

## READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

### Ten Men Healed

from Luke 17:11-19.

#### Thank God for healing!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Toes
- Jesus
- Ten men
- Leprosy
- Thank you!

In the Bible, leprosy describes any skin condition. People with leprosy had to live outside the community to prevent the spread of disease and because they were considered "unclean" by religious authorities.

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 390-393

*Spark Bible* page 1156

#### Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for all of the wonderful things in our lives. Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_.

(Go around your family circle and list as many things as you can!) **AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 What does it mean to be thankful? How do you show your thankfulness?
- 2 How can we thank God?
- 3 Tell about a time when you forgot to say thank you.
- 4 Take turns rolling a die and listing that number of things that you are thankful for.



#### Eye Spark

Watch for the words "thank you" when you are out and about. Where do you see them?



#### Ear Spark

When you hear the words "thank you," remember how important it is to say "thank you" to God!

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Make some thank you notes together. Use simple craft supplies or computer templates to create your own thank you notes to use as the occasion presents itself. Place them in a box or drawer with pens and your address book so that things are all ready when you need to use them.

### For younger kids

Practice saying *thank you* with American Sign Language. Place the fingertips of an open hand to your lips, then move the hand out and down.

### For older kids

Use the Internet to find out how to say *thank you* in a variety of languages. Teach others in your family how to say *thank you* in other languages.

## TRY IT

### Art

Think together as a family about a person you are thankful for. Write a letter telling all the reasons you are thankful for this person. Be specific. Then, make a simple art project to share with this person. As a family, schedule an in-person visit with the recipient. Read them your gratitude letter and present them with your art.

### Bible Skills and Games

Make this week “Hug Week” at your home, and make sure to give each person in your family a hug every day. Hugs heal!

### Computer Lab

Go overboard with the “thanks” for one day. Thank the cat, the dog, your baby brother! Write a thank-you message on the computer and make copies to hide throughout your home. Try to out-do each other in giving thanks! Don’t forget to thank God for all the many blessings in your life!

### Cooking

Go out to a favorite restaurant as a family. Give thanks to all of the people who serve you: hosts, table bussers, and servers. Even send thanks to the cooks in the kitchen! Before you eat, be sure to give thanks to God for the food and for the people who grew and delivered it.

### Creative Drama

Go on a gratitude walk. Take a walk together and stop to give God thanks for each wonderful thing you observe. Include people as well as things. Say a prayer of thanksgiving together at the end. Wherever you go throughout the week, try to continue looking at the world around you with cheerfulness and thanks.

### Music

Use a hymnal, an online search engine, or your own memories to find a few Christian songs that talk about being faithful. Listen to one of these songs each day this week at the same time — before bed, at the dinner table, whenever you choose!

### Science

Brainstorm a list of germ-busting habits and make some good habit awards. Every time a family member sees another doing a germ buster, they can give a good habit award. Sample healthy habits include: leaving shoes by the door, throwing away used tissues, washing your hands before eating or drinking, and leaning up spills or dropped food.

### Video

Watch a film that portrays the value of appreciating each other and working together in a community. Some suggestions: *The Ant Bully*, *Finding Nemo*, *Veggie Tales: A Snoodle’s Tale*, *Holes*, *Remember the Titans*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Bolt*, *A Bug’s Life*, *Penelope*. After the movie, do something together as a family and take time to appreciate everyone’s contributions.