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## Session II

# Strategies for a Successful Sunday School

## Handout Packet

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## Session Outline

Level Setting – Definitions

### Strategic Approaches

Individual – Member Church – MDMBA

Strategies through the lens of the Lesson

Acts 4:32 – Acts 5:11

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## Definitions

### Strategy / Strategies –

- A careful plan or method; the art of devising plans toward a goal (Merriam-Webster)
- A general plan to achieve one or more long-term or overall goals under conditions of uncertainty (Wikipedia)
- A plan of action or policy designed to achieve a major or overall aim (Microsoft Bing)

### Success / Successful –

- Satisfactory completion of something (Merriam-Webster)
- The achievement of one's aim or goal (Wikipedia)
- The accomplishment of an aim or purpose (Microsoft Bing)

**Scope** – the specified parameters/boundaries within which the goal, aim, or purpose should be accomplished

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#### Strategic Approaches

- Individual
  - The Text<sup>1</sup>
  - The **Word** / The Lesson
  - The Life Application
  
- Member Churches & or MDMBA
  - The Planning Team
  - The Facilitators
  - The Audience(s)
  - Method(s)
  - The Training
  - The Implementation
    - The Text
    - The **Word** / The Lesson
    - The Life Application

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<sup>1</sup> Committee on the Uniformed [Lesson] Series – List of Lessons November 22, 2020 – February 28, 2021 (See Page 5)

**Love for One Another**  
Sept 2020 – Nov 2020

## Sunday School Lesson Handout

### November 2020 – Godly Love Among Believers

Loving By Serving  
John 13: 1 – 15, 34 – 35



Abiding Love  
John 15: 4 – 17



Confident Love  
1 John 3: 11 – 24



**Sharing Love**  
Acts 4:32 – 5:11



Impartial Love  
James 2: 1 – 13

### 22 November – Sharing Love

*In every community, there are people who have less than they need to maintain healthy lives. How can we best meet the needs of everyone in our communities? As the first believers in Jesus shared everything in common, the needs of every one were satisfied (UMI: 2020-2021 Precepts for Living Commentary, p. 2 – 3).*

#### Background (Acts 1 – Acts 4: 31)

**The Church:** The 11 and other disciples [believers] of Christ returned to Jerusalem. While together on one accord, waiting for *the promise* they prayed and conducted business. When Pentecost came, the Holy Spirit filled the house, and the believers were baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit. Miraculous, they all spoke of the works of God in their own language, but everyone heard in their native language. All were amazed: some believed and some doubted. Peter preached a sermon to the crowd, and 3000 souls were saved. The community of believers stayed together after the Pentecost, continuing in communion: ensuring that everyone's needs were met. Many signs and wonders occurred, including the healing of a man who had been lame from birth at the gate of the temple called Beautiful. Peter preached his second sermon to the crowd that gathered, letting them know that the miracle was performed by the power of God, through the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus; the same Jesus they denied, rejected and crucified. 5000 men believed. The Sanhedrin Council questioned their Power and Authority. Peter presented their defense, and the Sanhedrin commanded them not to speak or preach in the name of Jesus. Peter & John boldly refused to comply, and the Sanhedrin Council threatened them and let them go, as the crowd glorified God healing the man that had been lame from birth, who was now over 40 years old. Peter and John told the believers all that transpired, and together prayed a powerful prayer. God answered their prayer and filled them all with the Holy Spirit.?

#### Text & Life Application (Acts 4: 32 – 5: 1 – 11)

### The “Blessed” Church

Acts 4: 32 – 35

### Definition & Goal

**‘COMMUNITY OF GOODS’**

### Barnabas

Acts 4: 36 – 37

**A LOOK AT SUCCESS**

### Ananias & Sapphira

Acts 5: 1 – 11

**A LOOK AT FAILURE**

### Acts 4: 32 – 37 (KJV)

<sup>32</sup> And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

<sup>33</sup> And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, <sup>35</sup> And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. <sup>36</sup> And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> **Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.**

### Acts 5: 1 – 11 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, **sold a possession,** <sup>2</sup> And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, **and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.** <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? <sup>4</sup> Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. <sup>5</sup> And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. <sup>6</sup> And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. <sup>7</sup> And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. <sup>8</sup> And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. <sup>9</sup> Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. <sup>10</sup> Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. <sup>11</sup> And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

## Committee on the Uniformed [Lesson] Series

List of Lessons November 22, 2020 – February 28, 2021

Date	Text	Lesson Title Urban Ministries, Inc. (UMI)
22 November 2020	Acts 4:32 – Acts 5:11	Sharing Love
29 November 2020	James 2: 1 – 13	Impartial Love
6 December 2020	Hebrews 1:1 – 5; Matthew 1: 1 – 6, 16 – 17	Called through Heritage
13 December 2020	Matthew 1: 18 – 25	Called Before Birth
20 December 2020	Matthew 2: 7 – 15	A Regal Response to Holy Light
27 December 2020	Matthew 3: 1 – 12	Called to Prepare the Way
3 January 2021	Luke 4: 14 – 22	Called to Proclaim
10 January 2021	Luke 5: 1 – 11	Called to Significance
17 January 2021	Mark 2: 1 – 12	Called to Heal
24 January 2021	John 17: 14 – 24	Called as the Intercessor
31 January 2021	Luke 2:36 – 38; Acts 2:16 – 21; Acts 21:8 – 9	Prophesying Daughters
7 February 2021	John 4: 25 – 42	Called to Evangelize
14 February 2021	Luke 8:1 – 3; Mark 15: 40; John 20: 10 – 18	Mary Magdalene: A Faithful Disciple
21 February 2021	Acts 18: 1 – 3, 18 – 21, 24 – 26; Romans 16: 3 – 4	Priscilla: Called to Minister
28 February 2021	Acts 16: 11 – 15, 40; 1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 30	Lydia: Called to Serve
7 March 2021	Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 22	Moses: Prophet of Deliverance
14 March 2021	Joshua 5:13 – 6:5, 15 – 16, 20	Joshua: Prophet of Conquest
21 March 2021	2 Kings 22:14 – 20	Huldah: Prophet of Wisdom
28 March 2021 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	1 Kings 18: 5 – 18	Prophet of Courage
<b>4 April 2021 Resurrection Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 24: 13 – 16, 22 – 35</b>	<b>Salvation is Sealed</b>
11 April 2021	Ezra 10: 1 – 12	Ezra: Faith and Action Preacher
18 April 2021	Nehemiah: 2: 11 – 20	Nehemiah: The Captive Cupbearer Rebuilds a Nation
25 April 2021	Lamentations 5	A Plea for Restoration

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## Resources

The African American Lectionary  
[www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org](http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org)

Bible Study Tools  
[www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)

Blue Letter Bible  
[www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org)

David C. Cook – Christian Standard Free Resources  
<https://www.standardlesson.com/free-lesson-helps/>

Online Talking Dictionary  
[www.howjsay.com](http://www.howjsay.com)

R.H. Boyd Publishing Company  
<http://store.rhboydpublishing.com/>

Sunday School Resources  
[www.ebibleteacher.com/children/](http://www.ebibleteacher.com/children/)