

## SPARKS

**Due to communion there will be slightly less time for the session than normal.**

**MAIN POINT:** For each child to hear the story of the 10 lepers but how only 1 said thank you to Jesus for being healed.

**ADDITIONAL LEARNING:** To think about how often we are thankful for the good things we have.

**10:50am Free Play:** Some time to play before beginning the main session.

**11:15 Tidy Up Time:** In order to keep their attention during the crafts and story be sure to tidy away everything so that there are no distractions in the room.

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**11:20 Story + Snack:**


**Ask the children about what it feels like to be ill. Is it fun? Is it sad?**




**How do you feel when you are better? Happy?**




Tell the children that in today's story there are some very poorly people who are super happy when Jesus makes them better.




**TELL THE STORY: Use the outline below to tell the story of the grateful lepers.**




One day,  was walking through a . He saw **10**  who had



a sickness called leprosy. Because the  were sick, they couldn't be with their

. They had to stay far away from people in the . The  asked

 for help. They said, ", Master, have mercy on us."  healed the

**10** . They were so happy! Out of those **10** , only **1**  stopped to

tell  "  !" We can be like the thankful . We can tell

Heavenly Father and  =  !" for our blessings.

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Tell the children that it is sad that only 1 of those who was healed went back and sad thank you to Jesus.

Ask the children how often they say thank you? Do you say thank you alot?

Explain that it is incredibly important to say thank you. The leper that said thank you had the kindest heart. We should learn from him and not the others.

Whenever we have something to say thank you for, we NEED to say it!

**11:40 Pray together:**

Ask the children if there is anyone they would like to pray for?

Is there someone they know who is poorly who needs Jesus to help them?

Also ask if there is maybe a country who needs God's help too that they would like to pray for?

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**11:30 CRAFT: Spoon craft**

*Each child gets a spoon on which they can draw a smiley face and colour it in.*

*Then they each get a strip of bandage that they can wrap around their person as a reminder of the story.*

*Tell the children again that it was amazing that one of the lepers said thank you to Jesus and we need to be good at saying thank you to others and to God for all the good things that we are given.*

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**11:50 Songs:** Use the Ipad to worship God. Feel free to pick whichever songs you'd prefer by searching on YouTube. Some examples: Our God is a great big God/Alive by Hillsong/My Lighthouse by Rend Collective.

**If ahead of time then free play or play games together like duck duck goose or musical statues using CD player. 12pm Children given their crafts and taken down stairs to the meeting point ready to be picked up.**

## **FLAMES + BLAZE**

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**ADDITIONAL LEARNING:** To think about how often we are thankful for the good things we have.

**11:00am Play a collective game once all children have arrived.**

**Something like duck duck goose, bean game, simon says, number ladders, what's the time Mr.Wolf, ZipZapBoing!**

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### **11:15 GROUP TIME**

**Sit as a group and ask:** *How are you doing?*

*Ask the children what the best thing that has happened this week.*

*See if the children can remember what we are learning at the moment and what stories about generosity they have looked at or memory verses they have learnt!*

- *Widow's Mite (Luke 21v1-4)*
- *Feeding of the 5,000 (Mark 6v30-44)*
- *God loves the person who gives happily. 2 Corinthians 9v7b*
- *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from God who never changes. James 1v17*

*Tell the children that today we are thinking about how when people give their generosity can grow and grow and grow into something bigger!*

*Ask those who have been involved in the fundraising what they have thought about it. Did they enjoy it? Why?*

*Tell them that we are all super proud of their efforts and how much they have raised!*

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### **11:30 BIBLE + Snack**

Ask the children when was the last time they said thank you and what was it for? Then ask them how often they are grateful or what they have?

Ask if they think about whether they are lucky or not to have the stuff they have at home or at school?

Tell the children that we have a book in the bible called the Psalms which are a collection of songs written by a few different people but one of the main guys who wrote alot of these songs or poems is a guy called David.

Ask if they know who this David is and if they know any other stories linked to him? Remind them this is David and Goliath or King David.

He was a man who knew he had a lot to be thankful for. He was appointed King of Israel by God, but then did some really REALLY bad things. But God still loved him

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and still used him even though he did the worst possible things to hurt others and God. Together look up Psalm 28:7, Psalm 100, Psalm 106:1, Psalm 118:21.

**USE GREENBOOKS:** Get the children to draw around their hands. In each finger get them to think about something they are thankful for.

If they struggle then remind them of these things: family, friends, health, education, church, possessions...

Tell the children that it is always great to say thank you and sometimes even if you are the only one you should still say thank you. In fact there s a great story that Jesus tells about how important it is to say thank you!

First off ask if any of them have heard of leprosy? Explain that leprosy is a very serious disease. It makes your skin go sore, and then white, and you can't feel anything because it attacks your nerves.

In Jesus' time people with leprosy had to live outside the towns. Later on, in some places they had to ring bells so people could tell they were coming. This was because it was so easy to catch it.

Try and find the story together in the bible and read it together **(Luke 17v11-19)**

Ask the children why they think the other lepers didn't come back and say "Thank you?" Ask them if they say thank you to God when he answers prayers for them? Say that it is right to be grateful to God and to thank him for all the things he does for us.

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#### **11:45 CRAFT:** *Reminder craft - Spoon Leper*

*Each child gets a spoon on which they can draw a smiley face and colour it in.*

*There are also pipe cleaners for them to create arms for their person.*

*Then they each get a strip of bandage that they can wrap around their person as a reminder of the story.*

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#### **MAKE A GRATEFUL PEG TO TAKE HOME**

Write the memory verse reference **1 Thessalonians 5v16-18** along with the word '**Grateful**' on a peg. Get the children to think about a place where they could put the peg at home, and every time they see it, it can remind them to be grateful.