing they most remember from the story or a modern illustration of the consequences of being a hypocrite, which means trying to look like something you are not.

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to honor the Lord with our thoughts and motives, even the deepest parts of our hearts. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.