

Jesus Heals Leprous People, Only One Thanks Him

Supplies (not included)

- a medium sized box
- a few household items (see below)

Watch: <https://youtu.be/LzZUDRrKgI8>

Read: Luke 17:11-19

Ask:

What did Jesus do in this story? (he had mercy on the people with the leprosy disease; he healed them; he asked why only one person came back to thank him and praise him for the healing.)

How did the people in this story react to what Jesus did? (all ten of the people with leprosy obeyed Jesus and went to show themselves to a priest and were healed on their way; only one person came back to thank Jesus; that person was praising Jesus and sounds like he was so excited to be healed; the other nine people who were healed of the awful disease of leprosy didn't bother to come back to thank and praise Jesus.)

What is something that you can learn from this story? (listen to Jesus' voice when he asks you to do something; be thankful; don't forget to thank and praise God!)

Lesson:

When you hear this story about Jesus healing the ten people who had leprosy, how do you feel? Leprosy was a disease that was really terrible in the time when Jesus lived – you could die from it, and you had to stay outside of the city, and away from all your family and friends if you got it. And once you got leprosy, it didn't ever get better. If you or someone you knew ever got COVID-19, they had to stay inside for about 2 weeks, but most people got better again. It is not fun to have to stay inside for that long. But imagine if you had to live outside for the rest of your life in the hot and the cold if you got sick? That would be terrible. That is the kind of sickness that the ten people that Jesus healed had. If you had that disease and suddenly was healed by Jesus, do you think you could come back to Jesus and thank him, or do you think you would be too excited and forget to thank Jesus?

Something important to remember from this story is that Jesus healed all ten of the people with leprosy, not just the one person who was thankful. Jesus was loving and kind even to the people who didn't bother or forgot to say thank-you. But the thankfulness of the one man who came back to Jesus was

specially noticed by Jesus. It is only right that we are thankful like that man! And also, remember that we should also do what Jesus did, and be kind and loving to everyone, not just to the people who are nice to us!

Activity:

Grab a box, and then 5 or 6 random small things around the house and put them into the box.

With your child(ren) watching, pull out one object from the box, and describe a couple of creative reasons why you are thankful for that particular item (i.e. "I am thankful for this candle because it brings some beauty to our house, and I am grateful that we live in a place where we use it for decoration instead of as a main source of light at night").

When you pull out the next item, invite your child(ren) to join in on why you can all be thankful.

In closing, pray together and thank God for his goodness in your life, and ask him to remind you of all the small things that he does for you on a daily basis, and remind you of your need to be more aware of being grateful and thankful on a daily basis!