

Unit Title : **FAITH**
Lesson 7 : **LEPER' S FAITH**
Bible Story : **Jesus Meets Ten Lepers**
Lesson Scripture : **Luke 17:11-19**

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, the student will be able to:

1. define what leprosy and leper is;
2. identify the one who was healed and thanked Jesus is a Samaritan;
3. know that God has done so much for us and gratitude is the best response;
4. thank Jesus for what He has done for us;
5. to recite the memory verse

BIBLE REFERENCE

[Luke 17:15 \(NIV\)](#)

"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice."

[Luke 17:19 \(NIV\)](#)

"Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

WORDS TO REMEMBER

Leprosy - *an affliction that represented uncleanness; a contagious disease that affects the skin, nerves, limbs and eyes. It can cause fingers and toes to be shortened and deformed.*

Leper - *a person with an incurable, contagious disease that attacks the whole body*

Priest - *descendants from the tribe of Levi, a priest's duties included representing the people before God, caring for the temple, and administering the Jewish sacrifices and services outlined in the Mosaic Law. Only they could declare a diseased person clean (Leviticus 13-14).*

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY

Play a game, sing a song or give them activity to introduce the new lesson.

(Activities may vary depending on age level and purpose of the lesson either for Sunday school or outreach ministry.)

Art Project: "Thankful Hearts"

(Materials: pre-drawn heart on red, orange, yellow, or brown construction paper with the words, "My Thankful Heart" on the bottom of the page, band-aids, black marker)

1. Have the students place band-aids on heart outline.
2. Inside the heart, invite them to tell you what they are thankful for. Write down their responses.

A. PREPARATION and MOTIVATION

Teacher, review the past lessons.

1. Who is Rahab?
2. Why did Rahab hide the spies? *she believed their God would be victorious and wanted to be saved*
3. What did the spies report to Joshua? *that the whole area was afraid of them*
4. How many spies went into Jericho? *two (2)*
5. What reward did God give Rahab? *her family was saved, she became an ancestor of Christ*
6. What did the centurion ask Jesus to do?
7. How did the centurion show his faith to Jesus?
8. What happened to the sick servant?
9. Why do you think Jesus was so impressed with the centurion?
10. What does it mean to be blind?
11. Why did the blind man cry out to Jesus?
12. Why didn't the man stay quiet when everyone around him told him to be quiet?
13. Why did Jesus heal the man?
14. What did the man do when he was able to see?
15. Who is Naaman and where did he live?
16. What disease did Naaman have?
17. Who told Naaman how to make his leprosy go away?
18. What message did Elisha's servant give Naaman?
19. What happened when Naaman dipped in the Jordan River seven times?
20. Why did Elimelech and Naomi take their two sons and move away from Bethlehem?
21. What happened to Naomi's family in Moab?
22. Which daughter-in-law refused to leave Naomi?
23. Whose field did Ruth gather in?
24. How did Boaz show Ruth kindness?
25. How many spies were sent into the promised land?
26. How many brought back a good report?
27. Name the two spies who gave a good report.
28. Why were the people afraid to go into the promised land?
29. When God gives an order is it wise to disobey and follow our own ideas?

B. INTRODUCTION

Leprosy is a disease that is caused by bacteria. People that get leprosy usually live in poor areas, have dirty water, eat food with little nutrition, and aren't healthy to begin with. It looks very bad. It can make a face look bumpy and can completely change the way a person looks. Some people get it on their hands or feet and lose their fingers and toes from it.

(Teacher may use props like two pieces of identical white cloth—one that is dirty, tattered and torn, and one that is clean and bright.)

Background Study:

In this lesson, Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem and finds Himself on the border between Galilee and Samaria. Luke 17:11–19 records an account of ten men who had infectious skin diseases, commonly translated as “leprosy.” Leprosy in Biblical times was a terrible thing. In the Israelite community, when a person discovered a rash or skin disorder, he or she had to go to the priest for examination. The priest then determined whether this was a contagious disease and whether the person was to be declared ceremonially unclean (Leviticus 13:1). Jewish law prohibited anyone with such a disease from associating with the general community. They had to be isolated and many times lived as outcasts until they died (Leviticus 13:45–46). This was necessary in order to keep infectious diseases from becoming an epidemic. But, for those afflicted, it could be a life sentence.

C. LESSON

Read today’s story aloud from the Bible, or by showing pictures, or tell the story in your own words. (*Focus on attitude of gratitude: Jesus loves a thankful heart*)

JESUS HEALS TEN MEN WITH LEPROSY

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him.

They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “**Jesus, Master, have pity on us!**”

When He saw them, He said, “**Go, show yourselves to the priests.**” And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, **praising God in a loud voice.** He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”

Then he said to him, “**Rise and go; your faith has made you well.**”

Points:

- Without being cured, the lepers obey Jesus command to approach the priests. Their faith is rewarded by their cure “as they were going.”
- God's mercy should yield thanksgiving; Be thankful in the work of God's goodness.
- Getting close to God is a matter of trusting Him. One who seems far away can really be near.
- God blesses humanity in a general way, but only the responsive who appreciate what Christ has done will receive His full blessing and acceptance.

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

"Faith... hope for what we do not see."

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. What did the lepers ask of Jesus?
2. How many lepers returned to thank Jesus?
3. Who returned to give thanks?
4. Why it is important to give thanks to God?

LIFE APPLICATION

Saying "**thank you**" is something we have to train our hearts and minds to do. We get so self-centered that we forget to thank people, especially the Lord. It takes training for our minds to forget ourselves and to remember to thank the Lord. Jesus loves a thankful heart. Saying "thank you" to the Lord when it seems nothing is working out right is one way to obey Jesus before we see His miracles.

ACTIVITY

No Touching Allowed! (in pairs)

- Pair children and give each pair a small ball. Have the pair place the ball between their foreheads and then try to walk to the opposite side of the room without touching each other at all.

The Word Spreads (group)

- Play a game of whisper. Have children stand in a line. Whisper a short message to child 1, who then passes it to child 2 as quietly as possible. The last person in line will say the message out loud.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I know that I have neglected to thank you for so many blessings. You've blessed me and waited for me to run back to you with thanks, and I've gone my way. I've taken you for granted. Please forgive me. Put thankfulness into my heart and soul. Let me speak it, sing it, and live it. That I might be a visible not silent example of one whom you have healed. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.