

YOU CANNOT PRETEND BEFORE GOD

ACTS 5:1-11



BIG IDEA

Integrity before God matters more than image before people.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Ananias and Sapphira wanted the church to believe they gave everything. They were free to keep the property or part of the money. Their sin was the planned lie.

“Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

ACTS 5:4b

WHAT GOD WANTS US TO SEE

- 1 God sees more than the image we show.**
- 2 Friends can agree and still choose wrong.**
- 3 Grace gives us courage to confess and walk in the light.**

REMEMBER

Privacy and a false story are different. You do not owe everyone every detail. But do not create a false story. If a secret is unsafe—or someone may be harmed—tell a trusted adult.

THE IMAGE OR INTEGRITY CHALLENGE

CHOOSE ONE SCENARIO

Then work through the four truth steps.

- ☐ **GROUP PROJECT** — You did little but get equal credit.
- ☐ **HARMFUL SECRET** — Friends ask you to hide something unsafe.
- ☐ **CHURCH IMAGE** — Online faith and home behavior do not match.



1 What image is being protected?

2 What is the truth?

3 What would integrity do next?

4 Who is one safe adult who could help?

MY TRUTHFUL NEXT STEP

One place I feel pressure to pretend is ...

One truthful next step is ...

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Correct one false impression—or tell a safe adult the truth about something hidden. Do not write private details here. If you are unsafe or someone may be harmed, tell a trusted adult now.