

Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19



The Story

One day, as Jesus was starting His journey to Jerusalem, He came to a village. He met ten men who had a terrible sickness called leprosy. In those times, people who had leprosy had to stay outside the village so others would not catch their sickness. No doctor could heal them. How would you feel to be one of those ten men?

These men knew that Jesus could perform miracles. They begged Jesus to heal them, crying, "Have mercy on us!" Jesus did not touch them. He simply told them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." The priests would tell them if they would be allowed to go home again.

As the men left, full of joy, to see the priest, they were healed!

They believed that Jesus could heal them. The Son of God showed His amazing love and power to these men by taking away their sickness!

One of the ten men turned and came back to Jesus. He came to thank and praise Jesus for the miracle of his cure. The man fell down before Jesus to show his thanks. Jesus asked, "Were not ten men healed? Where are the nine?"

The other nine only thought of their newly healed bodies. The one who came back knew that Jesus had come to heal the world of its greatest sickness – sin. Jesus saw the man's faith in Him. Jesus said to him, "Your faith has made you well."

Jesus healed ten men of leprosy and only one returned to thank Him.

Activity One - The ten lepers were healed of a great sickness. We have also been cured of an even bigger problem. CIRCLE every third letter to find the name of this problem that we were cured from by Jesus. Then write those letters on the lines.

A	T	S	O	M	I	L	P	N	D	C
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I give thanks because Jesus has healed me from the leprosy of sin.

Activity Two - Fill in the blanks using the words from the WORD BOX. Then find those words in the puzzle.

MERCY	JESUS	TEN	PRIEST	LEPROSY
FAITH	SIN	ONE	JOY	HEALED

- _____ men came to Jesus.
- They said, "Have _____ on us!"
- They had the disease _____.
- _____ told them to show themselves to the _____.
- As they left they were full of _____ because they were _____ of their disease.
- Only _____ of the men came back to thank Jesus.
- Jesus told him, "Your _____ has made you well."
- We have the leprosy of _____, but Jesus has healed us by dying on the cross.

S	I	N	M	P	R	J
O	H	V	E	T	N	O
L	E	P	R	O	S	Y
J	A	R	C	N	D	F
E	L	I	Y	E	I	A
S	E	E	B	W	O	I
U	D	S	C	A	U	T
S	A	T	E	N	M	H

Activity Three - Optional activity: Make two thank you cards from paper.

Think of someone you could say thank-you to. (It doesn't have to be for a gift. Maybe you can thank someone for just doing something you appreciate.) Take the other thank-you card and write a note of thanks to God for something. Share the message with the class.

Activity Four - Enlarge the drawing. Cut into 5 pieces. Before handing out, the teacher must write JESUS on the back of the 5 pieces.

Directions: Lay the puzzle pieces before each child all mixed up. " *We are born with sin. We are a mess! Flip each piece over. Put the puzzle back together to form the word JESUS. Tape the pieces together with clear tape. Look at the picture of the children together. Through Jesus' death and resurrection we are made whole. Jesus keeps us together.* "



Passage - Unscramble the letters of the words in () and write the word on the blank.

Psalms 136:1 - Oh, give (knaht) _____ to the (RDLO) _____,
for He is (odog) _____! For His (ryecm) _____ endures forever.

Hymn - TLH #36 or Worship Supplement 2000 #792

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You! Thank You for loving each of us so much and showing your love by sending Jesus to us to save us from sin. Help us to remember the story of the 10 lepers that we don't forget to show that we are thankful through what we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.