

Theme

Don't forget to say, "Thank you."

Object

A "Thank You" card

Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

Does anyone know what I have here? (Hold up the thank-you card.) That's right, I have a thank-you card. Can anyone share a time when they have sent or received a thank-you card? (Allow kids to respond.) We have lots to be thankful for every day, but sometimes we forget to say those two little words in response to someone doing something kind for us. In fact, that's what happened in our Bible passage today.

The story is about ten lepers. Do you know what a leper is? (Pause for kids to respond.) A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy. This disease causes sores all over the body. Leprosy was very common in Jesus' day, and people who had this disease were thought to be dirty and unclean. They were required to stay away from other people because of the fear that they might infect them with their disease.

One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when He saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to Him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that He had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, He called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest."

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You." Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?" (Luke 17:11-19) Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You."

God does so much for us! Every day He provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?"

Let's stop right now and say, "Thank You," and ask God to help us remember to thank Him every day.

Prayer of the Day:

Dear Lord, You give us everything we need, but we often forget to say, "Thank You." We thank You now, and ask You to help us to remember to give thanks every day for all that You do for us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers
Coloring Page



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One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV).



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| VOICE | PITY | PRIESTS | JESUS | PRAISE |
| SAMARIA | DISTANCE | VILLAGE | GALILEE | NINE |
| MASTER | TEN | HEALED | CLEANSED | LOUD |

Sunday School Crafts Activities: "Thank You Card Making"



Materials needed:

- Thank you Card
- Scissors
- Markers
- Coloring Pen
- Ribbons

Procedure:

Provide the children with a tri-fold card made out of construction paper for them to write or draw a simple THANK YOU card to someone they would like to THANK. Stickers and markers will make for good decorations and maybe a piece of gum to glue onto one of the folds to give away.

Lesson from the crafts activity:

Many receive God's blessings, but few take time to thank and worship Him. Gratitude separates true worshipers from those who only seek miracles. When we live with gratitude, we don't just receive God's gift, we enter into His presence. Like the healed Samaritan, may we always return to the feet of Jesus with hearts full of praise!