

Week 20 Family Letter

God Has Mercy on His Children: Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

(Luke 17:11-19)

(Quietly) “Ow,” a man quietly complained. He tried so hard not to scratch the sores on his hands and face, but they itched so much. He tried not to cry, but he missed his family. He couldn’t live with them because he was sick. He didn’t want them to get sick.

(Loudly) Suddenly, the people he lived with started yelling. “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” they shouted loudly. The man joined in and started yelling. He had heard that Jesus can heal people and take away their sicknesses.

(Quietly) Jesus stopped walking and looked at the sick men. Everything got quiet. Would Jesus help them? Jesus did! He cared about the men. Jesus said, “Show yourselves to the priests.” The man walked with the others down the road to the temple.

(Loudly) But when he looked down at his arms and legs, he saw that his sores were gone! The men started dancing and laughing and running down the road. But the man ran back to Jesus. He yelled, “Thank You, Jesus! Thank You!” Jesus had shown mercy to him! He fell down on the ground at Jesus’ feet. He praised God for His kindness using a loud voice, so everyone could hear.

Bible Words

I will give thanks to the Lord
with my whole heart.

Psalms 9:1

Dear Family,

Look at the Bible picture. Ask your child to color the picture of the group of men. What’s different about them compared to the man next to Jesus? All the men are happy, but the man next to Jesus is the only one who remembered to come back and thank Him for what He had done for them.

The man was overjoyed that his leprosy had been cured. The man had to deal with an uncomfortable condition, and he couldn’t even live with his family. Jesus changed everything. Jesus took his sores away and made it possible for him to live a normal life again.

Jesus gives us blessings too. He is gracious just because He loves us, not because we deserve it. The next time you realize how God has blessed you, thank Him out loud. Don’t worry about saying it too often. Instill in your children an attitude of gratitude. Jesus has changed our lives! He has taken our sin-sickness away. Every day, we have a new life in Him! Read the story on page 377 of *The Story Bible* together.

