



## STORY

The Ten Lepers - Luke 17:11-19

## TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Father in Heaven, Jesus revealed Himself as the Promised Messiah by healing the deaf, the blind, and the lepers. I ask that Jesus' healing touch would be revealed in my life. More than this, I ask that I may see and believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. Then only can I teach these children whom You have entrusted to my care, that Jesus is their Savior. Amen.

## VOCABULARY

*leprosy* - a skin disease that often resulted in fingers and toes falling from the body

*Samaritan* - the people who lived between Galilee and Judah who were hated by the Jews

## OUTER AIM

Jesus Heals the Lepers

## INNER AIM

I Give Thanks Because Jesus Healed Me From the Leprosy of Sin

## BACKGROUND

Jesus began His final journey to Jerusalem. Matthew and Mark tell us that during this last journey great multitudes followed Jesus, and that He healed them and taught them. Jesus' journey took Him along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. Luke alone records the account of the healing of the ten lepers. This journey set the stage for Jesus' suffering and death in Jerusalem.

## STUDENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I am covered with the leprosy of sin. I am unclean in Your sight because of my personal sinfulness. May Jesus cleanse me from the leprosy of sin with His holy blood. I thank You for Your healing power in my life. Amen

## PRESENTATION

At the outset of His journey as Jesus entered a certain village, He met ten lepers. One of them was a Samaritan. Jewish law required these lepers to remain outside the village and far from contact with Jesus or any other person. Leprosy was considered a mortal disease. Lepers were commanded not to make contact with any other people or even to bear the appearance of mourners. When a leper came into contact with another person, he was to cry out, "Unclean! Unclean!" Rabbinic law declared that only a descendant of Aaron could proclaim a leper clean or unclean. In the Old Testament physical defects such as leprosy were seen as a representation of a spiritual uncleanness.

These ten lepers begged Jesus to heal them out of mercy. Without a touch or even a command to be healed, Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priest as healed. And in their desperate state, the lepers obeyed Christ's command even before they had actually experienced healing. So great was their faith in this Messiah! And as they went, they were healed, all ten of them.

Of the ten equally recipient of this healing, nine Jews continued on their way to the priest to be pronounced healed and whole. Who could blame them? Only one of the ten, a Samaritan, returned to Jesus and with a loud voice glorified God. The grateful Samaritan, of all people, hurried back and with a loud voice of thanksgiving praised God. He fell at the feet of Him to Whom he gave thanks. This Samaritan received

more than new bodily life and health; he found spiritual life and healing. He gave thanksgiving to Jesus for his healing and life.

Why did the nine Jews not return? It probably was the same thing that doomed the nation of Israel. They were more interested in the things of men than the things of God. They were obsessed with the world. The most important thing to them was their physical healing. Like Old Testament Israel, the many blessings of God led to a failure to acknowledge the true gifts of God. They, like so many in their day did not see the spiritual import of Jesus' miracles.

So Christ spoke to the Samaritan, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you whole." Only the Samaritan was totally whole. He found in Jesus the forgiveness of sins and gave thanks to Jesus.

## **APPLICATION**

Most of the people of Jesus' day were interested in Jesus only in terms of what they could get from Him. They followed Jesus eagerly to see or experience a miracle of healing. They were more interested in what was in it for them. If your pastor had the true gift of healing, the church would be full of people looking for relief from their diseases. If you could get rich following Jesus, people would be willing to pay lots of money to learn the secret.

People do not realize that there is a fundamental uncleanness that has to be taken care of, and that is the sin that infects us all. Some of our hymns compare leprosy to sin that makes us unclean and unwhole in the sight of God. Jesus came not just to temporarily heal us of our diseases; Jesus came to save us from our sins. This is the reason for Jesus' life and death. This is the gift Jesus gives us today.

When healed, we should not be surprised that only one out of ten returned to say "Thank you" to Jesus. Parents often have to remind children to say "thank you" when they receive a gift. We often forget to thank Jesus for all the things He does for us. The nation of Old Testament Israel reveals the sad principle of human behavior that the more God gives us, the less we return thanks to Him. Thanksgiving is an acknowledgement that everything we have comes from God. God has given us so much.

It might be helpful to have the children list the blessings both spiritual and material that they have received from God. Then have them list ways that they can show their thanksgiving to God.

## **PASSAGES**

**These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.**

**Psalm 103:1-5** - "Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! {2} Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: {3} Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, {4} Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, {5} Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

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## **HYMN CHOICES**

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain - THL #149 v.2

Now Thank We All Our God - TLH #36

Let All Things Now Living - Worship Supplement #792

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## The Story

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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!

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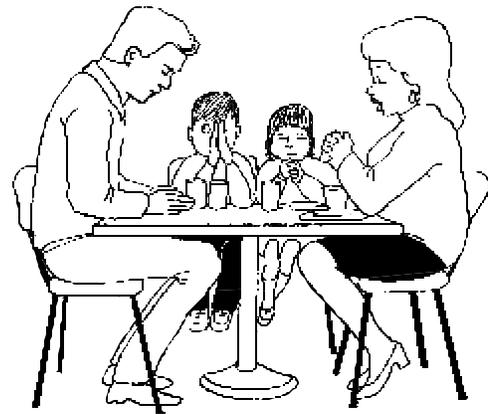
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*Jesus healed ten men of leprosy and only one returned to thank Him.*

**Activity Two** - We show our thankfulness to God and others through our actions, just as the man did in today's story. Study the four pictures below. Put an X on the pictures that DO NOT show thankfulness to God..



*I give thanks because Jesus has healed me from the leprosy of sin.*

## Passage

Psalms 136:1 - Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

**Activity Three** - Draw some things for which you are thankful. Then write one of them in the blank for the class prayer below.

I am thankful for ...

**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 \_\_\_\_\_. Please help us to remember all You do for us. Please help us also to remember that we are sinful and that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to save us from our biggest problem of all which is sin. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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**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.

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J	A	R	C	N	D	F
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S	E	E	B	W	O	I
U	D	S	C	A	U	T
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**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 (knahts) \_\_\_\_\_ to the (RDLO) \_\_\_\_\_,  
for He is (odog) \_\_\_\_\_! For His (ryecm) \_\_\_\_\_ endures forever.

**Hymn** - TLH #36 or Worship Supplement 2000 #792

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## 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.

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Wash your robes and make them white;  
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## What God's Word Tells Us - Look up Psalm 103:1-5. Fill in the blanks.

Bless the \_\_\_\_\_, O my \_\_\_\_\_; and all that is within \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
His \_\_\_\_\_ name! Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ not all His \_\_\_\_\_. Who \_\_\_\_\_ all your  
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**Prayer** - Prayers are heart to heart talks with God. To help us write a prayer today, use the format shown below. Write your prayer on the lines provided below. You may wish to share your prayer with the class.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

*[i.e, Heavenly Father, God....]*

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*[a sentence of praise]*

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*[a sentence in which you confess your sins]*

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*[sentences that tell some things you are thankful for]*

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*[ask God ANYTHING—i.e, "Please help me to be more patient" "Please help me to spread your Word to my friends"]*

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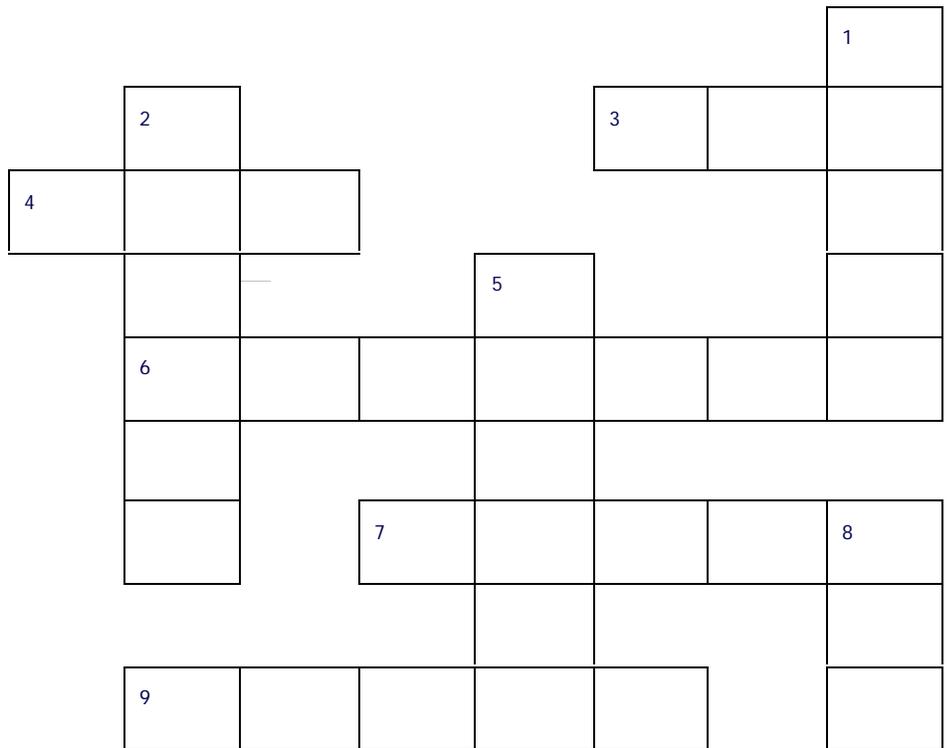
**What The Story Tells Us** - Fill in the CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

**ACROSS**

3. Only \_\_\_\_\_ leper came to Jesus to thank Him.
4. Jesus healed \_\_\_\_ lepers.
6. This is the disease the men had.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ healed them.
9. Jesus said, "Your \_\_\_\_\_ has made you well."

**DOWN**

1. They said, "Master, have \_\_\_\_\_ on us!"
2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ them of their disease.
5. Jesus told them to show themselves to the \_\_\_\_\_(s).
8. We have the leprosy of \_\_\_\_\_, but Jesus has healed us by dying on the cross.



**Inner Aim** - I give thanks because Jesus has healed me from the leprosy of sin.

**What God's Word Tells Us** - Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. How were the Old Testament Israelites similar to the lepers who walked away?
2. What is leprosy?
3. What qualities does this story illustrate about Jesus?
4. Why did the nine others not return?
5. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Your faith has made you whole?"

**Your Turn** - Make a list of 4 things that you did this morning (i.e., eat breakfast, brushed your teeth) What do you find in each thing that you can give thanks and praise to God for? (The deeper you look, the more you will find.)

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2.

3.

4.

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O, Divine Healer. Thank You for caring for our every bodily need and holding us in Your comforting hand. Help us to turn to You in all our times of need, no matter how great or small. Help us to remember daily how You have healed us of our greatest disease – the disease of sin—through Your Son, Jesus Christ. To You may all praise and glory be given. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.