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Always Tell the Truth

Acts 5

"Look, Sapphira!" said Ananias to his wife. "This is the money from the land we sold! I'm going to tell the church leaders we are donating all if it, but we'll really keep some of it for ourselves. That should be good!"

They had seen other people sell land and donate the money to the church. They wanted to do that too, but they also wanted to keep some of it. That would have been alright, but they wanted to look like they were giving all the money. So they decided to lie about it. That was a bad idea.

Ananias lied about the money, but God showed Peter what was going on.

"The land was yours and the money was yours," Peter said. "You didn't just lie to me, you lied to the Holy Spirit."

At that moment Ananias fell down dead, and they carried him off to the cemetery. About three hours later, Sapphira stopped by. She didn't know what happened to Ananias. Peter asked her, "Did you sell your land for this much?"

She could have told the truth, but she lied too. "Yes, that's the full price," she said. "Why did you agree to tempt the Holy Spirit?" Peter asked. "The ones who buried your husband will bury you too."

Right then, Sapphira fell down dead, and they carried her body to the cemetery. That day, the people learned to always tell the truth.

What did we discover? 1) Ananias and Sapphira money they got from selling land. HID STOLE **LIED ABOUT** 2) People should never TELL LIES **SELL LAND GIVE MONEY** 3) They died because they _____ SOLD LAND HAD MONEY LIED TO GOD 4) We should always tell WHAT MAKES ME LOOK GOOD THE TRUTH

Is it easier for me to tell the truth or to tell lies?



I will always tell the truth.

A little lie opens the door to bigger lies.



Jesus, clean my heart and fill me with the truth.