

Bible background

Luke 17:11-19

Aim of lesson

To teach the children that Jesus and his Father, God, are pleased when we say ‘thank you’.

Preparation required

You will need felt pens (that wash off).

Suggested outline of lesson

1. Ask who has had measles or chicken pox or has seen someone with them. Leprosy is like that, but much worse. It does not go away in a week. Everyone had to keep away, as it was catching. Talk about how miserable and lonely someone with leprosy would be.
2. Tell how Jesus met and healed the ten lepers. How happy they all would be, and yet only one remembered to go back and say thank you.
3. Teach the finger song ‘Ten Lepers’.
4. Ask the children to complete the activity sheet. Teach that Jesus is pleased when we say thank you to him or to his Father, God, or to our parents or to others.
5. You may like to teach the song ‘When I’m Happy’ or ‘Thank You Jesus’.

Alternative activities

1. Before the lesson, cut out strings of paper dolls until you have 10 figures – either a set for each child or a single set for a class wall display. If you are doing a single set, split the figures up so that each child can do a couple, depending on the size of your group. Get the children to draw, or stick on, faces, clothes etc. Practise counting them. You may like to have 1 figure separated from the rest to be the man who went back to say thank you.
2. Draw around the children’s hands. The children can then use felt pens or crayons to make each finger into a person. Practise counting them.
3. Make thank you cards.

Relevance to the children’s lives

Ask the children about saying thank you to God and to their parents for meals, clothes or presents.

Prayer

Ask the children about when they have been ill. Have each say thank you to God for making them better.

Verse

‘O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.’ Psalm 30:12.

Songs

Ten Lepers

Draw a happy face on each finger. Commence with two fists and raise a finger at a time.

- v.1 One, two, three, four, five,
 We were lepers, half alive.
 Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
 Jesus made us well again.
- v.2 We felt so very good (*hold up five fingers, right hand*)
 We ran off home as fast as we could (*right hand fingers run off*)
 We all ran home too (*hold up four fingers, left hand*)
 And only one said, Lord thank you (*hold up thumb, left hand*)

Music: Traditional.

When I'm Happy

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song 'When I'm Happy'. The first staff contains four measures of music with chords C, Dm, G7, and C above them. The second staff contains seven measures of music with chords F, C7, F, C, Dm, G7, and C above them. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

When I'm happy I like to sing
 Thank you God for everything. (Repeat)

Music and Words: cop con.