



Jesus Healed Ten Men

Luke 17:11-19 | Winter Unit 2 Session 5

Wednesday 25th and Sunday 29th

Unit Verse

Jesus said, "I came to do God's work." John 6:38

Life Point

Jesus is powerful because He is God's son.

Level of Biblical Learning

Jesus performed miracles

Devotion

Thankfully, today leprosy has become very rare. Scientists and the medical community have discovered that leprosy is caused by bacteria which affects the body's nerves, skin, eyes, and more. This discovery has led experts to develop medicines that combat the disease.

During Bible times leprosy was an incurable, progressive, and painful disease. People thought the disease was highly contagious. Anyone who had the disease was considered unclean and therefore unable to attend worship gatherings. Additionally, infected people could not live near other people—literally forcing any afflicted person to live days, months, and years outside the city walls.

Jesus not only came close to persons with leprosy, but He cured 10 men who had the disease. As soon as the men obeyed Jesus' command, they received healing. Jesus showed God's power by healing leprosy and other sicknesses.

Equally powerful, Jesus showed care for people whom others ran from and rejected. God—and His Son, Jesus—does not have favorites (Acts 10:34). God loves everyone, and He sent Jesus to save all people from sin.

Though Jesus still does miracles today, there is no formula for talking with God that guarantees healing from illness. We know that God does not cure all persons this side of heaven. You and many of the children you teach may have prayed fervently for parents, friends, or other loved ones who were sick but still lost them to the illness.

We can take comfort in the fact that we have a Savior who knows personally the sting of disease, pain, suffering, and death that are part of this sin-bent world. These make God sad, too.

Have you found verses in Scripture that help and encourage you? Allow God to help you show His love to hurting people. Maybe you can share encouraging verses that sustain you.

What actions can children take to show care to people who are sick? What actions show God's care to someone who has lost a friend or family member to death?