

NOVEMBER THEME



BIBLE STORY

Luke 17:11-19

Say Something | Jesus Heals 10 Men
Spark Story Bible, pg. 390-393
Ten Men Healed

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

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice...and with Jesus' help, I can!

●● THEME OVERVIEW

Key Question: Why do people forget to say thank you? Identifying the reasons behind what we do is important. We hope to take the opportunity to consider why forgetting to say thank you can be so easy. As we discover these reasons, we pray we develop a strategy for remembering to say thank you when people help us.

This week, we head to **Luke 17:11-19** and discover a significant moment when ten lepers asked Jesus to heal them. When their skin condition went away, they were so thrilled about the miracle that they ran off and forgot to say, "thank you." Only one man, a Samaritan, turned around and showed his gratitude. Jesus made a point to commend this man's faith.

Bottom Line: Say thank you. This is a simple bottom line, but it's often so hard to put into practice. People offer their help and kindness and love, yet we often take all of that for granted. We pray that through this moment in Jesus' life, we will understand the importance of remembering to say thanks when others are kind to us.

●● WOW @home

What You Do: Watch this week's WOW @home in the comfort of your family's @home prayer + worship spot. The video can be found on popmn.org/youtube or facebook.com/popchildrens. Then use this Family Guide, GodTime & ParentCue cards, and FAITH5 daily devos to keep the conversation going...

●● TEN LEAPING LEPERS [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Imagine | An activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: Bible and/or Spark Story Bible (*optional*)

What You Do:

- Read the story below, emphasizing each number as you read.
- When you say a number, pause and encourage family members to jump that many times.

"One day, Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. As he came near a town, one (jump!), two (jump 2x), three (jump 3x), four (jump 4x), five (jump 5x), six (jump 6x), seven (jump 7x), eight (jump 8x), nine (jump 9x), ten (jump 10x) men met him. All of the men—from one (jump!) to ten (jump 10x)—had a disease on their skin. It might have been a disease called leprosy, which is why the men were called "lepers." The men called out in a loud voice, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!" Jesus saw the one (jump!), two (jump 2x), three (jump 3x), four (jump 4x), five (jump 5x), six (jump 6x), seven (jump 7x), eight (jump 8x), nine (jump 9x), ten (jump 10x) lepers

and said, “Go. Show yourselves to the priests.” The lepers must have been surprised by Jesus’ words! They needed to be healthy to show themselves to the priests, and they were still sick! one (jump!), two (jump 2x), three (jump 3x), four (jump 4x), five (jump 5x), six (jump 6x), seven (jump 7x), eight (jump 8x), nine (jump 9x), ten (jump 10x) lepers obeyed Jesus and went. And while the one (jump!), two (jump 2x), three (jump 3x), four (jump 4x), five (jump 5x), six (jump 6x), seven (jump 7x), eight (jump 8x), nine (jump 9x), ten (jump 10x) men were on the way, they were healed! Their sores were gone! Nine (jump 9x) lepers kept going, but one (jump!) man came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. Jesus said, “Weren’t all ten (jump 10x) lepers healed? Where are the other nine (jump 9x)? Did only one (jump!) man come back to thank me?” Then Jesus said to the one (jump!) leper who came back, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

• If you have a Spark Story Bible, you can read “Ten Men Healed” (p. 390-393). Also, or instead, you can read the story from Luke 17:11-19. This is a good opportunity to show your family that the stories and events from the Bible can be told in many ways. While the basic information is the same, each version can help us think of the story in a different way.

What You Say: “Like the one man who came back, God loves it when we **[Bottom Line] say thank you** for the good things God does for us. Nine of the men didn’t come back, and they didn’t **[Bottom Line] say thank you** when Jesus made them better. Maybe they forgot because they were so happy. Maybe they thought that they didn’t need to say thank you out loud because they were grateful in their hearts. But God loves it when we **[Bottom Line] say thank you**. When God does something that helps you or makes you happy, try not to forget to **[Bottom Line] say thank you**.”

What You Share:

• Tell your family something you can **[Bottom Line] say thank you** to Jesus for right now. Then say, “Thank you Jesus for _____.” Ask each of your families members to share something that they can **[Bottom Line] say thank you** to Jesus for right now (*I can thank Jesus for loving me, for my family, for the beautiful day, etc.*). Spend time saying thank you to Jesus for the things your family shared.

What You Say: “Remember, we can always **[Bottom Line] say thank you** to Jesus.”

•• **SPEED THANKS** [Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create | An activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

What You Need: Paper, markers/crayons/pens, mobile device or timer

What You Do:

- Give everybody a piece of paper. Set out markers/crayons/pens where everybody can share them.
- Challenge your family to write the word “Thanks” creatively—maybe in bubble letters or as lightning bolts. Allow time to be creative.
- Then, have everybody turn their paper over. Explain that you will set a timer for 30 seconds. During that time, everybody should try to write “thanks” as many times as they can.
- When time is up, each person should count the number of “thanks” they wrote.
- Do this activity again, and see if anybody can beat their previous number of “thanks.”

What You Say: “Look how many times we wrote ‘thanks’ in 30 seconds. Awesome job! It doesn’t take long to let someone know they have helped us. It doesn’t take long to **[Bottom Line] say thank you**. When someone helps you, don’t be in such a hurry that you forget to **[Bottom Line] say thank you**.”

What You Share:

• Take turns sharing a time when you helped someone, and they took the time to thank you. Share how it made you feel to know they appreciated what you did.

What You Say: “When we **[Bottom Line]** say thank you to the people who help us, we’re letting them know we’re grateful. And you know what? Saying thank you helps us become more grateful. And saying thank you to people who help us makes them happy! Who can you **[Bottom Line]** say thank you to for helping you this week? (*God, my mom, my teacher, my bus driver*) Let’s make a plan to make sure we **[Bottom Line]** say thank you. (*Brainstorm different ways to show thanks such as: writing a thank you note, making a phone call, sending a text, drawing a picture of what you are thankful about and giving it to the person who helped you, etc.*) After brainstorming, help each other commit to following through as soon as you can.

●● **PASS THE VERSE** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

What You Need: Bible (*optional*)

What You Do:

- Look up and read Psalm 136:1 together (*the Memory Verse can also be found on the left column of the first page of this Family Guide*).
- Practice saying the verse until everybody can say it from memory.
- Sit in a circle. Choose somebody to say the first word of the verse, “Give.”
- As they say the word, they should look directly at another family member in the circle.
- Whoever was looked at should say the next word (“thanks”) in the verse while looking directly at somebody.
- Continue saying verse words while making eye contact with one another until the entire verse has been said.
- Repeat the activity, but use different voices—like a robot voice or an opera singer voice.
- Continue until you run out of voice ideas.

What You Say: “‘Give thanks to the Lord because he is good.’ What a great verse to remind us to **[Bottom Line]** say thank you to God. And that’s just what we’re talking about this week: showing others we’re grateful for what they’ve done for us by telling them. It’s easy! Just **[Bottom Line]** say thank you! Just like the man in our story, it’s important to stop and **[Bottom Line]** say thank you when someone helps us. We can say thank you in a lot of different ways—maybe write a note or make a little thank you gift for someone. Maybe, simply **[Bottom Line]** say thank you. It doesn’t matter how we thank others—it’s just important that we remember to do it!

●● **PRAY** [Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect | An activity that creates space for personal processing and application

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Say: “Let’s pray. Dear Jesus, we love you so much. Thank you for everything you do for us. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for saving us. Please help us be like the one leper who came back. Help us remember to **[Bottom Line]** say thank you to you and to others who help us. We love you, Lord. Amen.”

●● **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Looking for a devo for your kids? Want to keep the conversation going? Check out the following resources at popmn.org/cm. Use them this week to continue the conversation around our **[Bottom Line]: Say thank you**.

GodTime Card | A 4-day devotional for elementary-aged kids based on the weekly theme kicked off on WOW @home

ParentCue | A tool for parents based on the weekly theme. Also available as an app, it sends alerts and encouragement specific to the age of your children (parentcue.org)

FAITH5 | A 6-day family devotional based on Faith Inkubators’ FAITH5

●● **WHAT’S NEXT**

Set a reminder to join us for WOW @home on Wednesday 11/18 at 6:00 pm live at [facebook.com/popchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/popchildrens) or anytime after that at popmn.org/youtube for a time of worship centered around the **[Bottom Line]: Adjust your attitude.**”