

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Thank you, Jesus

INTRODUCTION

As children we are taught to say "thank you" when we are given something. But how many times do we forget to thank God for all his goodness?

SIGN OF THE CROSS**LIGHT THE CANDLES**

Sing together the alternate Candle Song.

SORRY

Each one of us is filled with God's spirit. If we have acted selfishly or unkindly towards someone else, we have done the same to God

As we sing our song together, we ask God to forgive us and to fill our hearts and our lives with his love. Sing Sorry Song 1.

GLORIA**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Give thanks to God for all his love.

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GOSPEL (LUKE 17:11-19)

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus drew near a village where he found ten lepers waiting to meet him. Keeping their distance they called out to him, "Jesus of Nazareth, have pity and help us!" Jesus saw their suffering and said, "Go and show yourselves to the priest."

They set off to see the priest, and on the way, they realized that their leprosy had disappeared and they were cured. As the others ran to find the priest, one of the ten went back to find Jesus. He threw himself down before him, praising God and thanking Jesus for his kindness.

"Were the others not cured, too?" Jesus asked. "Yet only one has bothered to thank God for his goodness." Then he said to the man, "Now go and see the priest, your faith in God has made you well."

DISCUSSION

The lepers suffered from the disease of leprosy, now known as Hansen's disease, which causes deformity with the loss of limbs and sometimes blindness. They also suffered because they were outcasts, who were driven away from their homes and families to live far away from villages and towns. Their lives were miserable and their suffering was very great.

Jesus took pity on them and told them to go and show themselves to the priest. The priest was the person who decided whether their leprosy had gone and gave them permission to live with their families again. They showed how much they believed in Jesus by setting off at once and trusting him to cure them.

What did one of the lepers do when he realized that he had been cured? He remembered to go back to Jesus and say "thank you." The others had rushed off to see the priest and be reunited with their families and friends again.

Do you think that Jesus was pleased that one said "thank you?" Jesus was very pleased with the one leper who had remembered to say "thank you," but was disappointed that the other nine did not.

People often forget to thank Jesus when something good happens. All too often we take things for granted and forget to thank God for all his kindness.

ACTIVITY

Copy the picture onto some stiff paper and fold it to make a card. Cut a 2" strip of paper, and stick one end inside the card and the other end onto the "Thank you, Jesus" badge. Encourage the children to write something that they want to thank Jesus for.

CREED**CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, the lepers asked for your help
and you gave them new life
and new hope.

Thank you for all the love
and kindness you give to me.



Ten men were healed. Only one said thank-you.