

# WHERE ARE THE OTHER NINE?

Jesus came near a village. He saw ten people who had a terrible disease. They had open sores all over their bodies. The disease was leprosy. They had to live outside of the village because people thought they were bad.

They saw Jesus and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." Jesus said to them, "Go now and show yourselves to the priests." They started walking to where the priests were. As they walked their sores started to disappear. Jesus had healed them. One of them, a Samaritan, came back to Jesus and fell on his face giving Jesus thanks and praising God for the healing.

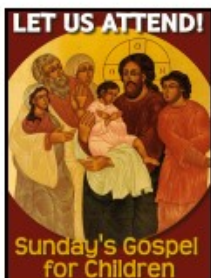
Jesus said to the crowd? "Were not all ten made clean and healed? Where are the other nine? Only one came back!" Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way, your faith has made you well."



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**One day**, our Lord Jesus Christ came into a village. Ten friends came to see Him. They stayed away from Jesus, but said loudly, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

You see, these ten friends had leprosy. Leprosy is a sickness that causes big sores on people’s bodies. When this happened, people with leprosy could not be near other people. Many people thought that people with leprosy had sinned and were being punished.

When Jesus saw the ten friends, he told them to go and show themselves to the priests. The friends trusted Jesus and obeyed Him right away. As they walked towards where the priests were, their sores got better. Jesus had healed them!

One of the friends, a Samaritan, went right back to Jesus as soon as he noticed that he was healed. He began to talk loudly again, but this time, he was praising God! The Samaritan fell on his face at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him for healing him.

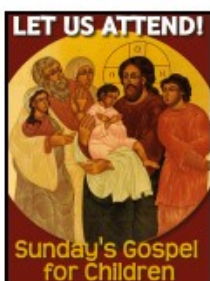
Jesus asked if all ten had been healed, and why only the Samaritan came back to praise God. Then, He said to the Samaritan, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well.”



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# RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When Jesus saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back praising God with a loud voice; and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

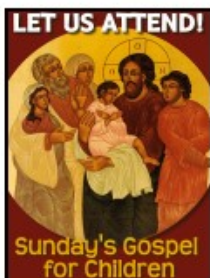
Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What do the lepers say to Jesus?
2. Why do you think they call Him master? What are they saying about Him by calling him that?
3. What are they saying about themselves?
4. Did Jesus heal them right on the spot? What did they have to do?
5. Do you think the lepers trusted Jesus? Why or why not?
6. Who came back to say thank you?
7. What about you? Do you trust Jesus' words and follow His directions? When He takes care of you, do you remember to thank Him?



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Characters: Narrator, Lepers, Jesus

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Lepers: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

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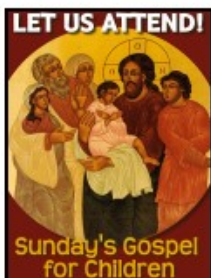
Jesus: Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?

Narrator: And Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.



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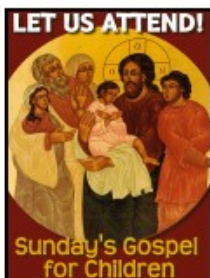
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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What do the lepers cry out to Jesus?
2. How many of them were healed?
3. What does this suggest about God's mercy?
4. How many return and praise God and thank Jesus?
5. What does this suggest about human beings?
6. What does this suggest about God?
7. Do you like the idea that God is merciful to all of us even if we don't recognize that he is being merciful? Why or why not?
8. How has God been merciful to you? How can you thank him?



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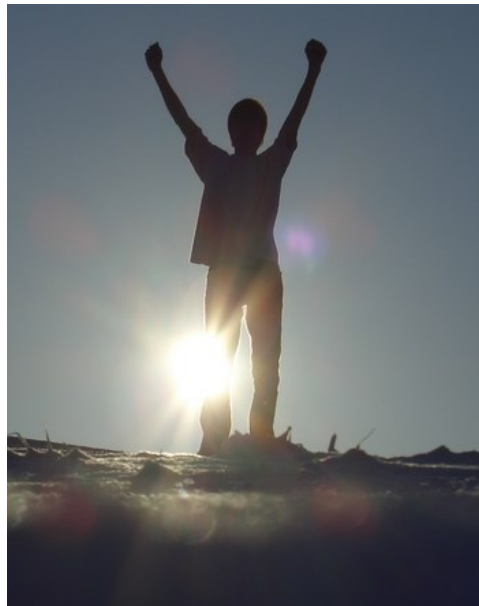
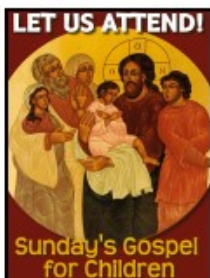


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1. What is the first thing the Samaritan does after he realizes he is healed?
2. What does this suggest about what healing should cause us to do?
3. In the pre-communion prayer what do we ask God will be the result of taking communion?
4. According to this gospel what should this gift of healing cause us to do?
5. After we take communion what do we sing? What prayers do we offer? Do you think we are imitating the Samaritan? Why or why not?
6. What can you do this week to continue praising God and thanking Him for the gift of healing you receive in communion?



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