

As you listen to or read the story this week, you are going to learn about 10 men who were called "unclean" because they had leprosy. Leprosy was a very contagious sickness that affects the skin and may cause death. People who had leprosy were called "lepers" and they were not allowed to go near other people. They had to stay a distance from other people who did not have leprosy. One of these 10 men that had leprosy was a Samaritan, he was different from the other nine lepers. After listening to or reading the story, be prepared to answer the following question: **How was the Samaritan different than the other nine lepers?**

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem, they were traveling between Samaria and Galilee when they came across ten men who had leprosy. These men stood at a distance from Jesus, but yelled to him asking Jesus to have pity on them and to heal them of their leprosy. Jesus did have mercy on them, he did plan to heal them, so he told them to go show themselves to the priest as it was the custom that when someone was healed from their leprosy, the priest would say whether or not they could live among the other people again. As these ten lepers were on their way to see the priest, they were healed of their leprosy!! Jesus made them well!!

All ten of the men realized that they were healed, but only one of them went back to thank Jesus. This man was a Samaritan, he went back praising God in a loud voice, he knelt at Jesus feet and thanked him!

When the lepers asked Jesus to heal them, Jesus told them to show themselves to the priest, they trusted Jesus would heal them. How was it possible that Jesus could heal them? Jesus performed a miracle with his almighty power.

When the Samaritan saw that he was healed he went back to Jesus. Why did he go back to Jesus before going to the priest? He was filled with thankfulness for what Jesus had done for him.

How was the Samaritan different from the other nine lepers? Only the Samaritan showed his faith by thanking Jesus after being healed.

How does God want us to show that we appreciate his loving care? God wants us to thank him for his loving care.

Pray: Almighty Lord, thank you for always taking care of us. Forgive us for the many times we have failed to say thank you for your blessings. Help us show our faith in you by the way we act. Amen.

Memory Treasure: Psalm 118:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Worksheet: Please complete the "Praise God" worksheet which is included as a separate sheet (attachment). The answer key will be included on the bottom of the second page of this document.

Art Project: Please see instructions for the art project on the second page of this document.

God's blessings on your week!!

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Art Project

Art supplies in packet:

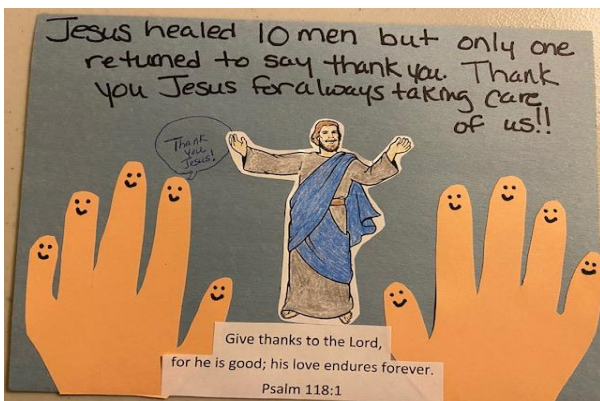
- 1) Full sheet of blue construction paper
- 2) Half sheet of peach colored construction paper
- 3) Picture of Jesus to color
- 4) Memory Treasure (Psalm 118:1) printed and cut out

Art supplies needed:

- 1) Scissors
- 2) Crayons or markers
- 3) Pen or pencil
- 4) Glue stick or glue

Instructions:

- 1) Trace both of your hands on the half sheet of peach colored construction paper and cut them out
- 2) Color the picture of Jesus and cut it out, it is okay to not cut directly on the line but to allow a little white to show outside the border of the picture
- 3) On the side of the hand cutouts without any ink lines (the side not drawn on) draw a happy face on each finger, these fingers represent the 10 men that Jesus healed in our story.
- 4) Glue the hands to the bottom of the blue sheet of construction paper
- 5) Glue the memory verse between the two hands
- 6) Glue the Jesus cut out above the memory verse between the two hands
- 7) Draw a speech bubble by one of the fingers so it appears that one of the fingers is saying "Thank you Jesus"
- 8) At the top of the page we will summarize the story by writing: **Jesus healed 10 men but only one returned to say thank you.**
Thank you, Jesus, for always taking care of us!!



Worksheet Answer Key: **Part One:** These phrases should have lines drawn to both pictures: had a terrible disease, asked Jesus for help, healed by Jesus. These phrases should have lines drawn to the Samaritan: praised God for his help, came back to thank Jesus, showed faith in Jesus. This phrase should have a line drawn to the nine men: forgot to say thank you.

Part Two: 1. Psalm 118:1; 2. Deuteronomy 33:27a; 3. Psalm 139:14

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