

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 40

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19

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Younger Verse

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Older Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus and His disciples were walking toward Jerusalem. They were between Samaria and Galilee near a small town. All of a sudden, ten men who had leprosy started shouting, “Jesus! Master! Have mercy on us!” These men did not come near Jesus, because they were not allowed to get near anyone. The disease they had, called leprosy, was a very contagious skin disease. People who had leprosy had to live outside of the town and not get near any healthy people. They could only shout to them from a distance.

When Jesus saw the men, He told them to go show themselves to the priest in the temple. He said this because if someone got well from a disease, they had to have the priest’s permission before they could live in the town again and be near people. So Jesus was basically telling them that He would heal them.

And sure enough, as the men were walking to the temple, they looked at their skin and realized they were healed! While they were all very happy and excited, only one of the ten men went back to Jesus. He praised God and shouted his joyous thanks. Then he bowed down at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him. When Jesus looked at the man, He noticed the man was not an Israelite but a Samaritan. The Jews didn’t treat Samaritans very well.

Jesus said to this man, “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Why is it that only a Samaritan returned to thank God?” Then Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has healed and saved you.”

This man received a double blessing! Not only was he healed of the skin disease, but He was also made right with God because of his desire to go back to Jesus and thank Him. Think about your own life for a moment. How many times do you ask God for something? Then when He answers, do you remember to thank Him?

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus healed ten men with leprosy

Learn that only one of the ten returned to thank Jesus

Learn that God blesses us when we have thankful hearts

Being thankful is very important to God. There are many verses in the Bible that tell us to be thankful. When we have a thankful heart, we are showing God that we recognize where our blessings come from. It also reminds us to keep our focus on God and to give Him the glory for everything.

The most important thing to be thankful for is our salvation. Remember—we cannot save ourselves. Salvation is a free gift from God that we can receive because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. He died so that we might live. We can be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life. Have you received this gift? If not, you can invite Christ into your heart today. And if you have received Jesus, remember to be thankful for all of His blessings.

Review Questions

1. What was wrong with the ten men who called out to Jesus for mercy? (They had a skin disease called leprosy.)
2. What did Jesus say to the ten men? (“Go show yourselves to the priest.”)
3. What did one of the men do? (He went back to Jesus and thanked Him.)
4. What did Jesus say to this man? (“Where are the other nine? Why has only a Samaritan returned to say thank you? Go, your faith has healed and saved you.”)

Life Application

All ten of the men asked Jesus to heal them. But only one of them made the extra effort to return to Jesus and thank Him. He was the only one who received a right relationship with God. The others were healed physically (their bodies), but the Samaritan man was also healed spiritually (his soul).

Some people only think about their physical life—what they will eat and drink, the things they have and the clothes they wear. But Jesus taught that we must think more about the spiritual things, like having a relationship with God. That is the only thing that will last forever. So when you get tempted to want more and more things, remember to turn to God and thank Him for everything He has done for you. Then spend time getting to know Him better. That is the way to be blessed.

Planning for Lesson 41
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Luke 18:9-14

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

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We need to be like this man and say thank you to God for all of our blessings. Can you think of things we can thank God for? Let’s say thank you now as we pray.



**Hands-on Activities
for
Jesus Heals Ten Lepers**

Sing “Give Thanks.” Talk about the words of the song. (“And now, let the weak say I am strong . . . let the sick say I am whole, because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks.”) We should always remember to thank God for helping us.

Watch the Veggie Tales video “Madame Blueberry.” The main character always wants more and more until she realizes that more things don’t make her happy. She learns that “A happy heart is a thankful heart.”

Act out the story. Bring baby powder. Pick 10 people to be the lepers. Sprinkle baby powder on their hands to give the effect of leprosy. Tell them to wipe it off as they are walking toward the priest. Everyone will want to act out the story!

Give each person 10 craft popsicle sticks. Let them draw the 10 sad lepers on one side of the stick. (You may want to glue small pieces of cotton on the stick for the leprosy or use white crayon.) Then let them draw 10 happy people on the other side of the sticks. Practice telling the story and acting it out with the 10 sticks. You may want to signify the one who returned to Jesus by coloring him a different color.

Have students write a thank you note to someone who has helped them.

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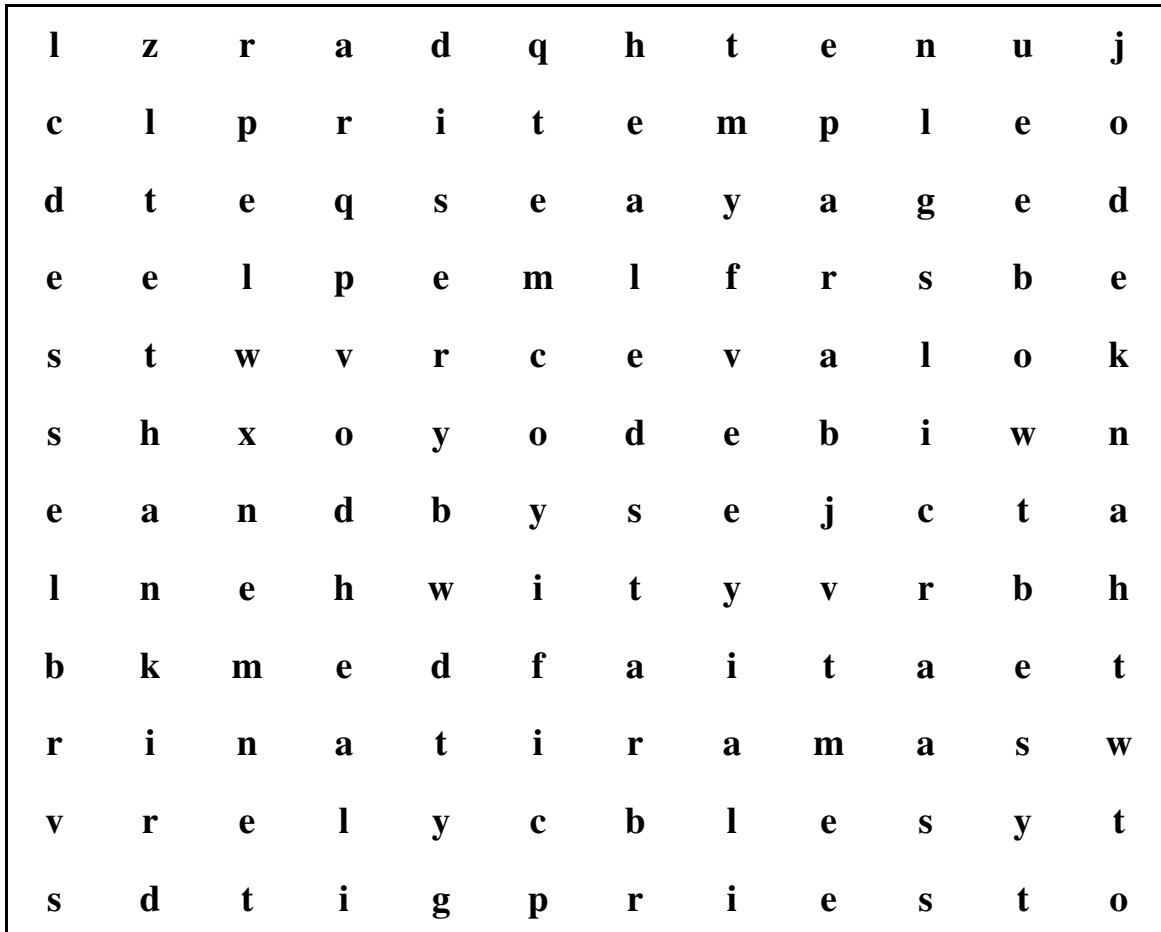


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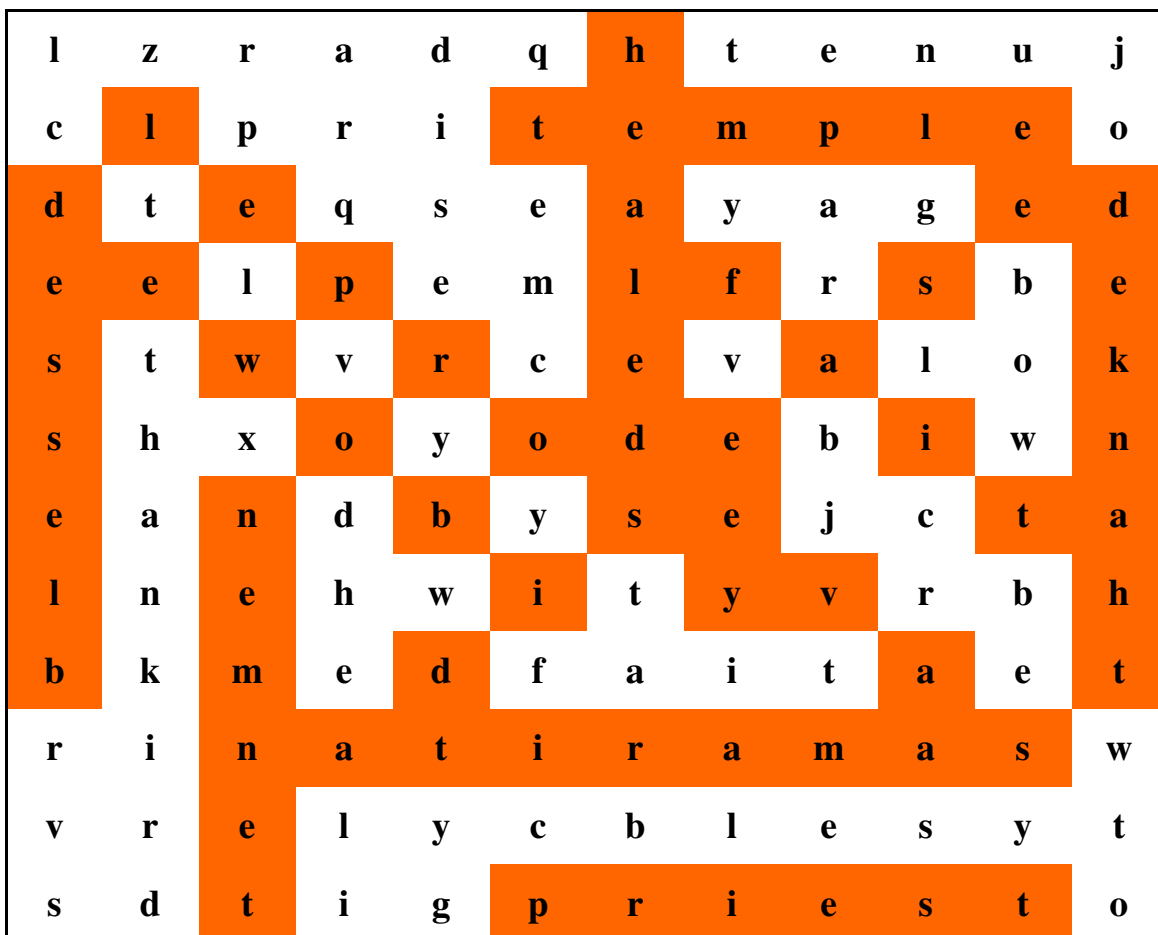
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How many men did Jesus heal?

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How many said thank you?

ONE

Draw a picture of the man who said
thank you to Jesus.