

Teaching Plan - Jesus makes 10 people feel well again

Aim - To show that Jesus can heal people - also to remind us to say thank you.



Welcome



Bible reading: Read Luke 17: 11 - 19



Talk

We are going to talk about 10 men who were ill - they had leprosy which is a nasty skin disease - it starts usually with a rash and people who have leprosy say that their hands and feet feel numb and so find it hard to do things and feel things.. This means they often hurt themselves. In Jesus time, people were scared of people with leprosy. They did not have to stay in bed. But they had to keep away from other people, so others would not become ill too. They had to shout "unclean" if they saw people so that they would not come near them.



Game

An activity that demonstrates how hard it is to do things if hands/feet have a numb feeling.

- Play Jenga or similar game with big heavy gloves on
- Or pick up a small sweet with big gloves on.



Talk or do as Drama



One day ten men met Jesus, and this is what happened.

The bible does not tell us the names of the men but for today's story we are going to call one of them Ben.

Hello! I am Ben. I live in a wee village in a country where Jesus travels around. I am very happy living with my wife and children. Let me tell you about a sad time for our family. One day, I noticed spots on my skin and in time they became worse and worse. It wasn't long before I realised that I had leprosy. This was a terrible thing as our Law (that is a rule) said that people with leprosy had to leave their family and their village and live away from everyone. You were not allowed to touch anyone. This meant no hugs and kisses for my wife and children. They could only leave food for me outside the village and shout their news to me. I lived far away from the village with nine other men who also had leprosy. We were very sad and missed our families and friends very much. We had heard about Jesus and knew that he made sick people better. One day, we saw some people going towards our village. As they came near, we realised that one of the group was Jesus. We were not allowed to go near him, but we all shouted again and again as loudly as we could: Jesus please help us. Jesus spoke to us and told us to go into the village and show ourselves to the church leaders and the doctors. The Law said that you had to do this to prove that your leprosy was cured - that you were better and could go home to your family. We started running to the village as fast as we could. As we ran, we realised our leprosy *was* healed - all the spots had gone.

I immediately turned and went back to Jesus to thank him for healing me. Jesus asked me where the others were, as they had not come back.

Question: Why do you think only Ben came back to thank Jesus? Talk about what the other 9 might have been doing and how easy it is for us to forget to say thank you.



Prayer Time

Demonstrate the Makaton signs for **thank you** and **Jesus**. Invite each person to say a short thank you prayer and then finish with the signs - for people who have no verbal communication or who do not wish to pray out loud just encourage them to do the signing when it is their "turn" to pray.

Or

Leader asks for prayer requests - then prays an echo prayer encouraging everyone to use the signs at the end of each segment



Possible Craft

'Thank you Jesus' posters

Need

- big sheets of card
- newspapers/magazines etc
- scissors and glue sticks

In groups make posters of things to say thank you to God for.



Possible Songs

God's love is great (Prospects)

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart.

Jesus loves me.

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me.