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## Honesty

"Alright," Mom stepped into the living room. "Who ate the cookies? I had a plate full of them for the church activity tonight and now there's only two left."

"Uh..." Auggie stiffened on the couch. "It was June. June ate them."

"Yeah!" May chimed in. "She must've been really hungry."

"No! I no eat cookies!" June shouted.

Mom stood still in the entryway. She folded her arms and took a deep breath. "Have you two heard the story of Ananias and Sapphira?" The kids shook their heads. "Ananias and his wife, Sapphira were supposed to give money to the church. Kind of like tithing. But instead of giving the real amount, they lied and gave less. And do you know what happened to them? They fell down and died. Both of them. Right there. God was not happy that they lied."

"What?!" Auggie exclaimed. "They DIED?"

"They did," Mom affirmed. "Right at Peter the Apostle's feet. Now, we won't die if we lie- that's an extreme example. However, it does make God very unhappy when we choose to be dishonest."

Auggie and May looked at each other then at the floor.

"We did it." May admitted.

"I'm sorry, Mom. I just love cookies," said Auggie.

"I appreciate you two deciding to choose to be honest with me," Mom began. "But there are also consequences to our choices. I want you both to bake a new batch of cookies to replace the ones you ate."

Without a word, Auggie and May walked to the kitchen and started righting their wrongs.