3RD – 4TH GRADE · TEACHING PAGES · LUKE 17:11-19; LEVITICUS 13:45-46

The Ten Lepers

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PRINCIPLE: THANKFULNESS · Jesus is kind and generous to us before we ever say thank you. Because He is so good, we turn back to Him with thankful hearts.

Creation God made it	Fall We broke it	**Redemption Jesus fixes it**	Restoration Jesus makes it new

MEMORY VERSE

“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His loving devotion endures forever.”

Psalm 107:1 BSB

START HERE

Ask, "Why is it so easy to forget to say thank you?" Let them answer. Say, "Ten people received a miracle from Jesus. Count how many remembered."

Bible story 8 min

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. He walked along the border of Samaria and Galilee. As He came into a village, ten men with leprosy met Him.

BIBLE TIMES

Leprosy in Bible times

In the Bible, "leprosy" was a name for several serious skin diseases. People who had it were called "unclean." They had to live outside the town, wear torn clothes and call out "Unclean!" so others would stay away (Leviticus 13:45-46). They couldn't hug their families or go to worship. Being sick also meant being very lonely.

They stood at a distance, because the law said they had to stay away from others. They called out as loudly as they could, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When Jesus saw them, He said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." That's what people did after they were healed. But they weren't healed yet! Still, they went. And as they were on their way, they were cleansed.



DASCH DIGS UP…

In Israel, a healed person showed himself to **a priest**, who checked the skin and declared him clean so he could go home. Leviticus 14:2-3

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When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice and fell facedown at Jesus' feet, thanking Him. And he was a Samaritan.

BIBLE TIMES

Jews and Samaritans

Samaritans lived between Galilee and Judea. Long before Jesus, they and the Jews had split over how and where to worship God. By Jesus' day, Jews and Samaritans usually avoided each other completely (John 4:9). A Jew would never expect a Samaritan to be the hero of a story.

Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to come back and give glory to God except this foreigner?"

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Look at Luke 17:16. "And he was a Samaritan." Jesus was traveling on the border between Samaria and Galilee (17:11). The one who came back, praising God, was the outsider most Jews avoided. Jesus called him "this foreigner" and gave him the best words of the day: "your faith has made you well."

Then Jesus said to him, "Rise and go. Your faith has made you well."

Talk about it

1. Why did the ten men stand at a distance?
   Answer help: The law said people with leprosy had to stay away from others.
2. When were they healed? What does that show about their faith?
   Answer help: On the way. They obeyed before they saw it happen.
3. Why is it important that the man who came back was a Samaritan?
   Answer help: The outsider was the one who gave glory to God. Jesus welcomes everyone.
4. What gift from God have you been enjoying without thanking Him?



Ellie Asks: Think It Through

1. All ten got healed. What did the one who came back get that the others missed?
   Answer help: Time with Jesus Himself, and Jesus' words: 'Your faith has made you well.'

Activities

The thankful one 12 min

You'll need: Bibles, Pencils, Printed handouts

1. In pairs, read Luke 17:11-19 and Leviticus 13:45-46.
2. Fill in the chart comparing the nine and the one.
3. Make a "ten thanks" list.

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Glitter germ tag 8 min

You'll need: Hand lotion, Fine glitter, Hand wipes

1. One "it" has glitter on their hands. Tagged players get a glitter tap on the arm.
2. After one minute, count how many got "germs," then clean up with wipes. Talk about why people with leprosy had to stay apart.



Ellie's Lab Science experiment

Clean hands 12 min

You'll need: Hand lotion, Fine glitter, A bowl of plain water, Liquid hand soap, A bowl of warm soapy water (or a sink), Paper towels, Hand wipes

1. Put a little lotion on one child's hands and sprinkle on glitter. These are pretend "germs."
2. That child shakes hands with two friends. Look how far the "germs" spread!
3. Try washing with plain water only. How much glitter is left?
4. Now wash with soap and warm water, rubbing for 20 seconds (sing "Happy Birthday" twice). How clean are they now?
5. Ask, "How long would it take to wash away a disease like leprosy?" (You can't wash it away.) Read Luke 17:14. Say, "Jesus made them clean in an instant."

Why it works: Germs and dirt stick to the oils on our skin, and water alone slides right off oil. Soap molecules have one end that grabs oil and another end that grabs water, so they pull the oil, dirt and germs off your skin and rinse them away. That's why soap and scrubbing work so much better than water. Some diseases spread by touch, which is why people with serious skin diseases in Bible times had to live apart. No amount of washing could cure them, but Jesus could.

The point: We can wash glitter off our hands, but only Jesus can make people truly clean. He healed ten men with a word. When we see what He's done for us, we come back and say thank You.

Safety: Check for skin allergies to lotion or soap. Keep glitter away from eyes and mouths, and wash hands well before snacks.



Real life today with Theo

At home	It's easy to thank God for big things and forget daily ones. Try thanking Him for something ordinary today.
At school	The thankful one was an outsider. The kid you least expect might be the one who shows you how to love God.
At church	Coming back to Jesus with thanks is worship. Every Sunday is a chance to "turn around" and thank Him.

Sing and move

♪ **Give Thanks** Worship chorus

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♪ Count Your Blessings Hymn

OUR CHANT: CALL AND RESPONSE

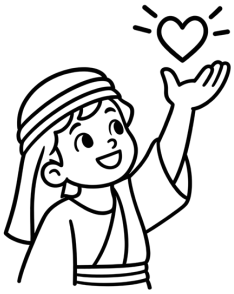
Leader: How many were healed?
Kids: Ten!
Leader: How many came back?
Kids: One!
Leader: Who was he?
Kids: A Samaritan!
Leader: What do we say?
Kids: Thank You, Jesus!

Live It
Keep a "ten thanks" list this week. Each day add something new, and once a day "turn around" and pray a thank-you to Jesus for it.

Pray together
Lord Jesus, You are good to us every day, even when we forget to say thank You. Help us turn back to You with thankful hearts. Amen.

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THE TEN LEPERS

LUKE 17:11-19

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MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 107:1

1 HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Crack the code to find the secret message!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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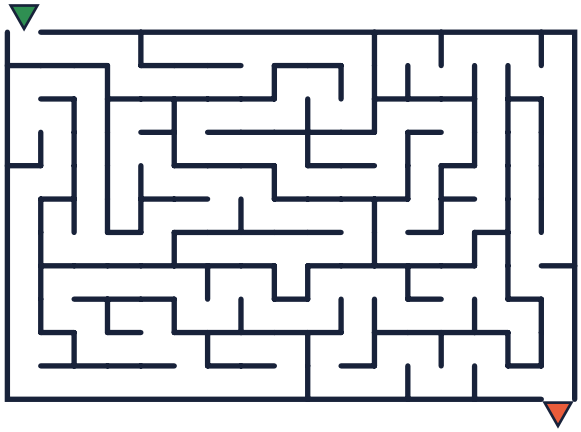
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2 MAZE

Start at the green arrow and find the way out!



3 VERSE SCRAMBLE

Number the pieces 1, 2, 3... to put the verse back in order. (Psalm 107:1)

- ☐ Give thanks to the
- ☐ endures forever.
- ☐ LORD, for He is
- ☐ good; His loving devotion

4 QUICK QUIZ

Fill in the circle next to the right answer.

1. What did the men shout?

○ Go away ○ Have mercy on us ○ We're fine

2. Where did Jesus send them?

○ To the priests ○ To the sea ○ To Jerusalem's king

3. Who came back?

○ A priest ○ A Samaritan ○ A soldier

5 TRUE OR FALSE?

Circle T or F.

1. The men were healed before they started walking. **T / F**
2. The man who came back praised God loudly. **T / F**
3. Jesus didn't notice the other nine. **T / F**
4. People with leprosy had to live apart from others. **T / F**



6 DASCH DIGS UP...

Did you know?

★ People with leprosy had to **stay away from everyone else**, so the ten men shouted to Jesus from a distance. Luke 17:12-13

★ The men were healed **on the way** to the priests, after they obeyed Jesus but before they saw it happen. Luke 17:14



GIVE THANKS!

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TAKE-HOME PAGE · THE TEN LEPERS

Keep the story going at home

For grown-ups

Today we learned about **the ten lepers**. Ten men with a terrible skin disease called out to Jesus, "Have mercy on us!" Jesus healed all ten, but only one came back to thank Him, and he was a Samaritan, an outsider. Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well."

Ask at dinner: *What are ten things Jesus has given our family? Let's say thank You for each one.* Count them on your fingers together.

Memory verse: "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His loving devotion endures forever." (Psalm 107:1)

Ask your child

1. Why is it important that the man who came back was a Samaritan?
2. All ten got healed. What did the one who came back get that the others missed?
3. What gift from God have you been enjoying without thanking Him?

Words to know

Thankful: Glad and grateful for what someone has done for you.
Leprosy: A serious skin disease that made people live apart in Bible times.
Mercy: Kindness to someone who is hurting or doesn't deserve it.
Unclean: Not allowed to be near other people or to worship with them.

This week

Keep a "ten thanks" list this week. Each day add something new, and once a day "turn around" and pray a thank-you to Jesus for it.

Read Luke 17:11-19 together. Each family member names ten things they're thankful for at dinner this week.

✂ Cut out the verse card and put it where you'll see it every day.

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The thankful one

Read Luke 17:11-19. Fill in the chart comparing the nine and the one. Then list ten things you're thankful for.

Question	The nine	The one
What did they ask for?		
What did Jesus give them?		
What did they do next?		
What did Jesus say about them?		

Ten things I'm thankful for:

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