



## R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE	LEARNING STAGE	WST TEACHER/DATE	BIBLE REFERENCE
Life of Jesus – The miracle of the Ten Lepers – a story about thankfulness.	LKS2 (also suitable for KS1)	Mrs Tricia Bastable/Mrs Johanna Jordan	<b>Luke 17: 11-19</b>
<b>AIM:</b> To understand that Jesus did Miracles to show what God is like. <b>LEARNING OBJECTIVES:</b> To explore the story of the healing of the 10 lepers from the Bible.	<b>MAIN AREAS/ OF LEARNING</b> (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Sources of wisdom <b>Other AOL covered:</b> Ultimate questions	<b>LESSON RESOURCES</b> <b>WST will bring:</b> Story book/Bible Craft activity: worksheets, popsicle sticks, plasters, blue-tag Extension worksheets  <b>School to provide:</b> Felt tips	<b>VOCABULARY</b> <b>Lepers</b> = people suffering from Leprosy <b>Leprosy</b> = a contagious skin disease

### Introduction

Christians believe in God. The Bible (the Holy or special book Christians read) tells us about God and tells us the big story of God's plan for the world. This big story starts with how God made the world. God made everything perfect and beautiful. He also made people and he wanted people to be his friends and to be friends with each other. But then things changed. People didn't want to listen to God and instead wanted to decide things for themselves and it spoiled their friendship with God. This made God very sad, but he had a plan. A plan to restore his friendship with people. He promised to send someone special who would be a leader to the people, who would tell them about God and teach them about forgiveness. Christians believe this special person was Jesus and that Jesus was the Son of God.

Today we will be looking at a story about Jesus from the Bible. Some stories tell us about amazing things Jesus did (miracles), others are about someone Jesus met and how it changed their lives or a story he made up. All these stories help us to understand more about God. So at the end of the story I'll ask you what you think Jesus wants people to understand about God.

### Main content

Start by explaining that you will be sharing a story about Jesus healing 10 people with Leprosy, a horrible skin disease. It was a disease that caused lesions (patches) on the skin that would make the skin numb. And if untreated it would change how people looked. It was an illness that mostly affected poor people who didn't have a good health because of malnutrition. People with leprosy were sent away from home to live outside town (think rubbish dump) so that other people would not get the disease as well. They were considered outcasts and no-one would touch them or spend time with them. Nowadays there are still some cases of leprosy in the world, but only in poor countries and it can now be treated really well.

Using an interactive version (i.e. Lion Storyteller Bible) tell the story of Jesus healing 10 lepers. Invite the children to count along and to pretend to be the lepers (wiggle fingers, look sad, call for Jesus, shout Hooray when healed).

Ask the children what surprises them about the story?

Look at a few pictures on a PowerPoint and talk through the story. Discuss:

- How did the 10 men feel when they were ill? What were their lives like? Why did they call out to Jesus?
- Why did Jesus heal the 10 lepers? Explain that Jesus send them to the priest because only the priest could declare them 'healed' in their culture.
- Why did only one man come back to Jesus to thank him? The man who came back was a foreigner, not a Jew like the others. It was even more unusual that the foreigner came back to Jesus. It also shows that to Jesus everyone is the same and everyone is welcome.
- How could Jesus heal the lepers? Explain that the Bible tells us that Jesus was able to heal people because he was the Son of God. Jesus used God's power to heal people.
- Do children think Jesus can still help people today? Christians believe that Jesus is alive in heaven and still helps them when they ask him to. It may be good to mention that people are not always healed from illnesses, but that God sometimes helps in other ways.
- Why is it important to say 'Thank you'? Do the children sometimes forget to say 'Thank you'?

In talking partners: Ask the children to share things they are thankful for. Then share in the group and discuss how we can remember to be thankful for the things we have.

Christians find it important to thank God for all the things they have (including their health). They do this when they pray.

**Activity**  
Using templates make a paper 'stick man', decorate him on one side when he is ill and on the other side when he is healed. Show his feelings by giving him a sad or happy face. Write the words 'please' and 'thank you' on the appropriate sides of the stick. Then try to retell the story in your own words.

**Extension/enrichment activities**  
Extra worksheets: What are you thankful for?

**Plenary**  
Read the poem 'Ten Sad Men by Carolyn Warvel and invite the children to join in with their stick puppets.

**Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions**  
Explore other miracles Jesus did.

**Class teacher's notes**

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