

Only One Said Thanks

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Luke 17:11-19

Characters: Jesus, Ten lepers, The Samaritan

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JESUS WAS WALKING to Jerusalem when He heard voices calling from far away.

'JESUS! MASTER! PLEASE HELP US!'

Ten men stood far from the road. They had leprosy—a terrible skin disease. In those days, people with leprosy had to stay away from everyone else. They couldn't hug their families or go to church or walk through town. It was so lonely and sad.

Jesus saw them and called out, 'Go show yourselves to the priests!'

In Bible times, priests were the ones who could say, 'You're healed! You can go back to your normal life!'

The ten men started walking toward the priests. And as they walked... they looked at their hands. Their skin was clearing up! Their sores were disappearing! They were being HEALED!

'WE'RE HEALED! WE'RE HEALED!' They ran to find their families!

But wait. One of the men stopped. He turned around. He ran back to Jesus as fast as he could!

He fell down at Jesus' feet, crying with joy. 'THANK YOU! THANK YOU! PRAISE GOD!'

This man was a Samaritan—someone Jewish people usually didn't like.

Jesus looked around. 'Weren't there TEN men healed? Where are the other nine? Only this foreigner came back to say thank you?'

Then Jesus smiled at the man. 'Get up and go. Your faith has made you completely well.'

All ten were healed. But only ONE said thanks. Don't be like the nine! Always remember to thank God—and thank others—for the good things in your life!