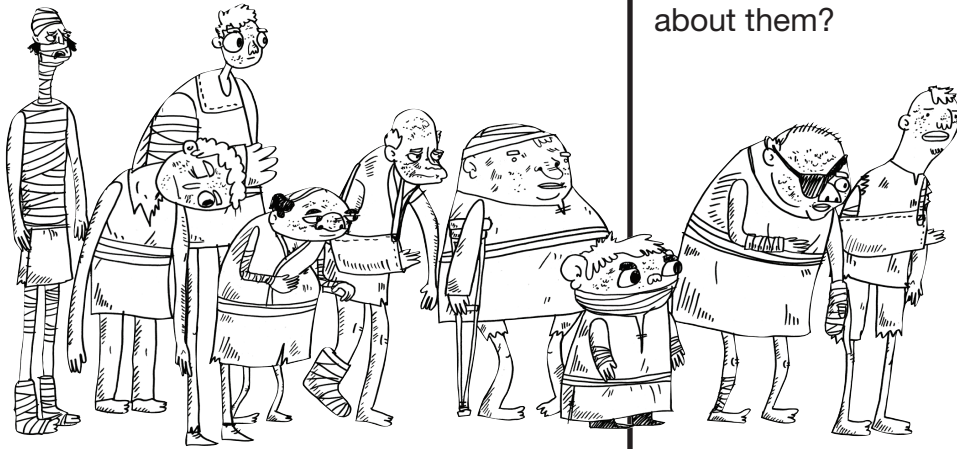


Ten Outcasts

Luke 17:11-19



Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?

The **lepers** were a group of people with undefined skin ailments. They were cast out of the community for being considered ritually unclean.

The **thankful leper** was a Samaritan man, which meant he was considered even more unclean than the rest.



People with leprosy were total outcasts in Jesus' day. There was no medical treatment, so they lived on their own, away from everyone else. Jesus crossed social boundaries to heal ten people with leprosy, but only one returned to say thank you. Jesus wondered why the others didn't return but praised the one for his gratitude.



Jesus healed the lepers as they went to show themselves to the priests. He blessed the Samaritan for recognizing what God had done.

About the Video

Ten lepers in need of healing saw Jesus. They went to him and asked to be made clean. When Jesus healed them, they continued to the temple to see the priests, but only the Samaritan returned to praise and give thanks to God. He received a special blessing from Jesus.

- Why do you think Jesus healed the lepers?
- Why do you think only one man returned to say thanks?
- When do you say thank you?

Try This!

Start a family gratitude journal. Each day, write down one thing you're thankful for. Offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for the things in your journal.

Prayer

Dear God, you have given us many gifts and talents. Help us wrap ourselves in gratitude by using them in ways that bring joy to others. Amen!