

Bible Story

Jesus Healed Ten Men • Luke 17:11-19

Story Point

Jesus healed ten men, and one was saved.

Memory Verse

“Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” **Isaiah 53:4-6**

Big Picture

Why did God create people?

God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.

FOR PARENTS ONLY: Bible Study

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem when He stopped in a village. He was approached by ten men who had leprosy. The men didn't get too close because according to Jewish law, their disease meant they were unclean. Leviticus 13–14 details the law regarding skin diseases such as leprosy. A person had to go to a priest for a diagnosis, isolate himself from others, and then—after healing occurred—return to the priest to be examined, cleansed, and restored to the community.

The men cried out to Jesus for mercy, and He commanded them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they went, Jesus miraculously healed them. This healing gave the men a new beginning. They would be able to return to their friends and family members. One of the men—a Samaritan among Jews—seeing that he was healed, returned to Jesus.

Luke tells us how this man responded: “He ... gave glory to God. He fell facedown at [Jesus] feet, thanking him” (Luke 17:15-16). This humility and gratitude were evidences of faith. The man's response shows an understanding of God's mercy and goodness. Jesus declared, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you” (v. 19). This man was healed not just physically but spiritually.

The Bible says all of us have sinned. Our sin makes us unclean, but we can cry out to God like the men with leprosy: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” God hears our prayers and answers. (See Ps. 51:17.) The gospel welcomes all people who turn from their sin and trust in Jesus.

As you teach kids, emphasize that when we trust in Jesus by faith, He heals us from something greater than a disease; He saves us from our sins. We can give Him thanks and worship Him for making us new.

Let's Get Started Activity: What Time Is It?

Note: Get the whole family involved to play this activity!

What You Do:

Clear a large playing area for a variation of tag. Designate one player as **the Doctor**. Instruct him to stand at one side of the room with his back to the group. The rest of the players ("the patients") should stand at the opposite side of the room.

- The patients will shout, "What time is it, Doctor?"
- The Doctor will respond by calling out an hour. (For example, "It's two o'clock!")
- The patients will move forward a corresponding number of steps and then ask the question again.
- At any point, the Doctor can respond, "It's midnight!" Then the Doctor will turn around and try to tag a patient as they race back to the starting line.
- Tagged patients must join the Doctor as a tagger for additional rounds.

What You Say:

In the Bible story we are going to hear today, ten men had a disease. They approached Jesus to ask for help. Jesus told them it was time to go see the priests. That could only mean one thing: they would be healed!

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Bible Storytelling Tips:

Use people figures: Display one figure for Jesus and ten figures for the men with leprosy. Move around the figures to reflect their movement during the story.

Vary your voice: Use various voices for each speaker. Distinguish between Jesus, the group of men, and the one man who returned.

What You Say:

Jesus' ministry on earth was brief—about three years. He encountered many people as He traveled and taught the truth about God and His kingdom. Through His teaching and His miracles, Jesus revealed that He is God the Son in human form, living among God's people and bringing salvation to sinners. Jesus healed many people.

Today's Bible story is called "Jesus Healed Ten Men." These men had a serious skin disease that kept them away from other people. Let's find out what happened.

Ten Men Healed

While traveling to Jerusalem, he passed between^[e] Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy^[f] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

¹⁴ When he saw them, he told them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And while they were going, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ But one of them, seeing that he was healed, returned and, with a loud voice, gave glory to God. ¹⁶ He fell facedown at his feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Didn't any return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he told him, "Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

Discuss

- How many men did Jesus heal of leprosy? (*ten, Luke 17:17*)
- How many returned to praise Jesus and thank Him? (*one, Luke 17:15-16*)
- Why did Jesus say the one Samaritan was saved? (*because of his faith, Luke 17:19*)
- Do you feel more like the man who thanked Jesus, or the nine who did not? *Encourage kids to share their thoughts and try to answer honestly. Be prepared to share your own experience of times you honored God for His goodness and times you struggled to. Help kids to see that our sinful hearts often take God's goodness for granted. We expect only good and forget that God can use hard times for His glory.*

- How do you show God you are thankful to Him? *Guide kids to discuss the different ways we can give thanks to, glorify, and honor God. Help them see that we can worship God in our words and with our actions. Remind them that obedience to God, parents, and teachers is a great way to show God you trust and love Him. We can also show His love to others.*
- When might it be difficult to show God you love Him and are thankful? *Help kids see that when we are in the midst of difficult times, such as when we are sick or in pain, we might find it difficult to see God's work around us. Encourage kids that everything God does is for His glory and our good, even in the middle of difficult or sad circumstances.*

Christ Connection

Jesus healed the ten men who cried out to Him. The one who had faith was saved. When we trust in Jesus by faith, He heals us from something greater than a disease; He saves us from our sins. We can give Him thanks and worship Him for making us new.

Additional Questions for OLDER KIDS:

What You Say:

In this story, **Jesus healed ten men, and one was saved.** The man who returned to Jesus in faith thanked Him and gave glory to God. He was healed physically and spiritually. The Bible says all of us have sinned. Our sin makes us unclean, but we can cry out to God like the men with leprosy: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" God hears our prayers and answers them for His glory and our good.

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

- **What did the man who was healed realize about Jesus?** *Invite kids to share their ideas. Point out the man's reaction to his healing: he returned to thank Jesus. The man recognized that Jesus had healed him, and he praised God. (Choose a volunteer to read Psalm 103:2-4.)*
- **How should our lives change when we trust in Jesus for salvation?** *Guide kids to discuss the difference between a person who is forgiven and someone who is unforgiven before God. Regardless of their outward behavior, people who do not trust in Jesus are guilty before Him. Those who trust in Him are declared righteous and have complete forgiveness and eternal life. Help kids identify that a believer's life should be marked by gratitude and worship for what Jesus has done. (Choose a volunteer to read Hebrews 12:28.)*
- **What should we do when good things happen? What should we do when bad things happen?** *Emphasize that when we experience God's grace, the best way to respond is with worship, thanking Him for what He has done. When bad things happen, we should still put our faith in God. We might not understand why something happens, but we can trust that God is working. He is in control and does everything for His glory and our good. (Choose a volunteer to read 1 Thessalonians 5:18.)*

Big Picture Question

When you hear about the people in our Bible story today, I want you to think about this big picture question:

Why did God create people?

Do you have any ideas? *[Allow kids to respond.]* The answer to our big picture question is, **God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.**

Questions from Kids, Bible Story Video

Show the Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to think about why giving thanks to God is important. Guide them to discuss why God wants our praise and worship. Show the Bible Story video next.

Missions Moment

A long time ago, a missionary named Amy Carmichael felt God calling her to minister to people who were very poor. She lived among them and taught them the Bible. Amy wanted the people around her to have their bodies healed, but also be healed of their sin by trusting in Jesus as Savior. Let's watch a video about Amy and learn more.

Play the missions video. Close in prayer, thanking God for missionaries like Amy Carmichael..

Memory Verse

Show the Memory Verse Poster to the kids. Lead them to say it together.

Long before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about a Servant who would come from God. Isaiah said this Servant would bear our sicknesses and carry our pains. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when He healed many people. [See *Matt. 8:16-17.*]

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Prayer

Lord God, as we learn more about You, we are amazed at all You are. No one is like You. The unclean spirits obey You. You have power over sickness and You want to help us! Give us faith to trust that You will give us everything we need. Thank You for forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. We love You. Amen.

Craft Idea: Encouragement Cards

Provide each kid with a sheet of heavyweight paper. Help the kids to fold the sheets in half to make cards. Instruct the kids to write kind messages inside the cards and draw pictures on the outside. You may choose to provide the kids with the names of people in your church, in the neighborhood, or you may encourage the kids to write the cards for someone else they know. Deliver or mail to the person you chose.

What You Say:

Writing a sweet card to people who are staying at home at this time can be a great way to lift their spirits and help them trust God to help in hard times. Today we learned how Jesus did something to help ten sick men. A note of encouragement is a way you can help someone who is feeling alone during this time.