

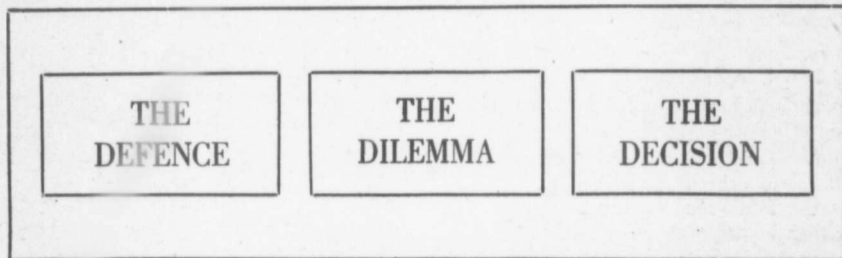
and John stood the lame man. No one could say that he had not been made well and strong when Peter, in the name of Jesus, had told him to walk. The men of the Sanhedrin did not know what to do, so they sent Peter and John away while they talked together.

"We cannot say that this wonderful thing did not happen," they said. But some way they wanted to stop the preaching of these two brave disciples, so they called them back and told them that they must not preach or teach in the name of Jesus any more. Peter and John very well knew what might happen if they refused to obey this command, but they both answered that they could not make a promise like that. They must obey God rather than obey the great judges, and so they must go on telling people of Jesus.

This was not the answer that the Sanhedrin expected. They would like to have put Peter and John into prison, or perhaps have killed them, but these two disciples were so brave, and all over the city people were praising God for what had been done, and the judges dared not punish them. So they threatened them, and told what would happen if the disciples disobeyed them and preached, and then they let them go.

Peter and John hurried back to their friends who were anxiously waiting to know what had happened to them. Then what a wonderful praise and thanksgiving meeting they all had together, and as they prayed they felt God's Holy Spirit come to them making them bold and brave to speak for Jesus.

FROM THE PLATFORM



Draw on the blackboard three frames to represent as many pictures found in the lesson. Print in the first frame, **THE DEFENCE**. Question about the defence which Peter offered before the Sanhedrin, bringing out the charge which was made against him and John and the answer which the apostle made. Emphasize the courage required to make this defence in such circumstances. In the second frame, print **THE DILEMMA**. Ask who found themselves in a dilemma and what the dilemma was. The printing for the third frame is **THE DECISION**. The scholars will tell you, in reply to questions, what this decision was. Contrast the straightforwardness and courage of the apostles with the crookedness and cowardice of the Jewish rulers. Call for the Golden Text, and dwell on the virtues which it sets forth and the power that Jesus gives to practise them.

Lesson IV.

PETER STANDS UP FOR TRUTH AND HONESTY

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Acts 5 : 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT—Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord : they that deal truly are his delight.—
Prov. 12 : 22 (Rev. Ver.).

1 But a certain man named Anani'as, with Sapphi'ra his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being

pry to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Anani'as, why hath Sa'tan filled