

is the name of the other man, ANANIAS. What did he do with his money? Was this wrong? Some one may print the name of his wife, SAPPHIRA. Was she good? How were they both punished?

The Apostles Preaching—God helped the apostles to heal sick ones and to do many wonderful things in His name, so that people would believe in the power of Jesus; and many new followers were added every day. See, there stand Peter and John and some of the other apostles in Solomon's Porch, in a court of the temple, preaching! The high priest is angry at them. He orders that the apostles be again put in prison, and they are led off and locked up.

A Helper Sent from God—While they are asleep in the prison, God sends an angel to open the doors and bring them out. God also sent a message to them, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people". When they heard the message, they entered the temple in the morning and taught the people.

An Empty Prison—See, the high priest talking with others about him! He orders the prisoners to be brought before them. The officers go to the prison. See, the doors are closed. There stand the keepers guarding the doors! The officers open the doors. The prisoners are gone! "Where can they

be? Who has let them out?" they ask, in astonishment. They return to the high priest, saying, "We found no one in the prison". (We know who opened the doors, don't we?) See, some one is running to the high priest, saying, "These men who were put in prison, are standing in the temple, teaching the people".

Brave Men—Describe the trial. How brave the apostles are! Listen to them: "We ought to obey God rather than men".

A Wise Man's Advice—Tell about Gamaliel. "Be careful", he says, "what you do to these friends of Jesus. If they are wrong, their work will soon come to an end; but if they are right and God is helping them, you cannot stop them. You cannot fight against God." The high priest said, "We'll take your advice". So the apostles were told they were not to preach about Jesus again. Then they beat the apostles and let them go.

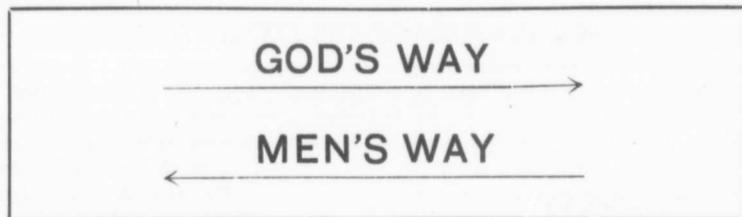
Rejoicing in Tribulation—Tell vs. 41, 42.

Easy for Us to Worship—No one puts us in prison or beats us for loving Jesus. No one tries to keep us from speaking His name, praying to Him, telling others of Him. (It is not so easy for children in foreign lands.)

Golden Text—Repeat and explain.

Something to Think About—Jesus will make me brave.

FROM THE PLATFORM



Draw on the blackboard two arrows pointing in opposite directions. Over the first print GOD'S WAY, and over the other, MEN'S WAY. Ask the scholars what persons in the Lesson had to choose between God's way for them and men's way. You will get the answer at once, "The apostles". Now bring out by rapid questioning the points in the story,—the arrest and imprisonment, the deliverance, the return to preach in the temple, the coming of the officers, the perplexity of the rulers on the setting of the apostles before the Sanhedrin, the high priest's question and Peter's bold answer for himself and the rest of the apostles, his declaration that Israel had slain, and God had exalted Jesus, and his assertion that the apostles had been appointed to witness to these things, their testimony being confirmed by the Holy Ghost. Press home the point that Christ wants us to witness for Him, and that we should do this, whatever others say.