

JESUS CLEANSSES TEN LEPERS

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 17:11-19



The STORY

Read Luke 17:11-19 about Jesus cleansing the lepers from the ESV Bible.

Please note: *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What is this story about? (The story is about Jesus healing ten men of leprosy.)
- What is leprosy? (Leprosy is an infection that leaves sores on your body.)
- Why did the men want Jesus to heal them? (A person with leprosy was cast out and could not even live with his family, so these men would have been very sad. They must have heard that Jesus had the power to cleanse them from their sickness.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: one man kneeling at Jesus' feet. Engage the children by asking:

- Who do you think is in the picture? (Jesus and the one leper who returned to thank Him.)
- Why do you think this man returned? (God had done more for this man than take away his sickness, God had also touched his heart.)
- What did the man do when he returned to Jesus? (The Bible tells us that he returned to give praise to God. All of the men probably thanked God, but only one recognized that Jesus was God and gave praise to God, the Son.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- How are we like the lepers? (We all need Jesus to heal us of our sin.)
- How is our sin like the sickness of the lepers? (No one but Jesus could heal the lepers. The doctors of the day had no cure for leprosy and no one but Jesus can heal us from our sin.)
- Jesus told the leper that his faith healed him. What does it mean to have faith? (Faith is belief that something you cannot see is true. The leper believed he would be healed and left to go to the high priest to be evaluated. Then he had faith to go back to Jesus and worship Him even though Jesus looked like an ordinary man. The leper believed Jesus was God.)

WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

All ten lepers were cured of their disease but only one came back. The other nine, presumably Jews, did not return.

This story illustrates that the Jews would reject Jesus as the Messiah and that salvation would be available to Gentiles as well as Jews. Most of the children in your class are likely to be Gentile. God, through Christ, would allow Gentiles to have faith and trust in God and be born again. The returning leper not only thanked Jesus but praised Him as God.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

