

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 6.]

TRUE AND FALSE GIVING.

[FEB. 7.]

Acts 4. 32 to Acts 5. 11.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16. 17.

MEMORY VERSES, 32, 33.—And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

In the early Church were many poor people and some who were rich. The rich gave freely to the poor and so had all things in common. But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold some land, but being tempted of Satan brought only part of the price to give to the poor; they thus lied not to man but to God. Peter rebuked Ananias for his sin and the sinful man fell down dead. Soon after his wife came in and told the same lie, and she too fell down and died. Then great fear came upon all the Church and upon as many as heard these things. This shows what an awful thing it is to lie, most of all a lie to God. The land was their own to keep, but they sinned against God by pretending to give it all when they only gave a part.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Were there many poor people in the early Church?

Yes, many were poor and some were rich.

2. Did the rich people help the poor?

Yes, they even sold their lands and houses that the poor might not be in need.

3. Did they all do this?

No, Ananias and Sapphira his wife kept back part of the price.

4. What did Peter say?

He said, "Why has Satan filled thy heart? thou hast lied, not unto man, but unto God."