

Use Week of:

Unit 22 • Session 1

Jesus Healed Ten Men

BIBLE PASSAGE:

Luke 17

STORY POINT:

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KEY PASSAGE:

Isaiah 53:4-5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.



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LEADER Bible Study

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem when He stopped in a village. He was approached by ten men who had leprosy. The men didn't get too close because according to Jewish law, their disease meant they were unclean. Leviticus 13–14 details the law regarding skin diseases such as leprosy. A person had to go to a priest for a diagnosis, isolated himself from others, and then—after healing occurred—returned to the priest to be examined, cleansed, and restored to the community.

The men cried out to Jesus for mercy, and He commanded them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they went, Jesus miraculously healed them. This healing gave the men a new beginning. They would be able to return to their friends and family members. One of the men—a Samaritan among Jews—seeing that he was healed, returned to Jesus.

Luke tells us how this man responded: “He ... gave glory to God. He fell facedown at [Jesus'] feet, thanking him” (Luke 17:15-16). This humility and gratitude were evidences of faith. The man's response shows an understanding of God's mercy and goodness. Jesus declared, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you” (v. 19). This man was healed not just physically but spiritually.

The Bible says all of us have sinned. Our sin makes us unclean, but we can cry out to God like the men with leprosy: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” God hears our prayers and answers. (See Ps. 51:17.) The gospel welcomes everyone who turns from sin and trusts in Jesus.

As you teach kids, emphasize that when we trust in Jesus by faith, He heals us from something greater than a disease; He saves us from our sins. We can give Him thanks and worship Him for making us new.

The BIBLE Story

Jesus Healed Ten Men

Luke 17

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem when He entered a village. Ten men cried out to Him, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” The men did not come close to Jesus because they had a skin disease called *leprosy*.



Jesus saw them and said, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” Jesus wanted the men to follow the law God had given to Moses. The law said a person who had a skin disease had to go to a priest to be examined when the disease was gone. The priest and the person had to follow certain rules so the person could live a normal life among people again.

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One of the men, seeing that he was healed, went back to Jesus. He praised God and fell facedown at Jesus’ feet, thanking Him over and over. This man wasn’t a Jew; he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked the man, “Weren’t ten men cleansed? Where are the others?” Only this man—a foreigner—had returned to give thanks and praise to God.

Jesus told him, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.”

Christ Connection: Jesus healed the ten men who cried out to Him. The one who had faith was saved. When we trust in Jesus by faith, He heals us from something greater than a disease; He saves us from our sins. We can give Him thanks and worship Him for making us new.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Use people figures:** Display one figure for Jesus and ten figures for the men with leprosy. Move around the figures to reflect their movement during the story.
- **Vary your voice:** Use various voices for each speaker. Distinguish between Jesus, the group of men, and the one man who returned.

INTRODUCE the Story



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Welcome time

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group. Prompt kids to talk about a time they received something they really wanted. How did they react? Did they thank the person who gave it to them?

SAY • Sometimes, we forget to say thank you when someone does something kind or gives us a gift. Today we will talk about a time Jesus did something wonderful for ten men. How many do you think said thank you?

Activity page (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete the “Just One” activity page. Challenge the kids to figure out which picture is different from all the others.

SAY • At first, it may seem that all ten of those men in the picture are identical. But one is slightly different. In our story today, we will learn that Jesus healed ten men who all had the same disease. Of the ten, nine reacted to Jesus’ healing them the same way and one reacted differently.

- “Just One” activity page, 1 per kid
- pencils or markers

Session starter (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Spot the difference

Help the kids form pairs. Instruct each pair of kids to face and study each other. After a few moments, the kids will turn away from each other, and each kid will change one aspect of her appearance, such as untying a shoe, raising an eyebrow, removing glasses, and so forth. Then, the kids will turn to face each other again. The first kid in each pair who correctly identifies the change in her partner will move on to find another partner. The other kids will sit out.

SAY • That was tricky! In our story today, we will learn about a group of ten men who seemed pretty similar. All of them were suffering with the same skin disease. When Jesus healed them, it changed their lives! One man had an even bigger change in his life besides just being healed.

OPTION 2: Get-well-soon cards

Provide each kid with a sheet of heavyweight paper. Help the kids to fold the sheets in half to make cards. Instruct the kids to write kind messages inside the cards and draw pictures on the outside. You may choose to provide the kids with the names of people in your church who are sick, or you may encourage the kids to write the cards for someone else they know.

SAY • Writing a sweet card to people who are sick can be a great way to lift their spirits and help them trust God to help in hard times. Today we will learn about something Jesus did to help ten sick men.

**LOW
PREP**

- heavyweight paper
- markers or crayons
- pens or pencils

Note: Ensure you have permission from any people whose prayer needs you wish to share with the kids.

Transition to teach the story

TEACH the Story



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- room decorations
- Theme Background Slide (optional)

Suggested Theme Decorating Ideas: Decorate the room to look like an inventor's lab or workshop. Hang a pegboard with outlines where tools might hang. Place a table near the center of the stage, and add electronics components and supplies. You may also choose to display the theme background slide.

Countdown

- countdown video

Show the countdown video as you transition to teach the story. Set it to end as the session begins.

Introduce the session (3 minutes)

- leader attire

[Leader enters wearing safety glasses and casual clothing under a greasy apron or coveralls.]

LEADER • Hello there. Welcome to my workshop. I'm an inventor. My job is to look around at the world and see problems that don't have solutions. Then I come up with solutions.

For example, over hundreds of years ago, when the sun went down, there were pretty few options to light up a room. Large fires were too dangerous to use inside, and candles tended to be somewhat dim. In the late 1800s, electricity was being used

Tip: If you prefer not to use themed content or characters, adapt or omit this introduction.

for lots of different things, but it wasn't until 1879 that Thomas Edison patented a device that we'd recognize as a lightbulb. The problem was darkness; the solution was electric lighting.

That reminds me of Jesus. He is the solution to a different kind of darkness. And when He was on earth, many people realized He is the solution to other problems: sickness, disease, and other disorders. Let me tell you about it.

Big picture question (1 minute)

LEADER • As we talk about Jesus' wonderful healing miracles, let's focus on a big picture question: *Why did God create people?* Understanding why God made us will help us live for Him and understand why Jesus loves people. We'll review the answer later.

Giant timeline (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

• Giant Timeline

LEADER • In the beginning, God created everything, and everything was perfect. Part of God's perfect creation was a man, Adam, and a woman, Eve. Sadly, they chose to disobey God, and ever since then the world has been broken by sin. Thankfully, God had a wonderful plan to fix sin. God sent Jesus.

When Jesus was grown, He began His ministry. He traveled around healing, doing miracles, and teaching people about God. For the next few weeks, we will look closely at the wonderful ways Jesus healed people. Our story this week is called "Jesus Healed Ten Men."

- Bibles
- “Jesus Healed Ten Men” video
- Big Picture Question Poster
- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Story Point Poster

Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Luke 17. Use the Bible storytelling tips on the Bible story page to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Jesus Healed Ten Men.”

LEADER • Jesus healed ten men, and one was saved. It’s important to see that the man who was healed and saved didn’t earn salvation by returning to say thank you. Jesus said it was his faith that saved him. That man understood that Jesus had healed them, and he had faith in Jesus.

It is also important to note that Jesus did not take away the healing from the men who didn’t worship God or come say thank you. Jesus’ love doesn’t depend on whether or not we love Him. He didn’t wait for the men to worship Him before offering healing. This can help us understand how we ought to respond to Jesus.

The gift of salvation is given to everyone who has faith. We don’t have to earn it by doing good deeds or worshiping God. However, when God saves us by grace through faith, our hearts are transformed, and we become people who love and worship God. The Holy Spirit helps us love and obey God. He guides us to make good choices.

In fact, worshiping God is what we were made to do. We cannot experience the best God has to offer unless we are worshiping Him and living for His glory. That brings us to our big picture question and helps us see the answer. ***Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.***

Christ connection

LEADER • Jesus healed the ten men who cried out to Him. The one who had faith was saved. When we trust in Jesus by faith, He heals us from something greater than a disease; He saves us from our sins. We can give Him thanks and worship Him for making us new.

Worshipping Jesus is something we were made to do. Before we have salvation, we cannot worship God, but when we are saved by grace through faith, our hearts transform. We begin to love and worship God. Everything we do can be worship if we do it with hearts that love God and want to glorify Him.

Note: You may use this opportunity to use Scripture and the guide provided to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.

Questions from kids video (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 22, Session 1” questions from kids video. Prompt kids to think about why God wants us to worship Him. Guide them to discuss what traits of God fill them with love and praise for God.

• “Unit 22, Session 1”
Questions from Kids
video



Missions moment (3 minutes)

Play the “Introduction to Amy Carmichael” missions video.

LEADER • A long time ago, a missionary named Amy Carmichael saw many people who—like the ten men with the skin disease—needed to be healed. She knew that **Jesus healed ten men, and one was saved**. Amy wanted the people around her to have their bodies healed, but also be saved from their sin by trusting in Jesus as Savior.

Close in prayer, thanking God for missionaries like Amy Carmichael and any missionaries your church supports.

• “Introduction to
Amy Carmichael”
missions video

- Key Passage Poster
- “By His Wounds (Isaiah 53:4-5)” song

Key passage (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead the boys and girls to read together Isaiah 53:4-5. Then sing the key passage song.

LEADER • This key passage teaches us that long before Jesus came to earth as a human prophets spoke about Him as a healer. When Jesus was on earth healing people, He was proving who He is: the Messiah. When Jesus died on the cross, He did the most important healing: He made the way for us to be saved from sin and healed from the damage sin causes in our lives.

Sing (4 minutes)

- “Miracle Maker” song

LEADER • Jesus is our Healer. He works miracles in our lives to save us from sin and heal us from the damage sin causes. Let’s praise Him like we were created to do.

Sing together “Miracle Maker.”

Pray (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before dismissing to apply the story.

LEADER • Father, thank You for sending Jesus. Help us love You and obey You. Thank You that we can be saved from sin by faith and healed from the damage sin causes. Amen.

Dismiss to apply the story

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now!* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.

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Key passage activity (5 minutes)

- Key Passage Poster
- “Key Passage Bandages” printable.
- scissors
- tape

Print the “Key Passage Bandages” printable and cut apart each bandage. Use a small bit of tape on the back of each to make them adhesive. You may choose to make more than one set for larger groups. Provide each kid with a bandage and challenge kids to place the key passage in the correct order by sticking their bandages to a focal wall.

SAY • The prophet Isaiah wrote these words about Jesus hundreds of years before Jesus was born. This passage tells us that Jesus would take on our sickness and bring us healing. Jesus healed people from disease and died on the cross to remove our sin and heal us from the damage sin causes.

Discussion & Bible skills (10 minutes)

- Bibles, 1 per kid
- Story Point Poster
- Small Group Timeline and Map Set (005802970, optional)

Distribute a Bible to each kid. Help kids find Luke 17 using a table of contents, if needed. Remind the kids how to use the large chapter and small verse numbers. Ask a volunteer to explain which New Testament division Luke is in and what that division contains. (*Gospels; the stories of Jesus’ ministry on earth including His death and resurrection*) Invite a strong reader to read Luke 17:17-19.

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

1. How many men did Jesus heal of leprosy? (*ten, Luke 17:17*)
2. How many returned to praise Jesus and thank Him? (*one, Luke 17:15-16*)
3. Why did Jesus say the one Samaritan was saved? (*because of his faith, Luke 17:19*)
4. Do you feel more like the man who thanked Jesus, or the nine who did not? *Encourage kids to share their thoughts and try to answer honestly. Be prepared to share your own experience of times you honored God for His goodness and times you struggled to. Help kids to see that our sinful hearts often take God's goodness for granted. We expect only good and forget that God can use hard times for His glory.*
5. How do you show God you are thankful to Him? *Guide kids to discuss the different ways we can give thanks to, glorify, and honor God. Help them see that we can worship God in our words and with our actions. Remind them that obedience to God, parents, and teachers is a great way to show God you trust and love Him. We can also show His love to others.*
6. When might it be difficult to show God you love Him and are thankful? *Help kids see that when we are in the midst of difficult times, such as when we are sick or in pain, we might find it difficult to see God's work around us. Encourage kids that everything God does is for His glory and our good, even in the middle of difficult or sad circumstances.*

SAY • Jesus healed ten men, and one was saved. The man who was saved had faith in Jesus and glorified God for what He had done. We can glorify God too.

Option: Retell or review the Bible story using the bolded text of the Bible story script.

LOW PREP

- “Types of Houses” printable
- tape

Tip: Use this activity option to reinforce the missions moment found in Teach the Story.

- felt
- scissors
- markers
- adhesive magnets

Activity choice (10 minutes)



OPTION 1: Dream house

Print the “Types of Houses” printable. Tape the pages around the room. Invite kids to walk around the room, look at each house, and then stand next to the one they would choose to live in. Ask why they would like to live in that particular house. Stand next to the rundown shack. Ask kids if they would be willing to go where God wanted them to go, even if it meant living in a house that isn’t very nice.

SAY • We don’t often choose difficult things if we have the option for nice things. Missionary Amy Carmichael chose to live in very difficult places. She wanted to live very close to the people she was trying to help. She started Bible studies in the places she lived. God used Amy Carmichael to lead people to Jesus.

As you grow and become more like Jesus, He will change your heart to want to obey Him and go where He wants you to go, even if it’s somewhere difficult or uncomfortable. You can be a part of God’s mission to share the gospel with the whole world!

OPTION 2: Stuck on Jesus

Provide each kid with a 2-by-4-inch piece of felt. Instruct the kids to draw a bandage shape and cut it out. Help the kids attach an adhesive magnet to the back of their bandages. Then, ask the kids to write *Jesus heals* on their bandages.

SAY • **Jesus healed ten men, and one was saved.** When a person believes that Jesus died on the cross for her sin and rose from the dead, she is saved. When we are saved, God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us love

and obey God. Over time, Jesus heals the damage sin causes in our lives. Although physical healing is a blessing, being saved from sin and healed of the damage it causes is the best thing we can receive from Jesus.

Reflection and prayer (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Whom can I tell about this story?

Make sure to send the sheets home with kids alongside the activity page so that parents can see what their kids have been learning.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page provided with this session. Pray for your group.

- pencils and crayons
- paper
- Bible Story Coloring Page, 1 per kid

Tip: Give parents this week's *Big Picture Cards for Families* to allow families to interact with the biblical content at home.