

November 26, 2017

Morning Overview

Lesson: *Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers*

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God always keeps His promises despite circumstances and even our inability to trust Him. God kept His greatest and best promise by sending His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sins.

This week our children learn about Jesus healing the ten lepers. This popular story has such rich and deep meaning for us today. We see themes of sin, salvation and gratitude present. The story also has significance because of who comes back to Jesus: a Samaritan. Although we don't know the identities of the other nine men, the Samaritan we do know and Jesus highlights it. In that day and time, the Samaritan man is a minority in society. And in our story, he is a double outcast for two reasons: he is a leper *and* a Samaritan. And yet he is the model for faith and gratitude in our story, not someone who should have religiously "got it" or a Jew. The Samaritan man appropriately identifies in the group that Jesus could heal, and his complete response to Jesus – faith and gratitude – is what saves him (v.19).

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Story: Vos Children's Bible, Chapter 15 (Pages 280-281); The Gospel Storybook Bible, Pages 176-177.

9:30am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165, 164, 163)

Craft: The Thankful One Returns.

Supplies: Green card stock, "hands" representing "ten lepers", verse sticker, glue stick, crayons / markers.

Instructions:

1. Glue one each of right and left hand on to green card stock.
2. Draw faces of lepers, and pick the one who says, "Thank you!"
3. Peel and attach Scripture label.



Relay of the Day: Ten for ten!

Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

- **Cherub Church** for 3's (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165) – 11:40-11:55

Craft: The Gratitude Tree.

Supplies: Beige card stock with tree trunk, leaf stickers, colored paper for leaves, crayons / markers, glue stick, Scripture label.

Instructions:

1. Draw three leaves; write a word in each that says what you are Thankful to God for.
2. Tear colored paper into small leaf shapes, and glue to tree.
3. Add two or three leaf stickers.
4. Peel and place the Scripture label!



Relay of the Day: Ten for ten!

Story: *Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers.*

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the transition question: Boys and girls, when was the last time you said, “thank you?” Why did you say it? [Allow time for answers] Today in our story we find out that only one man told Jesus thank you, let’s find out why!
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children’s Bible, the Jesus Storybook Bible, the Beginner’s Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story. Feel free to edit and adapt to your own style. Include props and teaching aids as you see fit.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Teaching Summary:

- God’s promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps his promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- For many, many years God’s people expected to for the Promised One – a King – to come and make all things right.
- Jesus was making his way to Jerusalem and approached a small village.
- Jesus is greeted by ten lepers. The outcasts of society as their disease was highly contagious. Leprosy was a terrible sickness that began with white spots or lesions on the body and had horrific results that typically ended in death.
- The ten lepers beg for healing; Jesus commands them to go to the priest to be examined for healing. The ten men leave at once and are healed.
- One man, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus. This is significant because the man was a double outcast – a leper and a Samaritan. Samaritans were despised in Jesus’ time and seen as enemies of the Jewish people. Samaritans were held in high contempt by all Jewish people.
- Jesus points out the Samaritan – part of the down-and-out in society – was the only one to come back and thank Jesus. The Samaritan’s gratitude is the proper response to Jesus healing them. And only the outcast models how to respond to Jesus’ healing of us with gratitude. In this, we see the Samaritan truly has faith that saves him.

Story

Transition

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Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers

Jesus was traveling on his way to Jerusalem. Jesus was traveling from Galilee to Samaria, and he came into a small town. While Jesus was walking towards the small town, outside of the town Jesus saw ten men living by themselves. These men lived outside of town because they all had a harmful skin disease called leprosy. These men could not go near Jesus or anyone who was healthy because they did not want anyone else to get sick. But the men called out to him, “Jesus! Master! Please help us!”

When Jesus got a little closer and saw the men, he said, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” Once a person was healed or no longer had leprosy by law they were to go to the priest to be examined and proclaimed “clean.”

At once the ten men ran back to town, and as they did they were healed from their leprosy! But, when one of the men saw that he was healed he went back to Jesus. The man praised God in a loud voice. Then the man bowed down at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan; Samaritans did not like the Jewish people and Jewish people did not like the Samaritans. Samaritans were looked down upon by the Jews.

Jesus looked down at the Samaritan man at his feet and asked, "Ten men were healed; where are the other nine?" The man did not answer, but Jesus continued to speak, "Is this Samaritan the only one who came back to thank God?" Then Jesus said to the Samaritan man, "Stand up and go on your way. You were healed because you believed."

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- What city was Jesus in?
- Who came to Jesus?
- Why was the Roman Army officer coming to Jesus?
- How important was the Roman army officer?
- What did Jesus promise to do for the servant?
- What did the Roman army officer have in Jesus?
- What is faith?
- Why was Jesus amazed at the Roman army officer's faith?

Questions for Older Children:

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does this story tell us God's faithfulness?
- What does this story tell us about God's love for us?

Scripture Memory for November:

Jesus said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." -Mark 2:17

Catechism Questions (1-20)

Hymn of the Month:

Doxology