

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

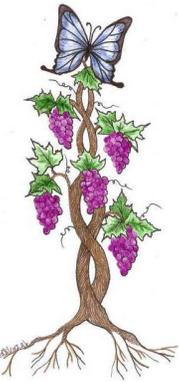
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2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19



Jesus Heals 10 Lepers

18th Sunday after Pentecost



A friend of ours recently had a baby and we sent them a gift for the new baby. Last week I received this "Thank You" card in the mail. Inside of the card it says, "Thank you so much for your gift. It was just what we needed for our new baby." You know, it really made me feel good that our friends took the time to send us a card to say, "Thank You." It lets me know that they were grateful.

It's nice to hear people tells us "thank you" isn't it? We all know that it's polite to say it, but unfortunately, we sometimes forget to say it. That is what happened in our Bible lesson today.

Our Bible story today is about ten lepers. Do you know what a leper is? No, it is not an animal with spots on it. That's a leopard! However, a leper does have spots. A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy. This disease causes sores all over the body. Sometimes, it could cause peoples toes, ears, or hands to fall right off. Leprosy was very common in Jesus' day, and people who had this disease were thought to be unclean. They were required to stay away from other people because of the fear that they might infect them with their disease. I imagine that made them feel very lonely.

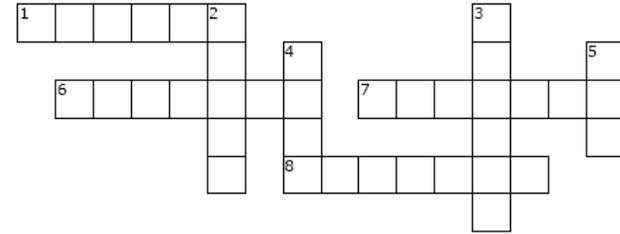
One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when he saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that he had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, he called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest." As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You." Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?" Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You" and was truly grateful for what Jesus had done.

God does so much for us! Every day God provides everything we need: food, clothing, a place to live, and people who love and care for us. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?" Let's stop right now and say "Thank You" and ask God to help us remember to have a heart of gratitude every day.

Gracious God, you give us everything we need, but we often forget to say "Thank You." We thank you now, and ask you to help us to remember to give thanks every day for all that you do for us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

*adapted from Sermons4Kids

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church
6. A community smaller in than a city
7. To rid of impurities by or as if by washing
8. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin

DOWN

2. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done
3. To honor, worship, and express admiration to God
4. To restore to health
5. The number equal to 7 + 3

thank	ten	cleanse	leprosy
praise	heal	priest	village

Activity: This week, show your gratitude for the people in your life. Make thank you cards for your mail person, your teacher, your siblings, your pastor, etc....to show them that you appreciate all that they do to make your life better.

Discussion Question: We often take for granted the little things in life. Clean clothes to wear, dinner on the table, a nice sunshiny day. Think about your day. Did you say thank you to God for waking you up this morning? This week, be mindful of all those little things and share your thoughts with your family at dinner time.

Family Table Prayer for October:

For football, pumpkins, and cooler weather

For hay rides and leaves that fall

Lord, we thank you for this family table, and for food that feeds us all. Amen.

October Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

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