

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #64

DATE:

SUBJECT: Only One Says Thank You

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19

AIM: To encourage the children to thank the Lord for all the things He does for them.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 5:20a "Giving thanks always for all things unto God ..." OR
1 Thessalonians 5:18a "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God ..."

SONGS: #23, 24, 110, 195, and (196)

Review:

Who remember last week story? It's about Lazarus. Lazarus had two caring sisters, Mary and Martha. They live in Bethany. Lazarus became very sick one day and die eventually. He was buried inside the tomb and was there for several days before the Lord Jesus visited him. He performed a miracle and bring His friend Lazarus back to life again.

Content:

There were ten sick men by the side of the road begging. Sometimes people who passed by that road threw them some money or some food. But everyone who passed by stayed on the other side of the road. They didn't want to catch the terrible sickness these men had. These ten men had leprosy. Doctors didn't know how to help people with leprosy. There was no cure. No healthy (well) person could take care of someone who had leprosy because they might get the sickness too. Anybody who had this sickness had to leave their family and live outside the city in caves.

One day as these ten sick men were sitting by the side of the road, they heard that Jesus was coming along the road. Who is Jesus? The sick men asked. The travelers said Jesus can make sick people well. He can do anything. He is God's own Son. He had made a lame man walk, a blind man could see, even a dead man was made alive again.

The ten men got very excited that Jesus could make sick people well all at once without medicine – just by speaking to them or touching them. The ten men felt sure Jesus could make them well. Wow! If they were well they could go home to their families and get a job again. They could earn money to buy their food again. They wouldn't have to beg. They could live with people again. They could hardly wait for Jesus to come!

Finally they saw Jesus coming down the road and many people were with Him. He came nearer and nearer. The ten sick men had to stay back away from the road but they called as loud as they could "Jesus, Jesus, help us!" Jesus stopped and looked at them. He saw they had the sickness that no doctor could cure. Then He told the men to go to the temple and show the priests that they were well.

The men looked at their hands and feet. The sores were still there. They wondered what Jesus meant. They knew that if they did get better they would have to go to the priests and if the priests saw that they no longer had the leprosy, they would be allowed to live with people again. How could they go now – they still had sores. Anyway, they decided to go just because Jesus told them to. As they walked along the road, all of a sudden, they saw their sores were gone! Their skin was smooth. The awful sickness was gone! They must have shouted for joy, and ran as fast as they could. They were so happy! They just had to show the priests and then they could go home and live with their families!

One of the men suddenly stopped. He turned around and ran back to Jesus. He got down on the ground at Jesus' feet and kept saying – Thank You, Thank You. Thank You for making me well!

The Lord was very happy this man came back to thank Him. But as He looked down the road He asked “Were not ten men made well? Where are the other nine? Only one man came back to say thank you? Jesus told the man to stand up. Then He said “Go your way – you are well because you believed me.” Then the man went to show the priests that he was well. He must have been very glad he came back to say Thank You to Jesus!

Application:

The Lord is always happy when we come back to say Thank You. If you have a cold and you get better you can say – Thank You. Even if you just don't feel good you can ask the Lord to make you better. When you feel better you can tell the Lord – Thank You. The Lord is so happy when we don't forget to say - thank you, for all the things He gives us and does for us – our family, our home, food, clothes, toys, friends, etc. Mommy and Daddy like it too when we say – Thank You. I hope we can all be like the one man who came back to say Thank You to the Lord!

Craft Idea:

Make a chain of ten people – in profile.

Paste nine on paper facing one way and one facing the other way. Have the Name “Jesus” in front of the one man – have thank you coming out of his mouth.