

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for

Life of Christ

Ten Lepers meet

Luke 17:11-19

Younger Verse

Set an example for all believers. 1st Timothy 4:12

Older Verse

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1st Timothy 4:12

Welcome Time

Do you ever tell the kids that you are thankful that they are there? Today is a good day to remind them that you are soooo glad they are there.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

As Jesus was going to the town of Jerusalem, He met 10 people that had an awful skin disease. It was called leprosy. Leprosy causes the skin to be snowy white, like ashes. It causes your skin to deteriorate and can even cause fingers to drop off!

These men saw Jesus coming and began shouting to him, "Jesus, Master, help us."

Jesus simply told them to go to the priest and let him look at them. This sounds like a funny thing to say, but it was very important. Back then, a leper went to the priest when he was well. So, Jesus was telling them that they would be well if they believed Him and went to the priest.

All 10 trusted what Jesus said. They had faith in Jesus. They began walking to see the priest.

On the way, one of the men looked down and gasped. "Look!" he said excitedly. "My leprosy is gone!" Jesus made me well. They all realized that they were well. The lepers were so excited. No longer would they have to be outcasts from everyone. People would talk to them and they could live a normal life!

One man knew that he needed to thank Jesus for what He had done. He was so glad that he ran back to thank Jesus for making him well. Jesus was glad to see him but he also said, "Where are the other 9 people? Are you the only one who returned?" Jesus praised the man for coming back and told him that his faith in God had made him well. In Jesus' Greek language it says that his faith "saved" him.

What does it mean to have faith or be saved? Faith is believing and trusting God. It is believing that God is real even when we can't see Him or touch Him. When we have faith in Jesus, it means that we believe that Jesus is God's Son; that He died on a cross for all our sins; and that He came back to life 3 days later. We trust Jesus (are saved) by

Lesson Goals

Share how the 10 people had faith
Name one thing to be thankful for

asking Him to come into our hearts and live there. We tell Him we are sorry for our wrongs and we try to do right from now on. Do you believe in Jesus? Have you asked Him into your life? Would you like to do this today? Talk to me about it.

Learning Activities

Use the activities that will be helpful in teaching your kids.

Memory Verse Activities

Make up a chant to go with the verse (Remember the old cheers for V-I-C-T-O-R-Y) Or make up new songs! Have fun!

Prayer Time

Have each child complete the sentence: God, I am thankful for _____. Use this in your prayer time.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Be sure to thank the children as they help you clean up. Serve treats and thank them for coming today!

Planning for Oct. 10th
Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Luke 18:9-14

Preschool Lesson
for
Ten Lepers meet Jesus

As Jesus was going to the town of Jerusalem, He met 10 people that had an awful skin disease. (Count to ten with your fingers) It was called leprosy. Leprosy causes the skin to be snowy white, like ashes. (Sprinkle baby powder on your hand to show them what it looked like.)

These men saw Jesus coming and began shouting to him, "Jesus, Master, help us." (Shout it with your hand cupped around your mouth)

Jesus told them to go to the priest and let him look at them. This sounds like a funny thing to say, but it was very important. Back then, a leper went to the priest when he was well. So, Jesus was telling them that they would be well if they believed Him and went to the priest.

All 10 trusted what Jesus said. They had faith in Jesus. They began walking to see the priest. (Make walking noises) (quietly wipe off the powder)

On the way, one of the men looked down and gasped. "Look!" he said excitedly. "My leprosy is gone!" (show your hand) Jesus made me well. They all realized that they were well. The lepers were so excited.

One man knew that he needed to thank Jesus for what He had done. He was so glad that he ran back to thank Jesus for making him well. (Pretend like you are running) Jesus was glad to see him but he also said, "Where are the other 9 people? Are you the only one who came back?" Jesus thanked the man for coming back and told him that he was well because he believed in Jesus. Jesus loves us so much. He wants to help all the time. He wants us to thank Him too. What are some things we can thank Jesus for? (wait for responses)

Let's thank God for these things—say a prayer. Let the children pray little prayers too: "God, I thank you for _____."

Sing "One little, two little, three little lepers" to the tune of (One little, two little, three little Indians) Make up verses to go with the lesson.

Hands-on Activities for Ten Lepers meet Jesus

Act out the story. Bring baby powder. Pick 10 people to be the lepers. Sprinkle baby powder on their hands to give the effect of leprosy. Tell them to wipe it off as they are walking toward the priest. Everyone will want to act out the story!

Sing the song, "I have so much, so much, so much....to be thankful for." Give everyone a thank you note. Ask them to write a quick note to someone, thanking them for how much they have meant.

Play a sport with the kids. Then talk about how each team player must be faithful to his position and his team. If one person doesn't play his position, he will let others down and possibly lose the game. In life, we must be faithful to what God wants us to do. We must live our lives according to the ultimate playbook—the Bible.

Another issue in the story was the race of the man who said thank you. He was a Samaritan. That means he was only 1/2 a Jew (the same race as Jesus). The Jews did not like the Samaritans because they were not full Jews. In fact, they were ignored. People would walk around the Samaritan cities instead of going through the towns and coming in contact with them. The Jews discriminated against the Samaritans. In the story, Jesus is helping us see that we should not judge or discriminate against others that are different from us. He is helping us see that everyone is a person whom God loves and we must love too. Sometimes at school there are people we ignore or even discriminate against. It may not be someone of another race, it may be someone who looks different, talks funny, or dresses weird. We must be faithful to do what Jesus wants us to do. That means we must try to like them and accept them just as God accepts them. It also means that we cannot make fun of them or laugh behind their back. Ask each person to think, in their mind, of someone at school or in the apartments that they ignore. Ask them to make an effort this week to accept them just as Jesus does.

Give each person 10 craft popsicle sticks. Let them draw the 10 sad lepers on one side of the sticks. (You may want to glue small pieces of cotton on the stick for the leprosy or use white crayon.) Then let them draw 10 happy people on the other side of the sticks. Practice telling the story and acting it out with the 10 sticks.