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Go And Make Disciples

The Cross and Beyond

Lesson 45: Jesus Heals Ten Men

Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

Memory Verse

The Lord gives me strength. He is like a shield that keeps me safe. My heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart jumps for joy. I will sing and give thanks to Him.
Psalm 28:7 (NirV)

Lesson Goals

Understand that Jesus doesn't always do things the way we expect them to be done.

Understand that our faith is the action that shows we believe.

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

“It happened that as [Jesus] made His way toward Jerusalem, He crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee.” (Luke 17:11 MSG) Jesus was going into one of the villages there on the border, and outside of the village ten men met Him. All ten men were lepers. Leprosy was a skin disease and there were certain Jewish rules that everyone with leprosy had to follow. Lepers were considered unclean and actually had to shout, “Unclean, unclean” everywhere they went so that people could avoid them! They also had to stand far away from healthy people. They had to live outside of the cities and villages. They also had to wear rough clothing like people did when a family member died. They even had to leave their hair messy.

The life of a leper was a very lonely one. These ten men, though, had banded together. Nine of them were Jewish and one was a Samaritan. Usually the Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans, but with all of them being sick with leprosy, they forgot about being Jew and Samaritan and could only think about the need they all had.*

When the ten lepers met Jesus, “they kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’” (Luke 17:13 MSG)

Jesus took a good look at them and sent them away to the priest at the temple. This is different from the other times Jesus chose to heal people. You see, when a leper was cleansed, and no longer “unclean,” he had to show himself to the priest. The priest would confirm that the leper was well and could live a normal life again. So, when Jesus sent the men away to see the priest, He was saying, “Go! You are well.”

Jesus didn't heal them right then and there. He asked for trust and obedience first. They had asked for mercy, what they didn't deserve, from Him. Would they trust Him and go? They would! Turning around and leaving was a step of faith that all ten lepers took. “While they were on the way, they were healed.” (Luke 17:14b NirV)

The Bible tells us that “when one of them discovered that he was healed, he came back, shouting praises to God.” (Luke 17:15 CEV) Everyone around this man knew that something amazing had happened. He had been made well and couldn't keep it to himself. He didn't just tell others, though. He went back and said, “thank you” to Jesus.

Of the ten who were healed, this is the one they would have least expected to be grateful. He was an outsider, a Samaritan. This was the

Application

Our memory verse says, “The Lord gives me strength. He is like a shield that keeps me safe. My heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart jumps for joy. I will sing and give thanks to Him.” (Psalm 28:7 NIRV)

If you had to describe yourself, would you say that you are thankful, like the Samaritan, or ungrateful, like the other nine?

Do you expect things from your parents or are you grateful (thankful) for all that they do for you?

Do you always expect other people to do things for you? Why not try being thankful if someone wants to do something for you.

Are you grateful (thankful) to God? He loves you more than you could ever imagine. And if He never did another thing for you, He loves you so much that He sent His one and only Son to die in your place! (John 3:16) His death offers you life forever. Will you accept what God is offering you?

one, though, who “threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.” (Luke 17:16 NIRV) This Samaritan was “so grateful. He couldn’t thank [Jesus] enough.” (Luke 17:16 MSG)

Then Jesus asked, “Weren’t ten men healed? Where are the others?” You see, only this Samaritan came back. The other nine didn’t bother to express their gratitude to Jesus!

Then Jesus spoke to the Samaritan and said, “You may get up and go. Your faith has made you well.” (Luke 17:19 CEV)

Did you know that even though your skin may look okay, you have a sickness? All of us are sick with sin. (Romans 3:23) The Bible tells us that because of our sin, we deserve to die. (Romans 6:23) There is good news, though. God doesn’t always leave us to what we deserve. He offers health for everyone. That health comes in the form of a relationship with Him, the one who died on a cross so many years ago to pay the price for the sin you were still sinning. (Romans 5:8) Did you know that if you cry out to Jesus, the way the ten lepers did (“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” -Luke 17:13 MSG) He will offer you the same mercy. Are you ready to turn control of your life over to Jesus, to be your Master? What are you waiting for?

If you have already done that, have you thanked God for saving you? Do you thank Him for all the things He does in your life? Why don’t you take some time to do that right now.

*Barclay, William. *The Daily Study Bible Series: The Gospel of Luke*. The Westminster Press: Philadelphia. 1975. p. 217.

Preparing for the Next Lesson

The Rich Young Ruler



Preschool Lesson

Teachers:

Bring baby powder to apply to the skin to mimic leprosy.

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, He crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. Jesus was going into a village and ten men met Him. All ten men were lepers. A leper had a really bad skin problem. Everybody thought lepers were unclean. They couldn't be close to healthy people and they had to shout, "Unclean, unclean" everywhere they went so that people could stay away from them! They had to wear rough clothing. They even had to leave their hair messy. Lepers were lonely.

When the ten lepers met Jesus, "they stayed far away but raised their voices. They shouted, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'" (Luke 17:13 MSG)

Jesus took a good look at them and sent them away to the priest at the temple. This is what they had to do when they were healed. So, when Jesus sent the men away to see the priest, He was saying, "Go! You are well." "While they were on the way, they were healed." (Luke 17:14b NIRV)

The Bible tells us that when one of them realized he was better, he came back, shouting praises to God. Everyone around this man knew that something amazing had happened. He had been made well and couldn't keep it to himself. He didn't just tell others, though. He went back and said, "thank you" to Jesus.

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What has Jesus done for you? Let's tell Him "thank you" now.



Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Make cardboard shields. Cover the shields with aluminum foil. Print the memory verse on each shield with a permanent marker. Be sure to include the reference.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring chewing gum bandages for a snack today.
- Re-enact the lesson. Use powder to mimic leprosy. Burlap is rough fabric that can be used. Be sure to have the lepers mess up their hair.
- Make small posters with cornucopias and fruit. On each fruit write something that you are thankful for.
- Decorate your Bible study area for fall. Make a large tree form, without leaves. Provide multi-colored fall leaves. Encourage your students to write their names and something they are thankful for on each leaf.
- Sing “Give Thanks,” “He Has Made Me Glad,” “I Have So Much,” “Thank You Lord For Saving My Soul,” “It Is Good To Give Thanks,” or another song related to the lesson.

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Trace the letters.

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Focus on the Story

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Story Title:

Scripture References:

Main Characters:

Story Summary:

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Word Search

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K E E P S M E S A F E I Y A T
U W L Y O F W T H A D S O N E
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