

Week 26

One Man Says Thank You

Ten men were sick with a bad illness. They wanted to get better, but no doctor or medicine could help them.

One day, the men saw Jesus coming. They believed that Jesus could help them. They called out, "Jesus, have mercy on us. Jesus, have mercy on us." Mercy means "to be kind to those in need." The men wanted Jesus to help them.

Jesus looked at these very sick people. He loved them and wanted to help. "Go to the priests (pastors) at the temple (church). They will see you are better."

(*) The men hurried away. As they ran, they saw that their sores were gone. They were all well. They were not sick anymore. One man ran back to Jesus. He said, "Thank You, Jesus! Thank You!" He knelt at Jesus' feet.

Jesus said, "I healed ten people. Where are the other nine? Has only one come back to say thank You?" Jesus wants to hear our prayers as we ask Him for help and for forgiveness. He also wants to hear our prayers of praise and thanksgiving!

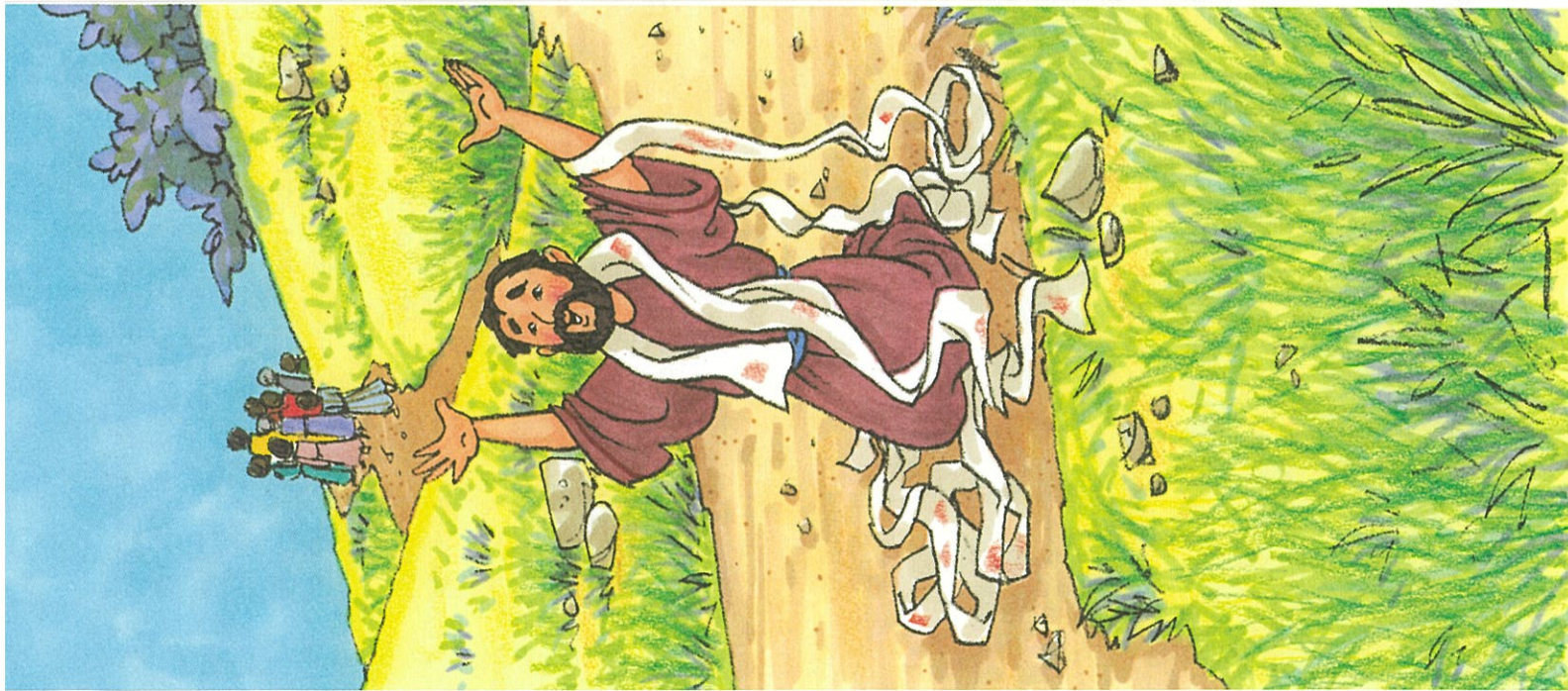
Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

Think about It

Read in Luke 17:11–19 about the ten men who were sick. Jesus has also done many good and wonderful things for us. He always remembers us. Let's not forget to thank and praise Him for all His good gifts. Let's tell others about the good things God has done for us.

Bible Words

God says, "Call to Me
and I will
answer you."
Jeremiah 33:3





Dear Family,

“Call to Me and I will answer you.” This is what God invites us to do. He wants to hear from us, for we are His dear children. He wants us to turn to Him in need and in sorrow, when we are sick or lonely, when we are afraid or anxious. He wants to share our delights and our joys too. Pray anytime, anywhere. Tell God what you need. He is ready to answer.

Talk with your child about the ways God answers your prayers. It may not always be what you expect, for God answers in His own way and time. But He always acts out of love for you, because He wants what is best for you.

Read more about the Bible lesson on pages 377-379 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).