



# Luke

## Jesus Heals Ten Men

**Lesson Objective:** Jesus is our Healer and we are grateful to Him.

**Arrival:** *First Aid Relay*

Supplies: pencils; 2 empty first aid kits or pencil boxes; 2 sets, various medical supplies - gauze pads, adhesive bandages, antiseptic wipes, antibiotic ointment, tongue depressors, instant cold packs, thermometers, plastic non-latex gloves, etc.

Prepare two copies of a “First Aid Scramble” list – a scrambled word list of the supplies you have. Arrange medical supplies in a central location on the floor or on a table. Form two teams. Give each team a pencil, empty first aid kit, and a scrambled first aid supply list. Challenge teams to unscramble the names of supplies they might find in a first aid kit. When finished unscrambling a supply name, a player from the team may collect that supply and place it in the team’s first aid kit. The first team to unscramble the list and collect the supplies wins.

**Connect To activity to the lesson:** In what circumstances is a first aid kit useful? Where do you go when you need more help than a first aid kit provides? A lot of injuries and common illnesses can be treated with things we find at home or in a first aid kit. In the Bible story we will hear today, ten men needed healing. So they called out to Jesus. Listen carefully to hear what Jesus did.

**WORSHIP** - Choose 2-3 songs to worship together as a family.

### **Introduction:**

Have you ever needed healing for an injury or an illness? Maybe you or someone you know had something wrong with them that the doctor could not help with. In Jesus’ time, there was little doctors could do for people; sometimes they could do nothing at all. But Jesus, Our Great Physician, can heal all our sicknesses and diseases! Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem when He stopped in a village where 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, isolate himself from others, and then—after healing occurred—return 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. Let’s find out what happened after they obeyed Jesus’ instructions.

### **VIDEO: “Jesus Heals Ten Men” – (Video Transcript)**

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. As they went, the ten men were miraculously healed.

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.*

**Read - Luke 17**

**Debrief:**

**What did the man who was healed realize about Jesus?** *(He returned to thank Jesus. The man recognized that Jesus had healed him, and he praised God.)*

**How should our lives change when we trust in Jesus for salvation?** *(Regardless of their outward behavior, people who do not trust in Jesus are guilty before Him. Those who trust in Him are declared righteous and have complete forgiveness and eternal life. Help kids identify that a believer’s life should be marked by gratitude and worship for what Jesus has done.)*

**What should we do when good things happen? What should we do when bad things happen?** *(When we experience God’s grace, the best way to respond is with worship, thanking Him for what He has done. We might not understand why something bad happens, but we can trust that God is in control and does everything for His glory and our good.)*

**Apply the Story:**

As the ten men made their way to the priest, 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 all people who turn from their sin and trust in Jesus. 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.

**Momentum Moment:** *Thank-you Notes*

Supplies: construction paper; crayons or markers; scissors; glue; art supplies - stickers, washi tape, googly eyes, etc. Distribute construction paper and art supplies. Instruct kids to fold the construction paper to make cards. Kids may use various art supplies to decorate their cards. Suggest kids write a thank-you note to God for the wonderful things He has done. Emphasize that God is good, and He gives good gifts. The Bible says that every good gift comes from Him. Sometimes God blesses us through the generosity of others. Explain to kids that writing thank-you notes to people who have given them a gift is a way to practice gratefulness. Emphasize that the gift may be a physical gift—like a toy or game—or it may be something like words of encouragement, support, or friendship. Practice gratefulness every day! In all things, we can thank God for His love and care. God’s greatest gift to us is His Son, Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again so we can have forgiveness and life with God forever.

**Close with a prayer:** Let each person take a moment to say a one sentence prayer.