

Session 24

Jesus heals 10 men with leprosy Be thankful

Text: Luke 17:11-19

Supplies:

- ◆ Small round stickers
- ◆ Toilet paper
- ◆ Sand box
- ◆ Image of Jesus for the sand box
- ◆ Triangular danger sign (like a road sign)
- ◆ 10 “Lepers”, toilet paper roll dolls with bandages that can be removed during the story
- ◆ Use the name tags provided and attach them to sticks for the sand box



WELCOME

Dot tag/“on-on”: Give each member of the group 5 stickers. (Make sure everyone has the same amount). Explain that they are now going to play “tag” (or “on-on”) but there are a few differences. Explain the area/space you will use before explaining the following rules:

1. Everyone is “it” or “on” at the same time.
 2. The aim of the game is not to touch or tag each other, but to see how many dots you can stick onto the others while trying to avoid others sticking dots to you.
 3. When your dots are all gone, you can remain in the game, just avoiding dots from others.
- Let the group play for a few minutes. The child with the fewest stickers/dots on him/her, wins.

Toilet paper bandages: Divide the group into smaller groups. Each group gets a roll of toilet paper. Choose one person out of each group to be the “leper”. The rest of the group must then cover him/her in “bandages” by rolling him/her in toilet paper. The winning group is the one that finishes their roll of toilet paper first. *(Make sure that no-one is forced to be the person covered in bandages – they must want to be covered. Refrain from covering the face for the sake of children with claustrophobia.)*



WORSHIP

Do the **settle down ritual** as in session 21 and sing the **theme song** you chose for this term.



WORD

Today we are going to talk about some men who had leprosy. Leprosy is an illness that is very contagious, which means that someone can very easily get it from someone else. Someone who has leprosy will develop sores all over his body and will have no feeling in the places that develop sores. It is a very bad illness as the parts of your body that have sores and no feeling, eventually die.

Today there is medicine that can cure it, but many years ago, there was no medicine for it. In fact, in Jesus’ time, you weren’t allowed to go to the temple and your own family and friends would ban you from your town. You would be sent away so that no-one could touch you and get leprosy too.

(Beforehand, place the towns’ names each in a corner of the sand box. At the back of the box, place the triangular warning sign to warn people of leprosy. Show the children the doll that represents Je-

sus. Show the other dolls that represent the 10 men with leprosy, next to the warning sign. They must have bandages on.)

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went through Samaria and Galilee. (Move the Jesus figure past Samaria and Galilee and then to the warning sign.)

When He came close to one of the towns, 10 men with leprosy came to Him. They were covered in bandages because they had the illness. (Move the 10 dolls closer to Jesus)

These men were not allowed to come close to other people. They stood a distance away from Jesus and then called out, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

Jesus then simply said to them: "Go to a priest and show yourselves to him!" The men maybe thought Jesus was crazy, but as they went, they saw that they had been healed! (Take the bandages off the 10 and then move 9 of them away.)

One of these men, a Samaritan who the Jews hated, was so glad about being healed, that he turned around, thanking God. (Move 1 closer to Jesus and then put it face-down before Jesus.)

He bowed down at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. Then Jesus said to him: "Weren't there 10 of you who were healed? Where are the other 9? Has only the Samaritan come back to thank God? Stand up and go because your faith in God has healed you!"

The children now get a chance to reflect on the story:

1. I wonder how it must feel to have leprosy.
2. I wonder why only one of the men said thank you.
3. I wonder why the other 9 men did not come back.
4. I wonder what you are thankful for.



WORKING AND PLAYING TIME

- ✍ Concertina men or rectangular thankfulness concertina
- ✍ Make your own man with leprosy from a toilet roll.
- ✍ 10 Thankful fingers. Write in each finger something that you are thankful about. Younger children can simply draw pictures. The facilitator can also bring pictures or stickers that the children can use.

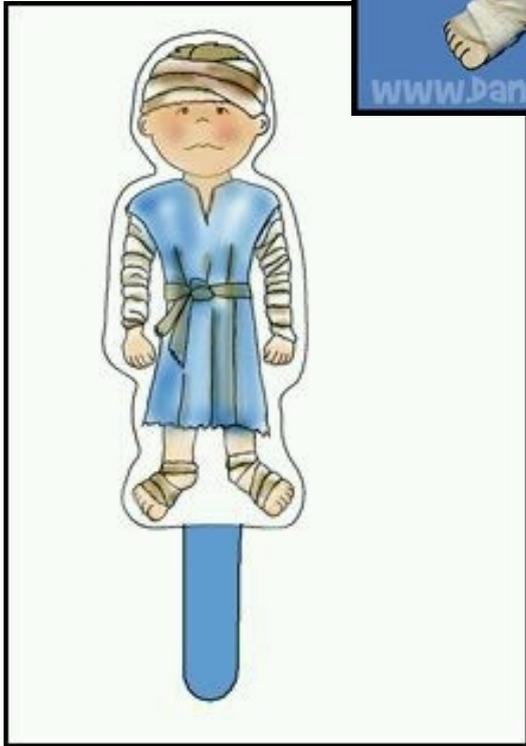
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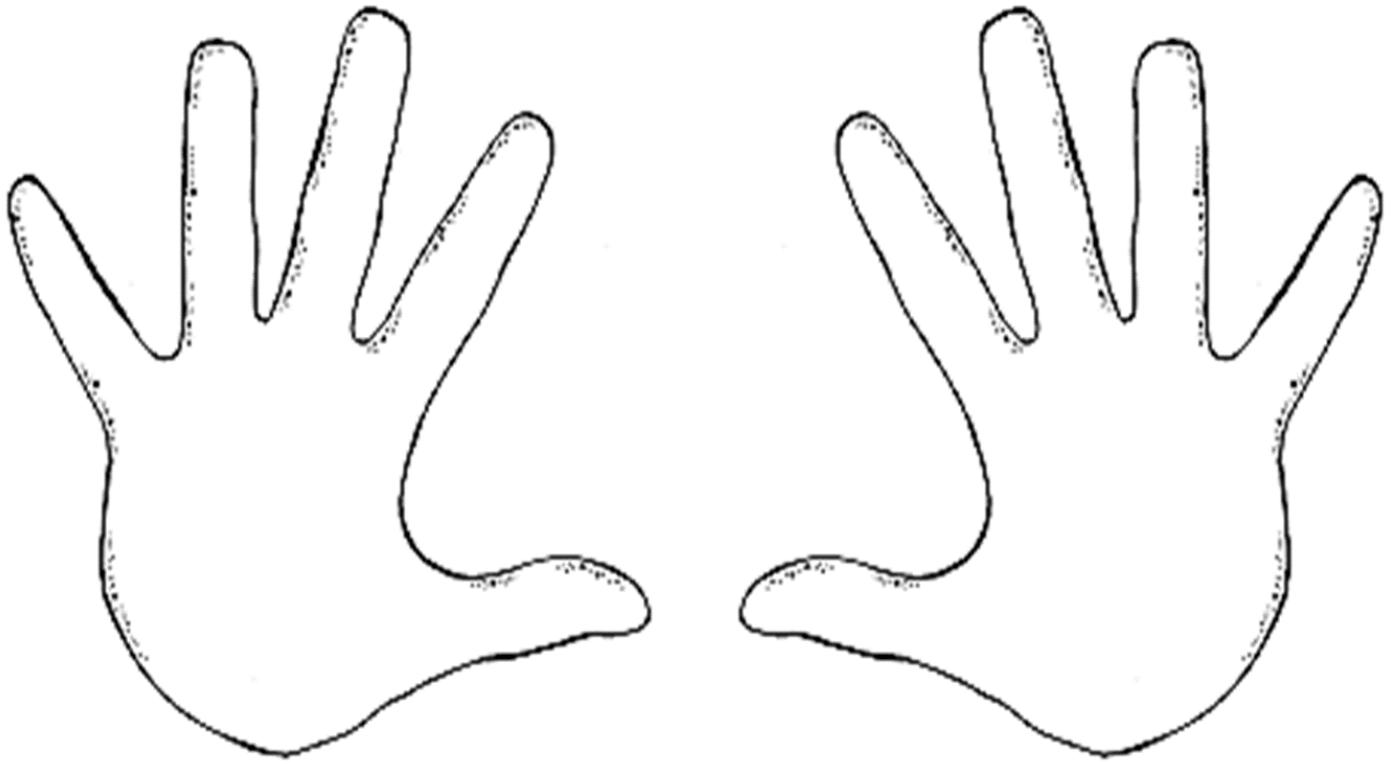
Close with the blessing as in session 21.



Luke 17:15: "One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice."

Blank rectangular box for writing.





Write in each finger something that you are thankful for.