

# Week 41 Parent Sheet: Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19 NIV

*God blesses everyone in countless ways, but – sadly – very few are thankful; let us be among those few!*

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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## Many Events of Jesus' Life in Chronological Order:

- Born (5 BC)
- Named – when 8 days old
- Presented at the Temple – when 40 days old
- Visited by Wise Men – when 2 to 5 months old
- Fled to Egypt – when 2 to 5 months old
- Returned to live in Nazareth – when 1 year old
- His parents thought He was lost – when 12 years old
- Baptized by John – when 30 years old
- Some important events of His three-year ministry:
  - ➔ Tempted in the wilderness
  - ➔ Moved from Nazareth to Capernaum
  - ➔ Called His disciples
  - ➔ Preached the Sermon on the Mount
  - ➔ Performed many miracles
  - ➔ Sent out His disciples to heal and teach
  - ➔ Warned about persecution
  - ➔ Told many parables
  - ➔ Heard of the death of John the Baptist
  - ➔ **More miracles and teaching**
  - ➔ Transfigured, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him
  - ➔ More miracles and teaching
  - ➔ Welcomed into Jerusalem – on Palm Sunday
  - ➔ Taught many things – on Holy Tuesday
  - ➔ Instituted the Lord's Supper – on Holy Thursday
  - ➔ Arrested, tried, crucified, and died – on Good Friday
  - ➔ Raised to life – on the third day, Easter Sunday
  - ➔ Ascended into heaven – 40 days after Easter

## Background:

1. During Jesus' life and ministry He fulfilled many OT prophecies, taught with authority, and did many mighty miracles; all such things prove that He is the Son of God, the Promised Savior of the world!
2. Today's lesson focuses on the topic of thanksgiving; therefore, it is important to distinguish between the **Giver** and the **gift**; then *thank the Giver* and *use the gift unto the glory of the Giver!*

## Ten Lepers:

1. **The location:** <sup>11</sup> **Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.** // The Bible is a book of truth – real places, true stories, and God's great love for us and all!

2. **The situation:** <sup>12</sup> **As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"** // They called out at a distance, *since they were highly contagious*, but they also believed that Jesus could heal them.
3. **Jesus' response:** <sup>14</sup> **When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.** // They were to show themselves to the priest *to verify the healing*.
4. **Giving thanks:** <sup>15</sup> **One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-- and he was a Samaritan.** // Samaritans are part Jew and part Gentile; they were strongly looked down upon by the Jews, *but he is the only one who returned and gave thanks!*
5. **No thanks:** <sup>17</sup> **Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"** // Giving thanks is rare, *but important!*
6. **Commendation:** <sup>19</sup> **Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."** // Faith is God-given and *receives God's blessings!*

## The Lord's Prayer – Fourth Petition and Rev. Dr. Martin

**Luther's Explanation:** Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. // Let us *realize what God has done* and *give Him thanks!*

**God's Word on God's Provision:** <sup>NIV</sup> Psalm 145:15-16 "The eyes of all look to you [O LORD], and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing." // God provides food for everyone – *whether they trust in Him or not.*

## Thoughts:

1. As Jesus can heal leprosy with a word, *so He has saved us from our sins through His finished work!*
2. Let us trust in Jesus for this life and the life to come; *all who do so will not be disappointed!*