

November 26-27, 2016

DATE

Thanksgiving: the 10 lepers

LESSON TITLE

Luke 17:11-19

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus wants us to give thanks!

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

## tips

During Large Group, make sure you're an active participant alongside kids! Sit next to them and react to the presenter in fun, engaging ways. Try to have as much, if not more, energy than the preschoolers!

## check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them what things they drew that they're thankful for!

## large group heads up

Today's story is about a guy who told Jesus "thank you." It's an important reminder that we need to thank God for everything he gives us!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up.
- While in line, play a simplified version of “Teacher, May I”:
  - Stand several feet away from the line of kids.
  - Let one kid at a time say, “May I take a step?” (If kids are old enough, let them ask for any number of steps, or baby/giant steps, etc.)
  - Say, “Yes you may.”
  - Give kids a moment to obey, then the kid must say “thank you”!
- Possible adaptation: If you don’t have enough time, let all kids obey the command, not just one.

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**



## instructions

**Goals:** Kids will (1) understand why a man thanked Jesus after being healed and (2) thank Jesus for everything he gives us!

**Why?** We want kids to think about ways they can show gratitude to Jesus during the Thanksgiving holiday. After all, Jesus asks us to give thanks in all things!

**Tip:** Share with kids what YOU'RE thankful for! It might help give them ideas and think of more things that they can thank Jesus for.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. When Jesus was traveling, who did he meet? (10 sick men/lepers.)
2. What did the sick men say to Jesus? (Jesus, feel sad for us, we are so sick!)
3. Was Jesus sad that the men were sick? (Yes.)
4. After the sick men did what Jesus said, what happened to them? (They were healed.)
5. How many men said "thank you" to Jesus? (One.)
6. Does Jesus want us to give thanks too? (Yes!)

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- **Say:** Jesus loves it when we say thank you. Let's practice doing our "Thank you" motion from Large Group, and tell Jesus what we're thankful for! (Demonstrate the motion again and have kids do it while saying different things they're thankful for, like family, friends, toys, food, pets, etc.)
- Put a **large sheet of tear-off paper** on the table or the floor, and set out **markers**. (You may need a few pieces of paper if you have a large group.)
- Have kids gather around the paper, and draw everything they are thankful for—small or large! Encourage them to try to fill up the **WHOLE** paper with as many things as they can think of!
- Display the paper in a prominent way, so parents see it when they pick kids up.
- Give each kid a **smiley face ring**, and remind them to tell Jesus "thank you" whenever they see it!

*Extra time? Have kids do a **coloring sheet**. After that, play the "Teacher, May I" game from Connect Time again.*

## special notes

Here's a video that shows a sign language motion we'll be doing at the end of Large Group.

<https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/THANK%20YOU/426/1>

## presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out, or do a fun motion. Every couple minutes try to give them a way to engage verbally or physically!

## script

### WELCOME AND INTRO

**Main Goal:** Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

**Notes:**

- **\*Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Have fun! (fall theme)**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

**INTRO: THE 10 LEPERS**

**Main Goal:** Understand who the 10 lepers were, and why they were sad and lonely.

- **(Image: Doctor)** Do you know what kind of person this is? (Let kids say: Doctor!) That's right, it's a doctor! If you've been sick before, raise your hand. (Let kids respond.) Yeah, we all get sick, including me! Being sick is not fun. Everybody make a sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **(Image: Sick man)** Well today, we're going to talk about 10 men who really were sick. Can everybody hold up 10 fingers? (Let kids hold up fingers.) Good job! But guess what? These 10 men didn't go to a doctor. They went to see Jesus!

**JESUS MEETS THE LEPERS**

**Main Goal:** See what happens when Jesus first meets the sick men.

- **Say:** Everybody stand up! I'm going to need you to do some actions to help me tell this story. (Let kids stand up.)
- **Say:** One day, Jesus was traveling to a town called Galilee. Everybody march in place! (Lead kids and march in place.) While he was traveling, ten men met him!
- **(Image of 10 men.)** These men had a disease called leprosy. They were very, VERY sick. They were so sick, in fact, that they couldn't go near other people. Everybody, take a giant step backwards (Lead kids in stepping backwards.) Good job. Now you can have a seat for this next part (Let kids sit.)
- **Say:** When Jesus saw these 10 men, they said to him, "Master, have pity on us!" which is kind of like saying, "Jesus! Be sad we are so sick!" Can you guys yell, "Jesus! Be sad!" (Let kids respond.) Now yell, "We are so sick!" (Let kids respond.) Good job.

**JESUS HEALS THE SICK MEN**

**Main Goal:** See how Jesus healed the sick men of their leprosy when they obeyed him!

- **Say:** Do you guys think Jesus was sad that the men were so sick? (Let kids respond.) He sure was. Remember, Jesus came to rescue us from all the sickness and sadness and awful things in the world.
- **Say:** Next, Jesus said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." So the men obeyed Jesus and started marching again. So everybody, stand up! Let's march! (Lead kids in marching in place. Feel free to weave around the room if you want. Keep marching in place as you continue.)
- **Say:** When the sick men did what Jesus told them to do...they realized--(stop abruptly)--they were healed! Say, "Wow! I'm all better!" (Let kids say: Wow, I'm all better!) Now let's jump for joy together! (Let kids respond.) Now have a seat. (Let kids sit.)

**THE SAMARITAN GIVES THANKS**

**Main Goal:** See how 1 man came back and gave thanks to Jesus.

- **(Image: One man)** After this, most of the men went on their way. But ONE man (hold up one finger) went back to Jesus. This man said, “Thank you!”, and he threw himself at Jesus’ feet. Everybody touch your feet! (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Jesus was sad that the other 9 men didn’t come back to say thank you. But he was SO happy that one of them DID come back!

**WE CAN GIVE THANKS TOO**

**Main Goal:** Understand how WE can give thanks to God too, and learn a motion to help us remember!

- **Say:** Guess what? Jesus wants US to give thanks to God too, because God gives us everything we need, and he takes care of us.
- **Say:** Let’s do a special motion that means, “Thank you.” Are you ready to learn it? (Let kids respond.) **(\*Video link of this motion is at beginning of script.)** Okay, put your fingers over your mouth, and then bring them down, so your whole hand is facing up, like *this!* (Demonstrate for kids, and repeat with them a few times while saying, “Thank you!”) Good job guys!
- **Say:** We can thank Jesus when he helps us feel better, or when he gives us food to eat, or for our favorite toy, or our friends. We can thank him on a good day, or on a bad day! We can also thank Jesus for rescuing us! Yay!

**WRAP UP AND WORSHIP**

**Main Goal:** Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

- **Pray (Breaking it into small, repeatable phrases):** Dear God. Thank you for taking care of us. Thank you for rescuing us. We love you. Aaa-men!
- **Set up worship:** My favorite way to show Jesus how thankful we are....is to worship him with singing and dancing! Let’s all stand up and worship him right now!
- **Song: Thank You Lord**
- **Music Video: Jesus Loves Me**
- **Song: Trust in the Lord**

# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

“Teacher May I” game - no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

**Per group:** Bible, markers, 1-2 large pieces of tear-off paper

**Per kid:** Coloring page, 1 smiley face ring (OT: IN-24/1164)

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## large group supplies

**Per Group:** Bible

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. HOPS Have fun! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwwV4tqG7o4&feature=youtu.be>)
3. Image: Doctor
4. Image: Sick man
5. Image: 10 men
6. Image: One man
7. Song: Thank You Lord (KC/SM media videos song>songs>songs with slides)
8. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tguQFR95Nms>)
9. Song: Trust in the Lord (KC/SM media videos song>songs>songs with slides)

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## connect questions

Tell me about the 10 lepers.  
How can we thank Jesus?

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