



MAIN LESSON

BOTTOM LINE: I can thank God!

OBJECTIVE: In this lesson kids will learn that giving thanks to God is an important part of prayer.

KEY PASSAGE: Luke 17:11-19, Jesus Heals Ten Men

WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God's Word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

One day as Jesus was traveling, a group of 10 men approached him. These men were very sick. They had a disease called leprosy. No one wanted to be around them because they would get sick too.

These men called out to Jesus for help. Jesus told them to walk down to God's house, the temple. As they were walking they looked down and realized they were healed. They didn't have leprosy anymore. Jesus had healed them!

One of the men turned around right away and went back to Jesus. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him for making him all better. Jesus was very happy to see this man again and hear his thanks. Jesus wished the other nine men would have come back to thank him too.

We can talk to God anytime we want. We have a special name for when we talk to God – prayer. Whenever we pray we can think about all of the good things God has done for us and thank God for them.

(Suggested storytelling tool: You can use Lego men to illustrate the lesson as you tell it. Connect the 10 "lepers" to the same board, so that you can move them in unison. Then when it is time, simply remove one man from the board and have him return to the Lego "Jesus".)

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SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

When we talk to you, we want to say thank you.

Amen