

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: The Holy Spirit of Love reading my heart.

IV. (These questions are only suggestive. The central spiritual truth and its teaching ought also to be recalled).

1. Who healed the lame man?
2. By what power was he healed?
3. By what power are sinful hearts made clean?
4. What was last Sunday's Golden Text?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: The baptism of the Holy Spirit brought the hearts of the people into such unity, that they sold their possessions and had all things in common. As many as owned land or other possessions, sold them, and gave the money to the apostles. In the midst of this most desirable condition of things, Satan was busy, and soon found two self-seeking, praise-loving hearts in the persons of Annanias and his wife Sapphira. The true state of affairs seems to have been revealed to Peter. He charged Annanias with the sin of lying to God, who, hearing his words, immediately fell down and gave up the ghost. Three hours afterwards the same thing happened to Sapphira, and both were buried together. Great fear came upon all the church, and upon all who heard those things.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON:

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the board beforehand.

2. Tell the story of Willie and the cookies. One day Willie's mother made some nice cookies. When they were baked she gave Willie as many as she thought were good for him. As she put the rest away in the pantry, she said "I don't want my little boy to touch any more of these cookies." "All right, mother," said Willie, and ran out to play. By and bye Willie wanted something in the house, and as he passed by the pantry, he remembered the cookies. I wish mother had not said she did not want me to touch them, thought Willie. I'll just look at them, that can't be any harm. They do look so nice lying there, nobody would ever know if I took one thought Willie. Then he heard a little voice inside saying "do right," "do right." Willie only listened for a moment, but did not obey the little voice, for he took one of

the cookies and ate it. Willie thought nobody saw him, but God saw right into his heart, and the little voice that told him to "do right" was God's voice. When we do wrong we may think we will not be seen by anyone, but God always sees us.

3. Hold up a heart cut from white paper, and pin to the board. Above it, write the word "me." If my heart has sin in it, as

Willie's had, God is sure to know. He sees right into our hearts.

4. Here introduce and teach the Golden Text.

Willie's mother may not have known what he did, for she could not see into Willie's heart, but God's Holy Spirit can read all our hearts. As you teach this, draw with a few strokes of the chalk an eye, to represent God, and with light yellow, or white chalk, make some strokes for rays, to picture God looking into the heart. There is a picture of an eye in Pease's symbols, that might be helpful here.

