

SMALL GROUP



HOW CAN WE SHOW GRATITUDE WE'RE THANKFUL?

Bible

Luke 17:15-19 15 When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine? Didn't anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Digging Deeper

In the Bible times of the story we heard today, there was no cure for the skin disease the men had. It was one of the worst things that could happen to a person. When Jesus healed the ten men, He instantly changed their lives completely. He turned just another bad day into the best day ever! And yet, only one person made the choice to say thank you.

Optional Video:

<https://streamable.com/1m3yss>



We can give our praise to God!

Real Talk

- How do you think The One man who was healed from leprosy felt as he came back to thank Jesus?
- We can't know for sure why all ten of the men who were healed did not come back and thank Jesus, but what are some reasons you can think of?
- What are some reasons we don't tell others thank you?
- Why do we sometimes forget to thank God?
- What can you learn about gratitude from this story?

SHOUT IT OUT! I GRATITUDE

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Activity

NO THUMBS

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the campers to hold their thumbs tightly to the side of their hands.
- Wrap first aid tape around the palms of each of the camper's hands so that their fingers can move, but they can't use their thumbs.
- "What are some things that would be difficult or impossible to do if you couldn't use your thumbs?"
- Set out the paper, marker, coins, and paper clip.
- Challenge the campers to do some simple tasks such as the ones suggested below.

1. Write their name on a sheet of paper
2. Pick up pennies
3. Shake someone's hand
4. Put a paper clip onto a sheet of paper
5. Wad up a sheet of paper
6. Fold a sheet of paper three times
7. Unwrap campers' hands and give them time to complete the same tasks.
8. Invite campers to share about the difference.

Once your activity is done:

- Sometimes we take simple things for granted like the use of our thumbs. I bet those simple tasks felt a whole lot simpler when you had the use of your thumbs.
- What if you had a serious sickness for a long time and then suddenly you DIDN'T?



Get outside! Stop and smell the roses might sound like a cliché, but there's real truth in how helpful getting outside can be, especially in how it can help our mood. Whether it's going for a walk with a family member or friends, or just going outside of where you live, take some time to get outside and find 3 small items to collect. Maybe they're things you see often and love, or maybe they're things you've never noticed before that grab your attention. When practicing gratitude, sometimes it helps to look at the small details and not get caught up in the big picture. Tape or bring your three small items into your Take Action Playbill and show your crew leader tomorrow.

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