



SUMMER STORIES OF JESUS JR/SR.: Jesus Heals Ten Lepers and One is Thankful

Date: Sunday August 9, 2026 **Teachers:** Brittany G (lead) Dana H (co-lead), Denzil (lead)

BIBLE VERSE: Luke 17:11-19 **KEY PASSAGE:** Hebrews 1:3

Props: ** from home: bring in a bell of some sort to ring, **(Dana)/** bring in a bucket, sponges, and cups **(Brittany)**

INTRO BIBLE STORY COMBINED materials: (whiteboard/marker, paper, map of the world on the wall) *Denzil*

This summer our Stories of Jesus series has been highlighting stories that reflect the character of Jesus. When we look at Jesus we are able to see God. Jesus is God the son.

Have you ever been to another country? (ask kids to share-write down places on board) (share where you have been) Do you know that every country has something called an ambassador. When they come from that country (ie. Nigeria, India, Greece) they represent that country to the land they are in. They show us what that country is like. Jesus shows us what God is like and what the realm of God is like. He is more than just an ambassador though Jesus is God the Son and when we look at Jesus we see God!

In our story today there is another example of Representation, Leprosy is a bad disease that people could get thousands of years ago and it eats away at the body. Sin is like leprosy; it eats away at how God made us and the good world that God made. That's why Jesus needed to come and rescue us through Christ's life, death and resurrection, the power of sin is defeated and we are made clean.

BIBLE STORY VIDEO: JESUS HEALS 10 Lepers 1 is Thankful!

KEY PASSAGE VERSE:

Brittany

(write out the verse leaving the underlined blank and when you ring the bell-see who the first person who can stand up and shouts the answer is) **"I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live, even though he will die."** John 11:25

SING A SONG: I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Dana

REVIEW BIBLE STORY:

Denzil

Jesus and his disciples were headed to what city (Jerusalem)

If you had leprosy in the time that the Bible was written, you were call UN_____ (clean)

(extra points....what did they have to do to let people know they were coming (carried in video) (ring a bell) How many men had leprosy?

Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the ? (Priest)

How many men came back to thank Jesus? (one)

What did the man say to Jesus? (thanked him and said He was the Messiah)

What does this show us about Jesus? (kids can answer, but encourage them to see that He is Powerful and loving and He shows us what His kingdom is like).

OBJECT LESSON: “ring the bell-give thanks” materials: (bell from home)**

Dana

Leprosy was a terrible disease in history because of its destructive nature to the body...eating away at it. Lepers were unclean and had to yell “unclean!” OR ring a bell when they are in public. Everything that they touched was unclean. Jesus brought God’s realm to earth where everything He touched He made clean. Bodies and hearts. Sin is like leprosy; it eats away at our humanity, through Christ’s life, death and resurrection, the power of sin is defeated and we are made clean. Only one leper was thankful, only one didn’t believe he was owed this by God and gratitude flooded his heart and came out as action. We are going to do an activity together and we are going to pass around the bell and you are going to share something you are thankful for that God has done!

PRAY: Jesus’ healed people to point to the fact that his kingdom is one of life and wholeness, we can still pray for healing today, but we also know that the world is broken and that the most important healing isn’t one of bodies but of our hearts which are disconnected from our creator, Jesus came and rescued the world to restore our hearts. Let’s pray for people we know who are sick or distressed (write out names)

ACTIVITY: ““Jesus makes us clean” materials: (bucket from home, 2 clean sponges, water, 2 cups)** *Brittany*

Jesus’ came and brought his kingdom to earth. He made the sick well, the dead alive, the mean greedy people generous and the unclean clean. We use water to clean us, but Jesus cleans by giving us Himself. Whatever Jesus touches He makes new. He has done that with our hearts and He will do that with all of creation. Have a relay and have kids go back and forth squeezing water from the sponges into the cups.

GROUP GAME “IT” materials: (none)

Denzil

When Jesus the Messiah (messiah means Saviour- the long promised one) came to earth He brought his kingdom so that everything that Jesus touched part of who He was (life & love) transformed whatever He touched. Only one leper came back thankful, when we are not thankful for what God has done and has given, we act like we deserved it, Jesus touches our hearts and makes us clean and transforms our “we deserve it” hearts and makes us thankful. We are going to play tag and part of your hand is going to touch a friend and if you touch them they are it.

COLOURING SHEET/ SNACK: