

## Agenda for Lesson

### Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

Luke 17: 11-19

#### **Morning Prayer:**

*O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, present in all places and filling all things' treasury of good things and giver of life, come and dwell in us and purify us from every stain, and of Your goodness, save our souls. Prayer to Holy Spirit*

#### **Discuss Gospel of the Day**

Prior to the lesson – print out the included Gospel reading for each student.

Teacher may read it aloud or a 'willing' student or students may read it. Ask the students to give you a brief description of what the Gospel message is about.

Discuss any points they may have missed.

1. **Pre-Lesson:** (any preparation needed to begin lesson)
  - a. Print out lesson of Healing of the Ten Lepers
  - b. Select words for vocabulary from lesson
  - c. Marker to write words on board.
  - d. 'Star' construction sheets for each student
  - e. tape to place stars on board
2. **Objective:** (what do I want the students to know by the end of the lesson?)

students will learn about and understand: That the Lepers realized they needed Jesus, they believed in Him, but they did not recognize the miracle Jesus had given them and they thought only of themselves. While they were grateful for Jesus' healing of them but they overlooked what Jesus had done for them.
3. **Vocabulary:** (list of words needed for the lesson--allow students to list some and complete their list with your words for lesson) *Teachers, remember that the students may know the words. The important part of displaying the words on the word Star is to help the students make connection with the lesson being taught.*
  - ❖ **leper:** a person with an incurable, contagious disease that attacks the whole body
  - ❖ **prostrated:** Lying face down, as in submission or adoration.
  - ❖ **mercy:** compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

- ❖ **Samaritan:** A native or inhabitant of Samaria.
- ❖ **Foreigner:** a person not belonging to a particular place or group; a stranger or outsider.

4. **Essential Questions for lesson:** (questions that fit the lesson—students may write their own questions on overhead to use with projector-if available)
- a. Why was Jesus traveling through Samaria and Galilee?
  - b. Why did the lepers keep their distance from Jesus?
  - c. How did the lepers speak to Jesus?
  - d. What did Jesus do when He heard their words?
  - e. How did the lepers react when Jesus healed the lepers?
  - f. Who went back to where Jesus was and why did he go back?
  - g. What did Jesus ask the Leper who came back?

5. **Preparing for lesson:**
- Begin lesson with prayer of the day and introduction of Topic
  - Ask students what ‘words’ they think go with the lesson-write them on the board- (some have been provided above)
  - Give each student a pattern of a word Star
  - Have students pick a word and write the word on the Star
  - Have students define the word on the back in their own words-in pencil in case there need to be corrections.
  - Display Star shape around the room for the week.

**Lesson:**

Read the following to students:

**Luke 17:11-19:** On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return

**and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."**

#### **Teacher Information:**

Leprosy was a feared and horrible disease, and still is. To this day, it is still predominately incurable. Because it was easy to catch, lepers were not allowed in the city, and were not allowed to approach others. That is why these ten lepers kept their distance and called out to Jesus. These lepers were, in all, a good bunch. They were obeying the laws: they stayed out of the city and did not approach Jesus or his followers. They believed in Jesus' ability to heal. They obeyed Jesus without question when he told them to go to the priests, even before they were healed.\*

\*Leviticus 13 explains how leprosy was handled under Moses' law. The priests were the men who decided whether leprosy was contagious or not. The priests had the power to declare these men healed and clean.

So these men were respectful, obedient, and trusting. What they weren't was thankful. Only one of the men, when they learned they were healed, was grateful enough to return and praise Jesus. Do you think he was the only one that was happy? I doubt it. Do you think it was easy for him to be the only one to return to Jesus? He wanted to be declared clean by the priests so he could return to his family, his job and his friends. But he was thankful enough to stop right then and thank Jesus and praise God for this wonderful gift.

#### **Questions for Discussion**

**What excuses could the other nine have given for not returning and thanking Jesus?**

- ❖ But he told us to go to the priests - we're only doing what he said!
- ❖ He's God, he knows I'm grateful.
- ❖ I have so many things to do now that I can be a normal person again! I'll thank Him later.

**Do we often make excuses for not thanking God? What excuses do men make today for not thanking God?**

- ❖ I'm obeying God - so he owes me these blessings.
- ❖ God knows my prayers before I offer them. Why should I have to tell him?
- ❖ I'm very busy right now, I'll thank him later.
- ❖ I hurting so much because of \_\_\_\_\_. Why is he not helping me?

- ❖ God didn't do that for me, it was: my hard work, nature, my friend, luck.

### emotion questions

- ❖ How can we cheer ourselves up when we are disappointed, discouraged, or upset? (count our blessings)
- ❖ How do you feel when you do something nice for someone and are not thanked?
- ❖ How must God feel when we are not appreciative of His gifts?
- ❖ What kind of relationship does God want with us?

### application questions

- ❖ Can we be obedient without being thankful? (2 Cor. 9:7)
- ❖ Read Romans 1:28-31. Can we be pleasing to God without being thankful?
- ❖ Read Phil 4:6. Thankfulness can bring us \_\_\_\_\_.

### fact questions

- ❖ How many lepers returned to thank Jesus?
- ❖ Was the thankful leper a Jew?
- ❖ What did the other lepers do that was right?

### review questions

- ❖ Who else can we show our gratefulness to?
- ❖ Name three reasons why the healed lepers would be grateful. (healed from a fatal illness, can live inside the city, can be with their families and friends again, can worship God in the temple again...)
- ❖ Are ungrateful people happy? How can we be happy?
- ❖

#### 1. **Ending Prayers for the Lessons:** Departing Prayer:

*O Christ, who brought all things into existence from nothing, and with ineffable wisdom gave to each one to accomplish unerringly the goal which you laid down in the beginning, O Saviour, Lover of humankind, as you are powerful, bless the whole creation which you fashioned.*

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