

it. "Yes," answered Sapphira, "we did."

"How is it that you have planned together to cheat the Spirit of the Lord?" said Peter. "See, the young men who have just buried your husband are at the door and shall carry you out also." And immediately the woman fell down on her face and died. And they picked her up and carried her out and buried her by the side of her husband. And great fear came upon the Church and upon all those that heard these things.

It was not of Peter that they were afraid. He was only a man like themselves. But they were afraid to offend God, who punished evil-doers so quickly and so severely. This would make the people who belonged to the Church very careful to do right, and

would keep people from joining the Church who were only pretending.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the first believers behave to one another?
2. How did they get money for their poorer brethren?
3. Who took care of these offerings?
4. What were the names of one man and his wife who sold a field for this purpose?
5. What did they do with a part of the money?
6. What did they do with the other part?
7. What did they hope the apostle would think?
8. What did Peter say to Ananias?
9. How did God punish him?
10. What happened to Sapphira?
11. What was their great sin?
12. What is the Golden text?

DORA'S SOUR APPLE

There were two apples—a big and a little one; each little sister wanted the big one. "I'll put them behind my back, so," said Dora. "Now which hand will you take?" "I'll take the right," said Madge; and quick as a flash Dora changed the apple behind her back and gave her sister the little one. "Never mind," said merry little Madge, "this one is sweet, anyhow."

Was Dora's sweet? It tasted like bitter ashes in her mouth. She knew she had done wrong and a little voice within her

kept saying, "A lie! a lie, a mean lie!"

After dinner mamma gave them two more apples—big rosy ones this time. "Oh mamma," said Dora, bursting into tears, "Give them both to Madge; I must not have any," and she told her mother what she had done in the morning. But not a bite of Dora's apple would Madge take; so they had to take it out to the fence and give it to a little boy on his way from school. "Now," said Dora, "my next apple will taste sweet again."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I must be truthful



Primary Catechism—71. What are some of the common ways of taking God's name in vain? Profane swearing, and speaking about God and holy things in a light or thoughtless way.

Shorter Catechism—7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Lesson Hymn

Though small is all that we can do
To please the King of Heaven;
When hearts and hands and lips unite
To serve the Saviour with delight,
They are most precious in His sight:
Such grace to mine be given.

Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise