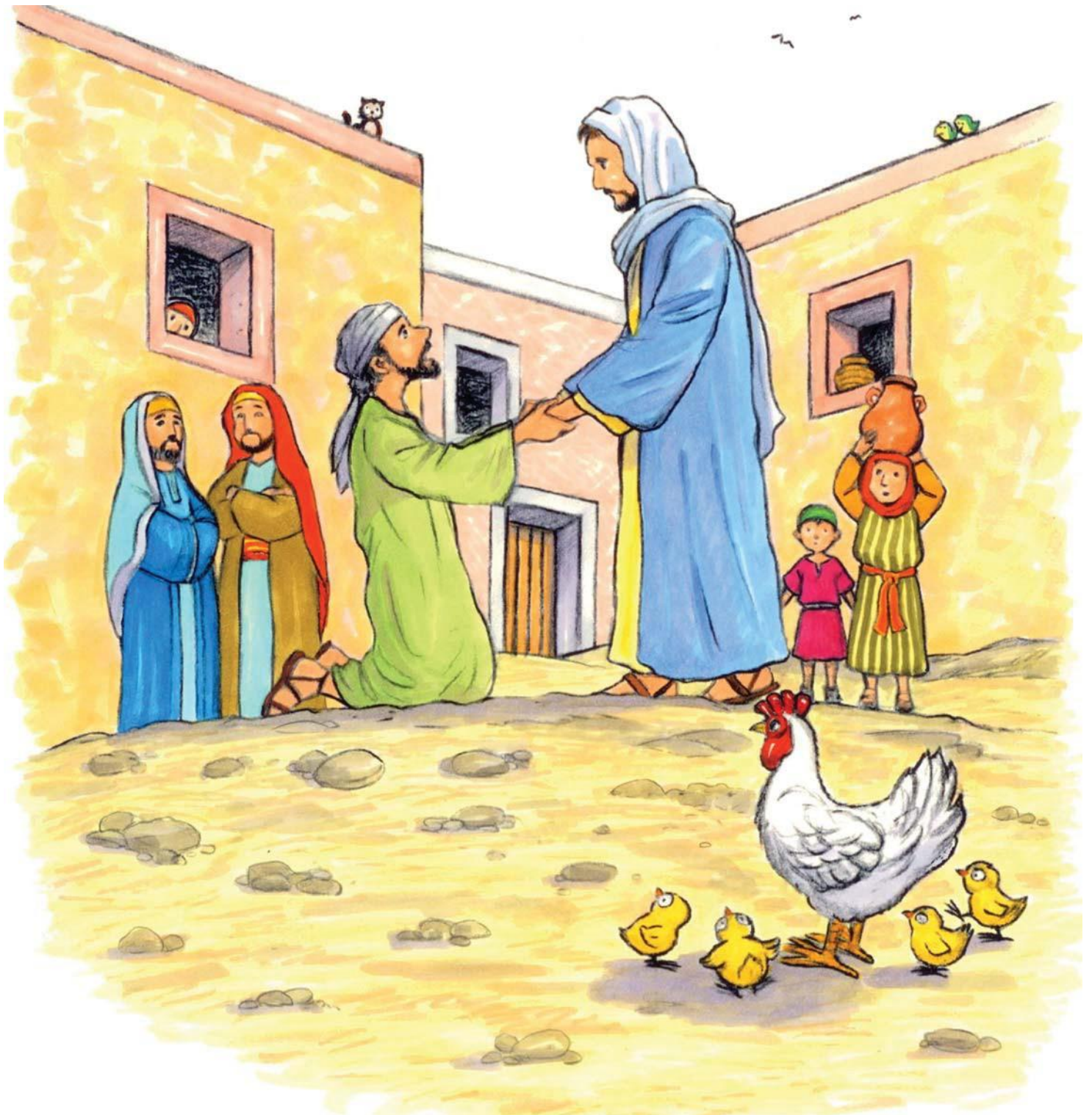


# THE TEN LEPERS

Luke 17:11-19



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## The Ten Lepers



As Jesus travelled to Jerusalem, He passed through a small village. Not far from the village, He met ten men who suffered from leprosy. The lepers called to Jesus, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

Jesus heard them and said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” The lepers went to see the priests and they were healed.

One of the men turned around and when he saw Jesus, he praised and glorified God aloud. He also fell down before Jesus and thanked Him. This man was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any others who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”

And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....  
Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.  
Provide disguise / fancy dress....

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- How do lepers live at that time?  
(They are not allowed to live with their families. They stay outside the village in isolation.)
- How do they get their food? (It is placed at a specific place where they have to fetch it.)
- What do they do if others approach their place? (They have to warn them of their presence.)
- Who can allow them to return to their village? (Only the priests can decide this.)
- What happens when Jesus meets the ten lepers? (The lepers ask for help.)
- What does Jesus do? (Jesus heals all ten.)
- How do the 10 react? (Only one comes back to glorify God.)

Have the children repeat...

- We should be grateful for God's help.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- The nine healed lepers took Jesus' help for granted.
- Only one of the ten praised and glorified God.
- We should not take God's help for granted but also thank and praise Him.
- What can we give thanks for? (For our health, food, parents, election, ...)
- How can we show our thankfulness to our heavenly Father? (Prayers of thanks, sacrifices,..)

**Repeat the Message**  
**Our thankfulness pleases God.**