



**Bible Story:** Say Something (Jesus Heals 10 Men) • **Luke 17:11-19**

**Bottom Line:** Say thank you.

**Memory Verse:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

**Life App:** Gratitude—Letting others know you see how they've helped you

## 1. Bible Story

**What You Need:** Bible

**What You Do:** Read **Luke 17:11-19**

- **Review** the Bible story using the questions below.
  - What book of the Bible is our story found? (*Luke*)
  - What disease did the men in the story have? (*skin disease, leprosy*)
  - How many men in the story had a skin disease? (*10*)
  - How many men did Jesus heal in this story? (*10*)
  - How many men came back to thank Jesus? (*1*)
- **Ask** kids to share why they think only one of the men who was healed came back to say thank you to Jesus.

## 2. Thank You Cards

**What You Need:** Craft supplies available in your homes, paper, markers, stickers.

**What You Do:**

- Ask kids to think about the people who help them on a daily or weekly basis.
  - If they're going to school in person, this person could be a teachers, cafeteria staff member, administrator, coach, etc.
  - It could be someone at their home (parent, aunt/uncle, grandparent, even a sibling).
  - It could be a neighbor, postal worker, store clerk, sanitation worker.
- Give the group a moment to think of someone who helps them.
- Then instruct them to grab their craft materials.
- Tell kids they're going to make a card for the person they thought of, so that that person knows how grateful the kids are for the way that person helps them.
- As kids work on their cards, ask a few questions to engage them in a conversation about today's Bible story:
  - Why did the ten men in our story want to see Jesus? (*to be healed*)
  - What was Jesus' response to the men? (*He told them to go see the priests*)
  - When did Jesus heal the men? (*when they were on their way to see the priests*)

- What did the ten men do when they were healed? (*One man returned to thank Jesus and celebrate what He had done, the other nine did not.*)
- As kids finish their cards, let them show them off to the group and share about who they're thanking.
- Make a plan to connect with families to prompt them to help their child deliver their card.

#### What You Say:

"Your cards are so creative and cool! I know it'll make all of these people feel great to know that you see how they've helped you. What keeps us from saying thank you sometimes? (*We forget; we feel awkward saying it; we're moving too fast to notice how others have helped us*) A lot of times, we don't mean to forget to say thank you. But like the men in today's story, if we don't actually take the time to say it, the other person will never know we're grateful. It's simple: just **[Bottom Line] say thank you.**"

### 3. Discussion Questions

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

**Ask:**

- If someone says thank you, but they don't really mean it, is it truly gratitude? Why or why not?
- Is it enough to just *feel* grateful without actually say it or expressing it in any way? Explain.
- What are some ways we can thank someone other than just saying "thank you"?

### 4. Make it Personal with Prayer

**What You Need:** Prayer journal, paper, something to write with, Bible

**What You Do:**

- As a family, **add to your prayer journal** or make a prayer journal if you have not already done so.
  - The Bible teaches us that the "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (*James 5:16b*). We are encouraging you to make a family prayer journal. It can be as fancy or as simple as you want. An example is provided on our Kids at The Heights Facebook Page! A prayer journal can be a tool to record your prayer requests and thanksgivings. It can also help you grow your faith as you keep a record of how the Lord answer your prayers.
- Encourage kids to think about someone in their lives who has helped them and what they did to help.
- Instruct kids to write a "SHOUT-OUT" on a piece of paper to say thank you to the person who helped them.
- Prompt kids to write the sentence, "I am grateful for [person] because . . ." and finish with how the person helped.
- Encourage the kids to share their "SHOUT-OUTS" with the group.
- Tell kids to tape their "SHOUT-OUTS" somewhere in your house they can look back at during the week."
- Close in prayer.

**What You Say:**

"God, we want to **[Bottom Line] say thank you!** Thank You for all of the ways You help us! Thank You for Your love and forgiveness! Thank You for Jesus! Thank You for the people in our lives who help us, too. (*Allow kids to say the names written on their SHOUT-OUTS.*) This week, please remind us to say thank you. Amen!"