

## Spirit-Filled and Blessed to Share

**Parents:** By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to do things that might be hard for us to do- like share, or be happy when others have more than us. Sharing isn't something we try to do better than another, or show off, it's something we do because we are thankful for God's generosity. Modeling this Spirit-Filled generosity for our children and bringing them in on the experience is one way we can help them see the joy God gives in sharing with others.

**Read:** *Acts 4:32-5:11 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in, and finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.*

**Discuss:** Can you remember a time when you really needed help? Maybe you were hungry or really thirsty. How did you feel when they shared? *Ex: Grateful.*

How did the disciples share with others in our lesson today? What did that do for the Christian church? *They shared everything they had with others, even selling what they had to share the money with others. Everyone had what they needed.*

### **Key Point: God Makes Us Spirit-Filled and Blessed to Share**

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**Family Activity:** Share something with someone you love dearly this week.

**Prayer:** Thank you for blessing us with the gift of your Holy Spirit. With His help, we are able to show our love for God and others and share. We thank you and love you. Amen.

**Next Steps:** We are blessed by God's generosity in sharing Jesus with us. Memorize this passage this week and pray it in thankfulness. John 3:16. For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



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