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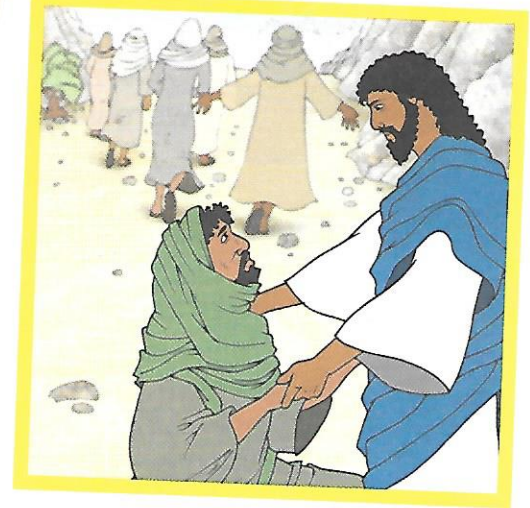
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Middle Elementary • Grades 2–3

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Lesson Scriptures:

Leviticus 13:45-46; Luke 17:11-19



I Am Grateful

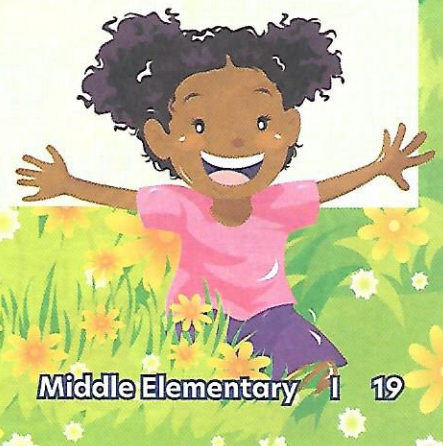
In biblical times, if you were a leper, then you must tear your clothes, leave your hair uncombed, cover the lower part of your face, and yell, “Unclean, unclean!” As long as you had the disease, you were thought of as unclean and must live outside the city, away from others.

One day, on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. When He entered a village, He was met by ten men who were lepers—they had a bad skin disease. They stood at a distance and shouted, “Jesus! Master! Have mercy on us!” Jesus saw them and said to them, “Go and let the priests examine you.”

While on their way, they were healed. When one of them saw this, he came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself to the ground at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him. The man was a Samaritan. Jesus said, “There were ten of you who were healed. Where are the other nine? Why is this foreigner the only one who came back to give thanks to God?” And Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has made you well.”

Key Verse

One of [the former lepers], when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. (Luke 17:15)





An Attitude of Gratitude

Mrs. Debrow overheard Tionne and Whitney talking. They were very serious, so something had to be important.

"What's going on, ladies?" Mrs. Debrow asked.

"I was just showing Tionne our new house!" Whitney said quickly.

"Oh, wow! That must be nice," Mrs. Debrow commented, looking at the photos.

"Well, Mrs. D, it is. We were living with my grandmother and my cousins. It's nice to have my own room again," Whitney explained.

"I grew up with my grandparents and shared a room. I was so grateful when we moved to a new house and I had my own room," Mrs. Debrow noted.

"It's not just about my own room. God has blessed us with a new home, and it is so nice. I can't help but to thank Him each day that I wake up in it," Whitney said.

"Well, I think that's the right attitude," Mrs. Debrow added.

"Each morning, not only do I thank God, but I also thank my mother," Whitney said.

"Keep being grateful," Mrs. Debrow suggested. "That's the right attitude to have!"

***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! Today, we discovered what it means to be grateful. It means that we must express our thanks to God for what He has done. The leper that came back thanked and praised Jesus for healing him. We can show our gratitude in many ways. What do you think it means to be an example of gratitude for others?

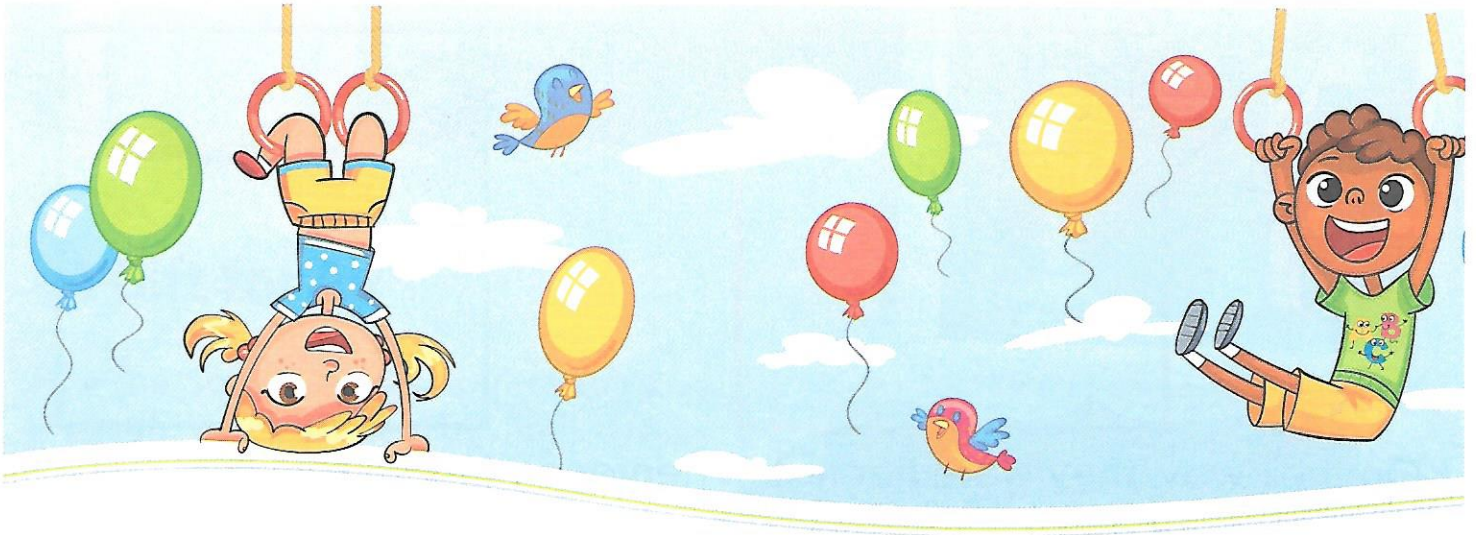
This week, keep a list of the ways that you have shown your gratitude for God's blessings. On your list, you may include what you were grateful for. Be ready to share your list with the class on next week.



I appreciate
God and
Jesus!

True or False?

Read each sentence below that is related to today's lesson. Circle **T** if the statement is true, or **F** if it is *false* (not true).



T or F

1. Lepers were required to ask people to come and sit with them.

T or F

2. When Jesus entered the village, He met ten lepers who had a bad skin disease.

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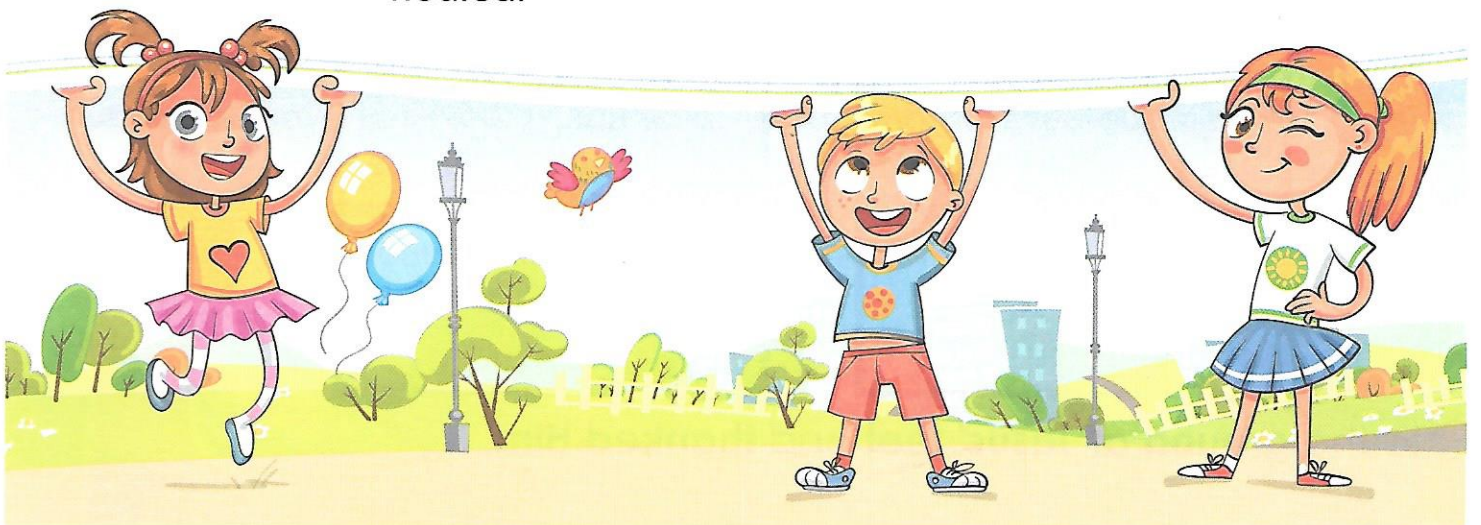
3. The lepers asked Jesus to "have mercy on them."

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4. Jesus healed only six of the men.

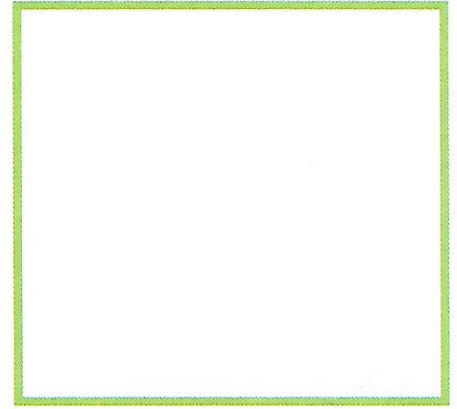
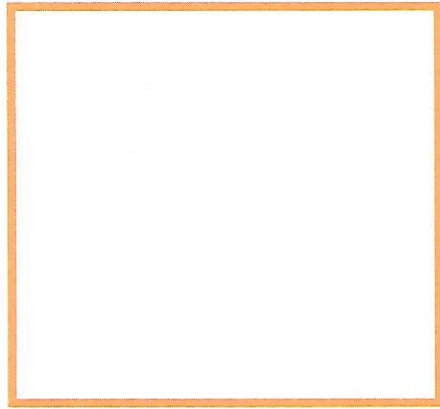
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5. Only one of the men returned to thank Jesus for being healed.

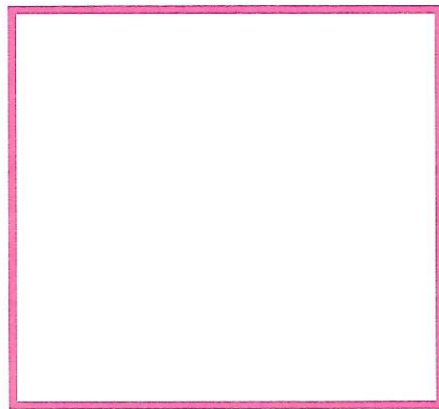


A Picture of Gratitude

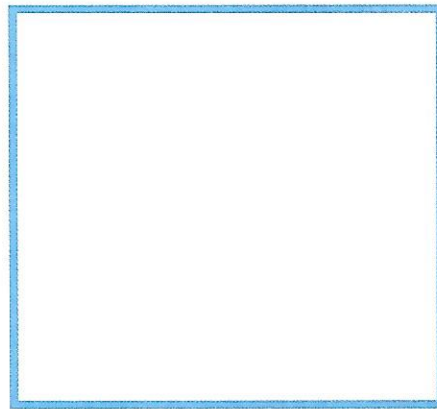
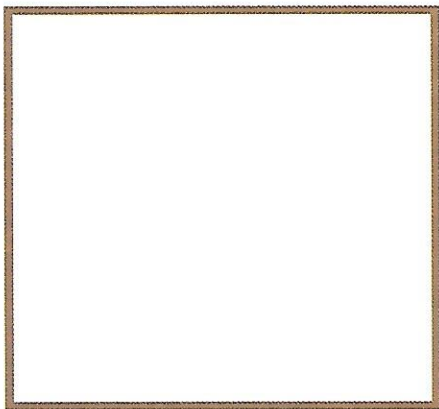
Draw a picture in each box to complete part of today's Bible story lesson. The words to be drawn are in bold.



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he came back, **praising God** in a loud voice. He threw himself



to the **ground at Jesus' feet** and **thanked Him**.