

Saying “Thank You” to God

Based on Luke 17:11–19

Jesus was walking to the city of Jerusalem. It was a long walk from his home in Nazareth. It took several days.

As Jesus was walking, a group of ten people came up to him. These people had leprosy. Leprosy is a skin disease.

In Jesus’ day, people were very afraid of leprosy. If someone got this disease, they wouldn’t live in their home anymore. “Go away,” their family and friends would say. “Go live by yourself. We don’t want to catch your skin disease.”

The ten people with leprosy came to Jesus. “Please help us,” they said. “We are very sick. Can you help us get better? Please, Jesus! Please!”

Jesus felt very sad for them. “Yes, I can help you,” he said. “Go to the temple and show yourselves to the priests.”

So the ten people went as fast as they could to do what Jesus had told them.

But one of the people stopped and came back to Jesus. “Thank you so much, Jesus,” he said. “Thank you!”

“There were ten people who had leprosy who asked me for help,” said Jesus. “Where are the others? Don’t they want to say thank you to God?”

“I don’t know where they are,” said the man.

“Well, you are here to thank God,” said Jesus. “I can tell that you are someone who tries to live God’s way. Go back to your family and friends. Remind them to say thank you to God.”

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Bible story

Materials

- Recording of today’s story “Saying ‘Thank You’ to God”
- Alternatively, arrange for a storyteller to present the story.
- Basic supplies
- Paper or drawing pads

The practice of storytelling

Directions

1. Listen to the story “Saying ‘Thank You’ to God.”
2. Use the art supplies to write or draw your response to the story.

