5TH – 6TH GRADE · TEACHING PAGES · LUKE 17:11-19; LEVITICUS 13:45-46

The Ten Lepers

All ten lepers were cleansed by Jesus, but only the Samaritan outsider returned to give glory to God. Thankfulness isn't just good manners; it brings us back to Jesus Himself, and to the deeper healing He gives.

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, "Can you enjoy a gift without caring about the person who gave it?" Let them discuss. Say, "Nine people did exactly that with a miracle. One didn't. Let's find out what he received that they didn't."

Bible story 10 min

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. He was passing along the border of Samaria and Galilee. As He came into a village, ten men with leprosy met Him. They stood far off, as the law said they must. They shouted, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

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.

Jesus said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." Only a priest could say a person was clean and send him home. But they were still sick when they left. Then, as they walked, 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

One of them saw that he was healed. He came back, praising God in a loud voice. He fell on his face at

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Jesus' feet and thanked Him. Then Luke adds a surprise: "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.

"Were not all ten cleansed?" Jesus asked. "Where are the other nine? Did no one come back to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Look at Luke 17:16-19. The returning man "was a Samaritan," an outsider from the border Jesus was walking (17:11). Then compare **17:14** and **17:19**: all ten were "cleansed," but only he heard "your faith has made you well," a phrase that can also mean "your faith has saved you." Nine received a healing. One received Jesus. Returning to give thanks wasn't just polite; it brought him to the Giver.

Then Jesus said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well!"

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.
Samaritan: A person from Samaria, a group most Jews avoided.
Cleansed: Made clean and healthy.

Talk about it

1. What did all ten do right? What did nine of them miss?
   Answer help: They asked for mercy and obeyed. Nine missed returning to Jesus and giving glory to God.
2. Jesus links thanking Him with 'giving glory to God' (17:18). What does that suggest about who Jesus is?
   Answer help: Returning to Jesus is returning to God.
3. Why do you think Luke points out the man was a Samaritan?
   Answer help: Grace reaches outsiders; sometimes outsiders see Jesus most clearly.
4. Where are you most like the nine, enjoying God's gifts without turning to Him?



Ellie Asks: Think It Through

1. All ten were 'cleansed' (17:14), but only one heard 'your faith has made you well' (17:19), a word that can mean 'saved.' What's the difference?
   Answer help: Healing of the body vs. a restored relationship with God through faith in Jesus.
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. How can you give thanks 'in every circumstance' when life is hard?

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Answer help: Thanks rests on who God is and what Jesus has done, not on circumstances.

Activities

Gift or Giver? 15 min

You'll need: Bibles, Pencils, Printed handouts

1. Read each passage and note who was healed or helped, how they responded, and what they received.
2. Answer the question about "cleansed" and "made you well."
3. Finish the sentence - "Thankfulness brings me back to Jesus because..."

Turning around 8 min

You'll need: Pencils, Printed handouts

1. List gifts from God you often take for granted.
2. Write about a hard situation where you can still find a reason to thank God.
3. Write a prayer of thanks, "turning around" to Jesus.



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.

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Real life today with Theo

Online and on screens	Constant comparison online feeds complaining. Gratitude is a deliberate turn back to what God has given.
With friends	The outsider was the one who saw Jesus clearly. Don't write off people who are different from you.
At church	Worship is a weekly "turning around," coming back to Jesus to give glory to God for His gifts.

Sing and move

♪ **Count Your Blessings** Hymn

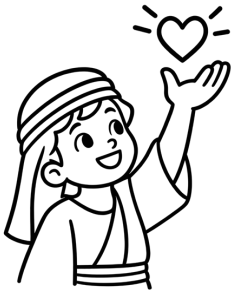
♪ **Give Thanks** Worship chorus

Live It
Each day this week, before asking God for anything, thank Him for three specific gifts, including one hard thing you can still thank Him in.

Pray together
Lord Jesus, You are good, and Your love lasts forever. Forgive us for enjoying Your gifts and forgetting You. Turn our hearts back to You with thanks, and give us faith that makes us whole. Amen.

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THE TEN LEPERS

LUKE 17:11-19

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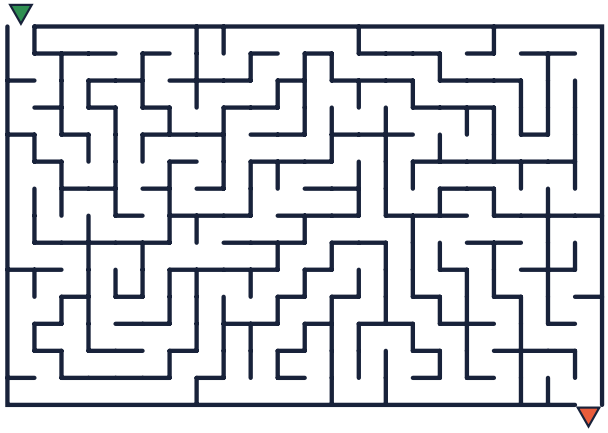
MEMORY VERSE

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

Psalm 107:1

1 MAZE

Start at the green arrow and find the way out!



2 WORD SEARCH

Find and circle these words. Some go backward!

CLEANSED FOREIGNER LEPROSY MERCY SAMARITAN THANKFUL UNCLEAN

A	D	I	E	Y	S	I	P	U	P	M	N	I
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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 WHO SAID IT?

Write who said each one. Use the names in the box.

Jesus	The ten men with leprosy	People with leprosy (Leviticus 13:45)

1. "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" _____
2. "Go, show yourselves to the priests." _____
3. "Where then are the other nine?" _____
4. "Unclean, unclean!" _____

5 TRUE OR FALSE?

Circle T or F.

1. All ten men were healed. **T / F**
2. Jesus touched each of the ten men. **T / F**
3. The thankful man was from Galilee. **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. Jesus links thanking Him with 'giving glory to God' (17:18). What does that suggest about who Jesus is?
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This week

Each day this week, before asking God for anything, thank Him for three specific gifts, including one hard thing you can still thank Him in.
Read Luke 17:11-19 and Psalm 107:1-9 together. Make a family list of God's gifts and thank Him together.

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

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Gift or Giver?

Read each passage. Note how people responded and what they received. Answer the question. Then finish the sentence.

Passage	Who received help?	How did they respond?	What did they receive?
Luke 17:11-19			
2 Kings 5:1-15			
Luke 5:12-16			
Psalm 107:1-9			

1. All ten were 'cleansed' (17:14), but only one heard 'your faith has made you well' (17:19). What's the difference?

Finish the sentence: “Thankfulness brings me back to Jesus because…”

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Turning around

List gifts you take for granted, a hard situation where you can still thank God, and a prayer of thanks.

Gifts from God I often take for granted:

A hard situation where I can still thank God, and why:

My prayer of thanks:

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