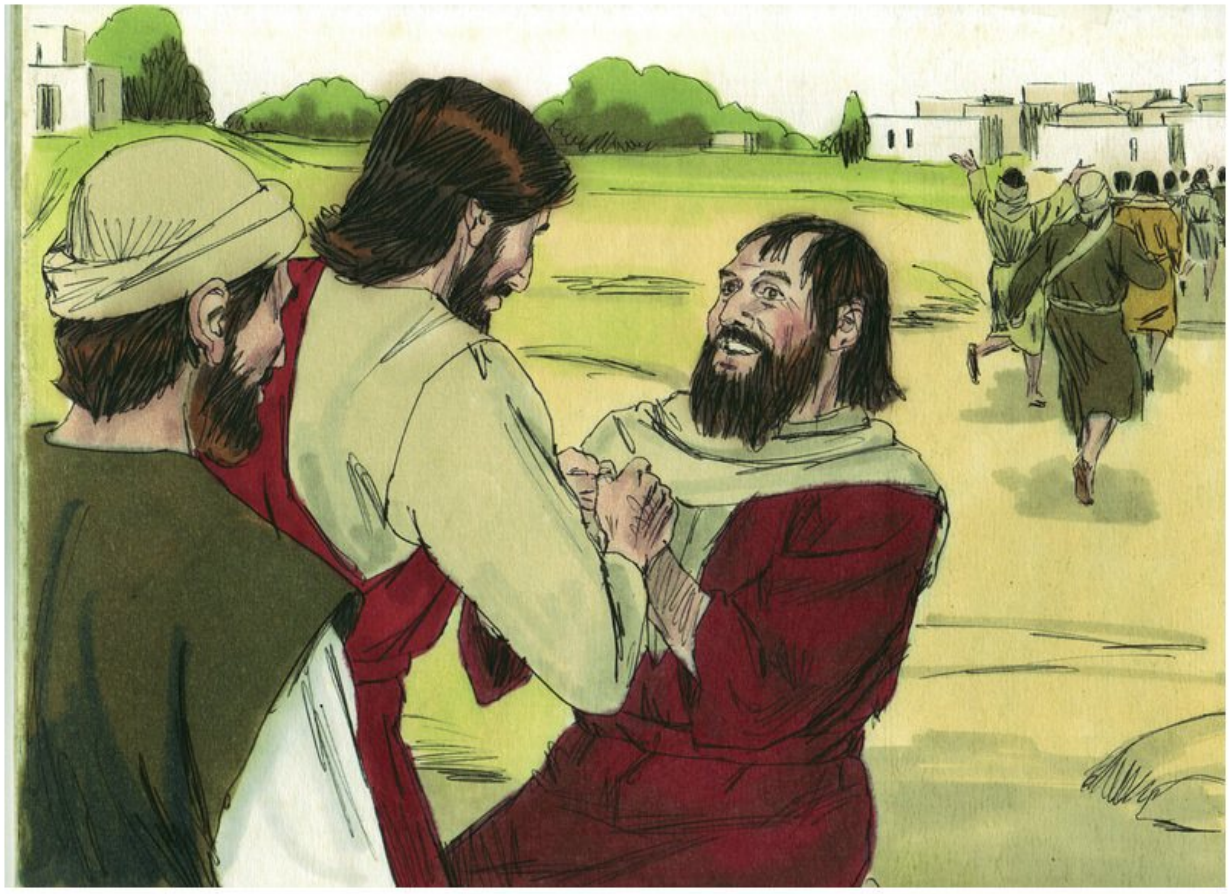
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One Man Comes Back to Say Thank You

Luke 17:11-19



YOUR BIBLE READING

Gratitude notices kindness and returns thanks.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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EXTENDED ENGLISH READING • PAGE 1 OF 2

Ten Voices Asking for Mercy

Luke 17:11-19



Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, traveling along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men who had a serious skin disease met him. They stood at a distance and raised their voices together. They called Jesus their Master and asked him to have mercy on them. Their request was simple, and their shared need brought their voices together.

The old word used for their illness covered skin conditions that cannot always be matched exactly to a modern diagnosis. The story does not say that their sickness came from bad choices or that it made them less worthy of care. It shows ten people living with a difficult condition and asking for help. Jesus noticed them where they stood instead of passing without responding to their call.

Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priests. In the law and customs of their community, priests had a role in recognizing when such a condition had changed. Jesus' instruction gave the men something specific to do. Luke does not describe them being healed before they set off. The next part of the account happens while they are already on their way.

As the men went, they were healed. All ten who had asked for mercy received it. The change did not happen to only the person who would later return, and Luke does not suggest that Jesus withheld help from the others. The ten had shared one request and one remarkable gift. What they did after noticing that gift would become the next important part of the story. Their journey toward healing had begun with being noticed and receiving a direction to follow.

Remember: Remember to thank God and people who help you.

EXTENDED ENGLISH READING • PAGE 2 OF 2

One Voice Returning with Thanks

Luke 17:11-19



One of the men saw that he had been healed and turned back. He praised God in a loud voice. The voice that had joined a request from far away now expressed gratitude. He came to Jesus, bowed with his face toward the ground at Jesus' feet, and thanked him. Luke draws our attention to the man's actions: noticing, returning, praising, and giving thanks.

The man was a Samaritan. Jesus was Jewish, and there were old divisions between Jewish and Samaritan communities. That difference matters in the story because the grateful person came from a community others might have treated as an outsider. Jesus had shown him mercy along with the other men, and the man's response became a picture of gratitude that the listeners were invited to notice.

Jesus asked whether all ten had been healed and where the other nine were. He pointed out that this man had returned to give glory to God. Jesus then told him to get up and go, recognizing his faith. Luke does not explain where the other nine went or give their reasons. We do not need to invent their thoughts in order to understand the importance of this return.

The man's healing was a gift, and his thanksgiving was a response to it. He did not earn the healing by returning first; he turned back because he had already received help. The story therefore teaches more than a rule about polite words. It invites us to recognize mercy, remember its source, and make room for a grateful response even when we have somewhere else to go. His response gave the gift a place in his attention as well as his body.

Pause and think: What could help you notice a kindness and thank the person behind it in a meaningful way?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Make Room for a Thankful Response



The man first noticed that something had changed. Gratitude often begins with noticing. A clean cup, help with a difficult word, a ride to school, or a patient listener can become ordinary and easy to miss. Take a moment to remember one helpful thing from today. You do not need a spectacular event before there is something good to acknowledge.

Returning took the man back toward Jesus. Your response might be a spoken thank-you, a drawing, or telling someone exactly how their help mattered. A specific response can make gratitude clearer: instead of naming only the gift, you can name the care behind it. Thanking someone is not a way to buy their kindness or make them owe you more.

The grateful man was a Samaritan, and his place in the story challenges easy ideas about who is important. Kindness and gratitude do not belong to only one community. When you meet people whose language, home, or customs differ from yours, you can listen respectfully and notice their gifts. This story gives an honored place to someone others might overlook.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Gratitude notices mercy and makes time to respond.

What could help you notice a kindness and thank the person behind it in a meaningful way?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. How many men were healed?

2. What did the man who returned do?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ One Samaritan returns to thank Jesus.
- ☐ Ten men ask Jesus for mercy.
- ☐ They are healed while going to the priests.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a path with ten men and one turning back to give thanks.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Remember to thank God and people who help you.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Luke 17:15-16

A thoughtful conversation

The disease term covers ancient skin conditions and should not be treated as a precise modern diagnosis. Do not call people dirty or less worthy. The Samaritan's gratitude challenges division without stereotyping either community.

Activity answers

1. Ten.
2. He praised God and thanked Jesus.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, open our eyes to kindness and help us express our thanks. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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