Bible Story: Ten Men Healed

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- 1. Read the Bible story in the Spark Story Bible on pages 390-393.
- 2. Answer the following questions:

a. What was special about the man who thank Jesus in the story?

Leprosy is a horrible disease, and it's highly contagious. In Jesus' time, there was no cure or treatment for it, so people who had leprosy, called "lepers," had to leave town and gather together to live in colonies. They were outcasts. But Jesus reached out to them, and he healed them. The other nine men were so excited to be healed that they forgot to come back and say thanks. Only one man stopped to thank Jesus. But there is something else that is special about that man. Do you know what it was? [pause] That's right, he was a foreigner, a Samaritan. In Jesus' time, Samaritans and Jews did not associate with each other or even talk to one another. But Jesus didn't care about social rules like that. Jesus crossed many boundaries because he loved all people.

Activity: Picture Perfect

We have an illustration to retell the story of Ten Men Healed. [Hold up a Picture-Perfect Puzzle.] But something's wrong with it. The pieces are all mixed up and in the wrong order. Let's see if you can put it in right order.

- 1. Color the picture.
- 2. Cut out each square.
- 3. Arrange the pieces in the correct order.
- 4. When you think you have it all right, retell your parents or siblings the story, using your picture puzzle to guide you.

You fixed that picture, just like Jesus healed those ten men! And you know the story really well now! You did a great job!

Activity: Ten Hidden Pictures

We have a hidden-picture puzzle to figure out today! Do you remember how many men Jesus healed? That's right, ten! And there are ten things hidden in our picture for you to find.

- 1. Grab a copy of the Ten Thanks Hidden Pictures and something to write with.
- 2. When you find one of the hidden items, you can circle it.
- 3. If you find all ten before your siblings finish, you can use the crayons (or markers) to color the picture.

Great job finding the hidden pictures! There is a bit more to the puzzle, though. The ten hidden pictures are ten different things we can thank Jesus for; let's figure out what they might be.

- 4. Flip over your Ten Thanks Hidden Pictures page; here you will see a table with the 10 items you should have found in your picture.
- 5. Next to each word, write what each of these pictures might represent as something we could thank Jesus for.
- 6. Let's look at the first one: a book; this book could remind us to thank Jesus for our teachers, or for school, or even for the Bible.
- 7. Fill in the rest of the table of things we can thank Jesus for in our lives.

Hidden Item	What We Can Thank Jesus For
Book	Teacher, school, the Bible
Heart	
House	
Raindrop	
Dog	
Sun	
Adult	
Kid	
Cross	
Chicken drumstick	

There is a lot that we can thank Jesus for, isn't there? Thank you, Jesus!

Let us pray: Dear God, For sunny days and rainy days, Thank you, God! For food to eat and friends to meet, Thank you, God! For families and homes so dear, Thank you, God! For hands and eyes and noses and ears, Thank you, God! Amen.