

# The Thankful Leper

## Theme

Don't forget to say, "Thank you"

## Object

A "Thank You" card

## Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

## Children's Sermon: The Thankful Leper (Luke 17:11-19)

Does anyone know what I have here? (Hold up the thank-you card.) That's right, I have a thank-you card. Can anyone share about a time when you have sent or received a thank-you card? (Allow kids to respond.) We have lots to be thankful for everyday, but sometimes we forget to say those two little words in response to someone doing something kind for us. In fact, that's what happened in our Bible passage today.

The story is about ten lepers. Do you know what a leper is? (Pause for kids to respond.) A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy. This disease causes sores all over the body. Leprosy was very common in Jesus' day, and people who had this disease were thought to be dirty and unclean. They were required to stay away from other people because of the fear that they might infect them with their disease.

One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when He saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to Him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that He had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, He called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest."

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You." Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?" (Luke 17:11-19) Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You."

God does so much for us! Every day He provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?"

Let's stop right now and say, "Thank You," and ask God to help us remember to thank Him every day.

Dear Lord, You give us everything we need, but we often forget to say, "Thank You." We thank You now, and ask You to help us to remember to give thanks every day for all that You do for us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

# The Thankful Leper Group Activities

Sermon Titles: ["The Thankful Leper"](#) and ["'Please' and 'Thank You'"](#)

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

**EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!:** An activity written by La Juanna Kotis to help the children review what they have learned in the lesson about Jesus healing the ten lepers. The children will enjoy moving around the room and making some noise, but the activity will also reinforce what they have learned. [CLICK HERE](#) for complete instructions.

**CLASS THANK YOU COUNTING:** The teacher will have everything put away and all the chairs stacked and as the children come in. The teacher will hand each child a chair and see how many children say, "thank you." For FUN and to keep the children's curiosity up for a while, the teacher can have a little score board on the chalkboard and every time she hears a thank you, she can rush to the scoreboard and add a mark to keep track of how many THANK YOUs she receives. The teacher can also hand out other things, such as supplies or a treat, and keep track of the THANK YOUs. Children will find out during the lesson what was being scored (kept track of).

**CLAY THANK YOU:** Roll modeling clay into long snake-like rolls to be formed into letters to say THANK YOU for children to take home. Each child will need a piece of cardboard covered with construction to lay their words on!

**THANK YOU CARDS:** Provide the children with a tri-fold card made out of construction paper for them to write or draw a simple THANK YOU card to someone they would like to THANK. Stickers and markers will make for good decorations and maybe a piece of gum to glue onto one of the folds to give away.

**CLASS THANK YOU:** Each class member takes a turn DOING something for another class member, who will in return say a loud THANK YOU! If teacher feels the children won't be able to think of anything, the teacher can have each child pick a slip of paper that will have an idea for what they can do if they need help.

**THANK YOU SPOTS:** Put a large poster board on the focal wall of the classroom that all the children can see as they enter the room. After the lesson today, all the children will take turns in going to the poster and writing THANK YOU on one of the spots and their own initials! Children can be creative in how they write their own THANK YOU -- different colors or THANK U, THX, thank you; THANK YOU, THANX or in another language. Questions and discussion about the SPOTS in our lesson and who said THANK you to Jesus!

**THANK YOU TREE:** On a piece of construction paper, the children will trace their arm and spread-out hand to form a tree and branches. Each child can draw some leaves on the "fingered-branches" and write THANK YOU in various decorative ways, and take home to hang for a fall picture and a remembrance of how important it is to say THANK YOU 2 JESUS (which can be the title of their TREE page).

"U" are in JesUs and JesUs is in U so we are very THANKFUL! Find words that have "U" in them - crUcified, JesUs, resUrrection, etc. Children may be able to find other words with "U" in it to remind them all that we have to be THANKFUL for!!! "U" have other things to be thankfUl for --- because Jesus said that "U" can pray; U were thought long before U were born; 4 U Jesus was born and died; His great love 4 U!

**THANKFUL LEPER:** The children should each be given a small paper lunch bag to decorate with spots of leprosy for a puppet. Bright colored markers could be used for THANK YOU written on their bags and let children use the bags to tell today's story and to say THANK YOU to the teacher or other classmates throughout the teaching time.

**THANK YOU COLLAGE:** Provide a large colorful poster board and many magazine or book pictures of things that children can be thankful for. The children can take turns gluing the pictures that they've chosen from all the pictures available to the THANKFUL poster board.

**PLEASE AND THANK YOU JUMP ROPING:** Divide the children into teams. One team can be the PLEASE TEAM and the other team will be the THANK YOU TEAM. The children can take turns to see how many JUMPS they can do before tripping. Each team will add up their points to see if the Please team or the Thank You team wins.

**CIRCLE PLEASE:** Children will gather in a large circle and take turns around the circle with each child saying PLEASE \_\_\_\_\_, giving their ideas of things to say PLEASE for, such as things they would ask for or things they would like to do or PLEASE to places they would like to go.

**SHARE A SNACK, PLEASE:** Of course, the children will be encourage to say PLEASE and THANK YOU to each little snack that the teacher will supply for the children.

Song: "Praise Him, All Ye Little Children" - Anonymous

[Sheet Music \(PDF\)](#)

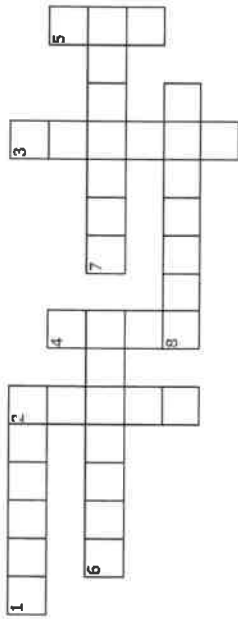
[Piano Accompaniment \(MP3\)](#)

Song: "To God Be the Glory" - By Fanny Crosby & William H. Doane

[Sheet Music \(PDF\)](#)

[Piano Accompaniment \(MP3\)](#)

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church
6. A community smaller in than a city
7. To rid of impurities by or as if by washing
8. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin

thank  
praise

ten  
heal

cleanse  
priest

leprosy  
village

## DOWN

2. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done
3. To honor, worship, and express admiration to God
4. To restore to health
5. The number equal to 7 + 3

# Children's Worship Bulletin

## The Thankful Leper

Luke 17:11-19

## Word Search Puzzle

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

FAITH  
VOICE  
SAMARIA  
MASTER

TRAVELED  
PITY  
DISTANCE  
TEN

FEET  
PRIESTS  
VILLAGE  
HEALED

LEPROSY  
JESUS  
GALILEE  
CLEANSED

THANKED  
PRAISE  
NINE  
LOUD



## Jesus Heals 10 Lepers

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# Coloring Page



**The Ten Lepers  
Luke 17:11-19**

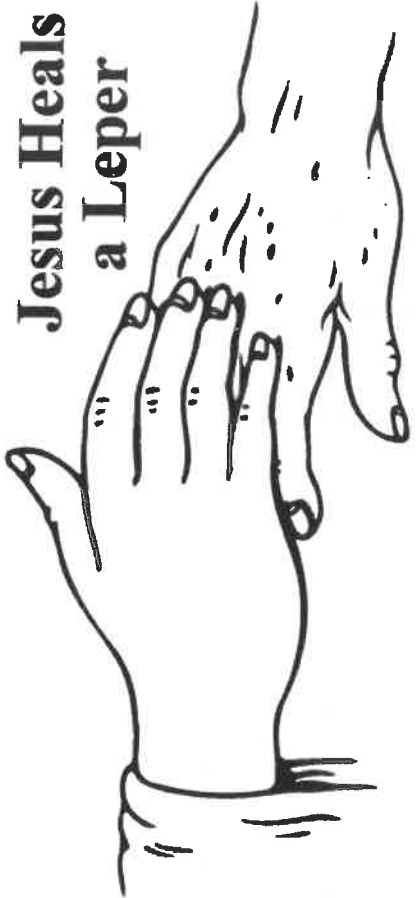
# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
G	Y	O	E	S	U	V	M	N	P	Z	A	J	C	I	L	K	F	B	T	D	W	Q	H	X	R

- 10-26-12-15-5-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-4-10-4-26 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-12-15-20-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-4-12-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-26-15-4-5-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-16-4-12-9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-24-12-9-17-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-15-20-2 \_\_\_\_\_

PRIEST	LEPER	FAITH	HEAL
PRAISE	CLEAN	THANKS	PITY



**Jesus Heals  
a Leper**



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Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of

them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:11-19)

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Jesus Heals Ten Lepers Bible Coloring Page for ages 4-10