

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA***

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**ACTS 4:32 – 5:16**  
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**The apostles were telling everyone  
that Jesus had been raised from the dead  
and that through Him, we could be saved.**

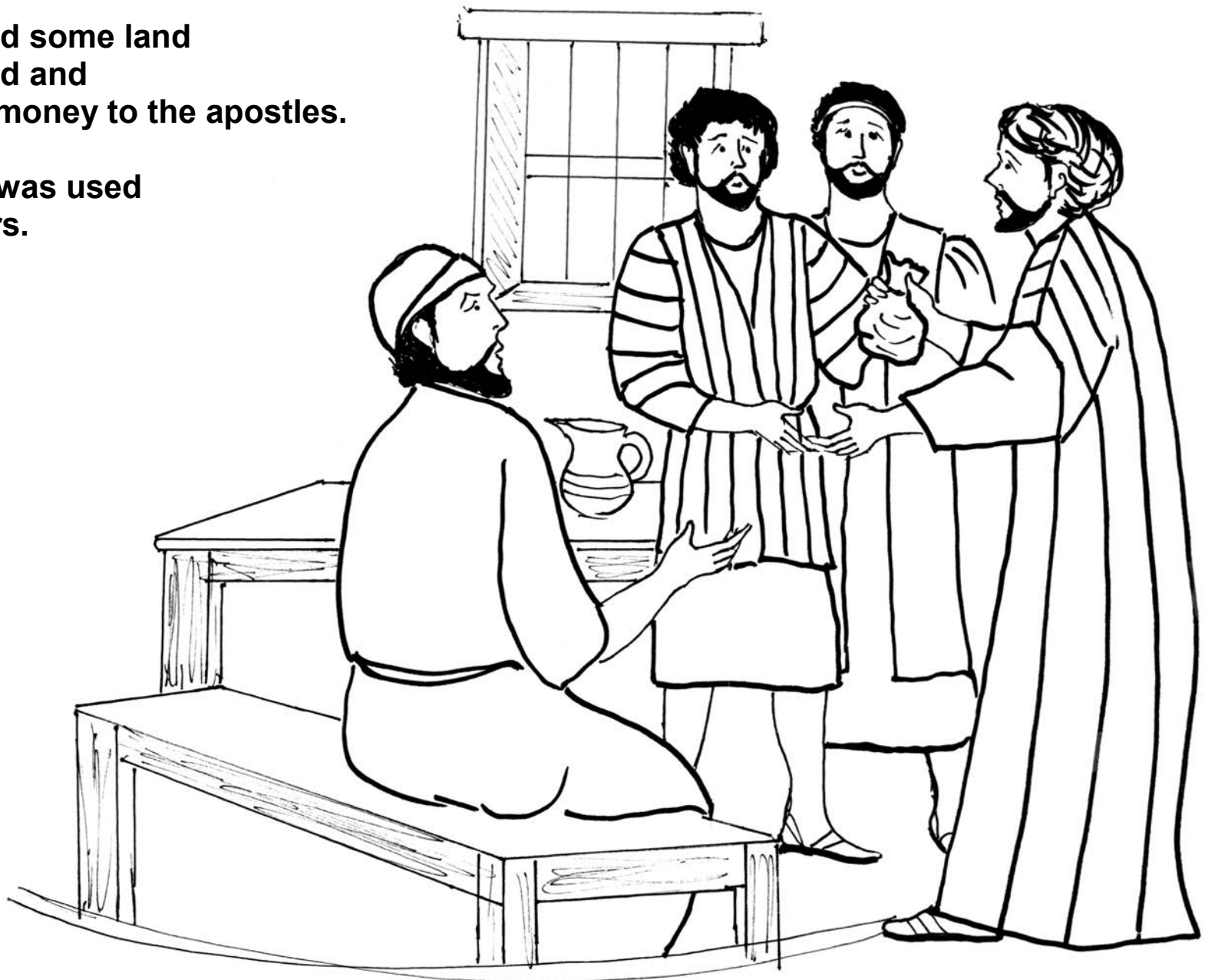
**Many people believed,  
and the love of God  
came into their hearts.  
They loved God and each other  
and wanted to share their possessions.**



**Some people sold a house or land  
and gave the money to the apostles.**

**Barnabas had some land  
which he sold and  
he gave the money to the apostles.**

**This money was used  
to help others.**



**A man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira wanted to help as well. They sold a piece of land, but secretly put some of the money away for themselves.**

**Ananias took the rest of the money and gave it to the apostles saying, 'Here is all the money from the land we sold. It is for God.'**



**God showed Peter  
that Ananias was telling a lie.**

**‘Ananias!’ said Peter,  
‘Why did you let Satan  
put this thing into your heart?  
You have lied to the Holy Spirit.  
The land was yours  
and when you sold it  
the money was yours.  
You could do  
what you wanted with it.  
Instead you told us a lie,  
and the lie was to God.’**

**When Ananias  
heard Peter say this,  
he fell down dead.  
The young men came  
and carried him out  
and buried him.**



**About three hours later Sapphira,  
his wife, came to the apostles.  
She did not know  
what had happened to her husband.**

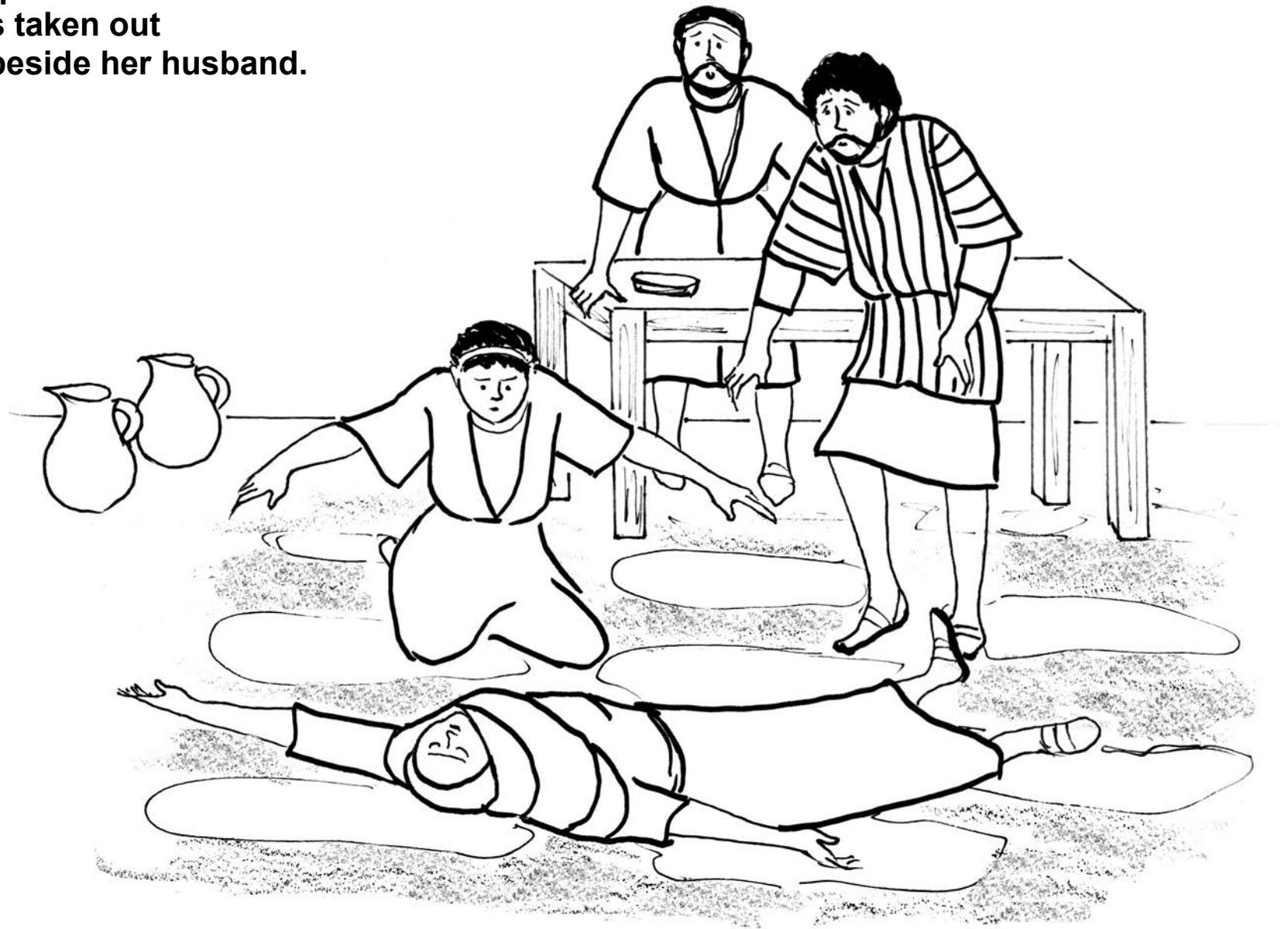
**Peter asked her,  
'Did you sell your land  
for this much money?'**

**'Yes. That's right,'  
Sapphira answered.**

**Peter asked,  
'Why did you and Ananias  
plan to test the Holy Spirit of God?  
The men who buried your husband  
will also carry you out.'**

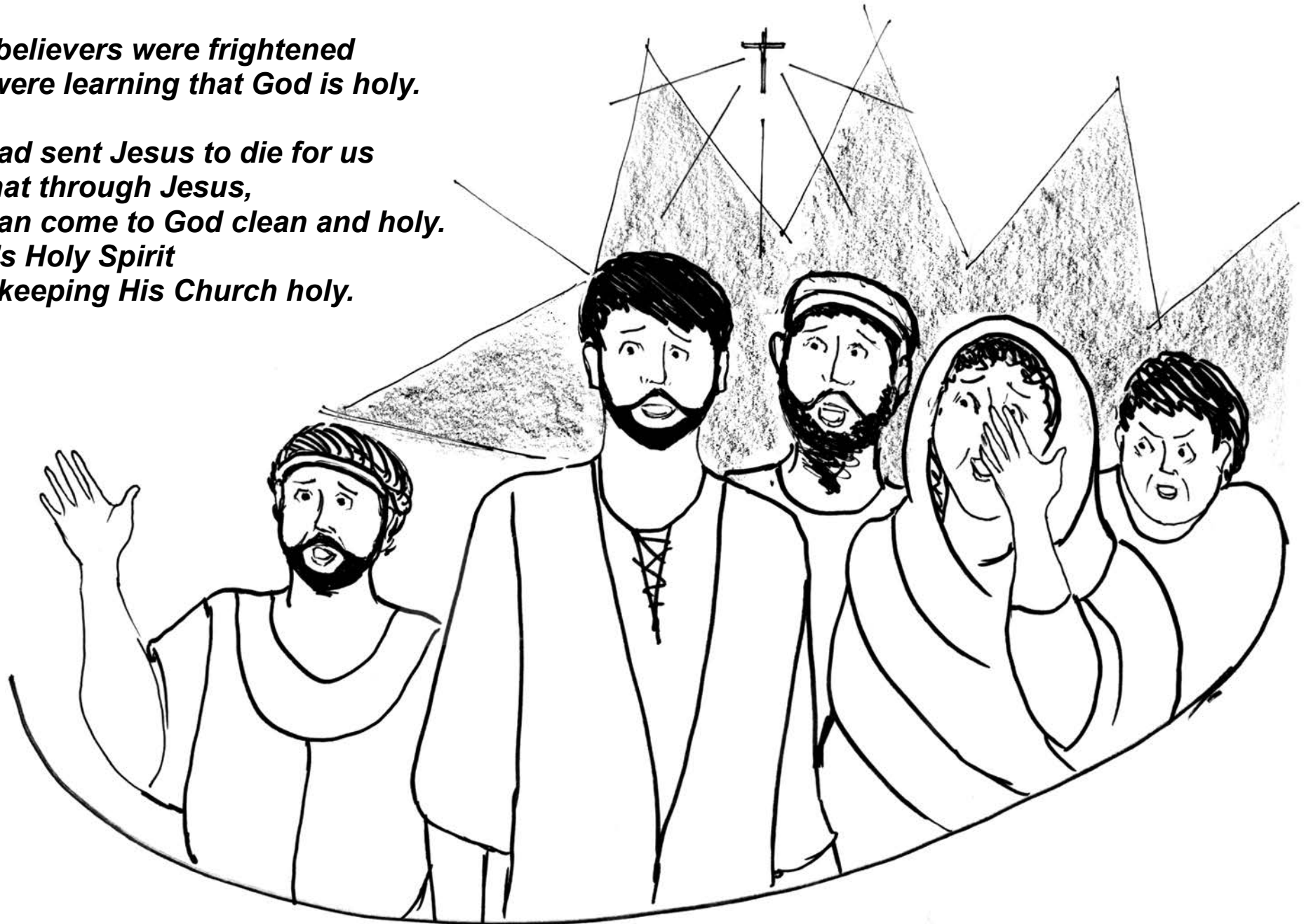


**At once Sapphira fell down dead  
and she was taken out  
and buried beside her husband.**



***The believers were frightened  
but were learning that God is holy.***

***He had sent Jesus to die for us  
so that through Jesus,  
we can come to God clean and holy.  
God's Holy Spirit  
was keeping His Church holy.***





**The new Church met together  
to worship the Lord.**

**The apostles  
did many miracles  
and those who believed  
became part of the  
Lord's Church.**

**News of the miracles  
spread to other places.  
People brought their  
sick friends to the streets.  
As Peter walked by  
all of them were healed.**

**The Church was the place  
where the truth of Jesus Christ  
was being made known.**

