**Thankfulness Sun Am KZ Lesson 11/20/2022**

**Memory Verse:**

**Target Thought: We should always be thankful to Jesus**

**Our Bible story today is on thankfulness**. It's a story about [Jesus and the thankful leper](https://sermons4kids.com/thankful_leper.htm). Do you know what a leper is? No, it is not an animal with spots on it. That's a leopard! However, a leper does have spots. A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy. This disease causes sores all over the body. Leprosy was very common in Jesus' day, and people who had this disease were thought to be unclean. They were required to stay away from other people because of the fear that they might infect them with their disease.

One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when he saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that he had the power to heal them. Let's read the story:

When Jesus heard them, he called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest." (Luke 17:11-14)

Luke 17:11-14 NKJV **11**Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. **12**Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. **13**And they lifted up *their* voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”**14**So when He saw *them,* He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You." Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?"

Luke 17:15-17 NKJV

**15**And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, **16**and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.**17**So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine?

Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You."

Why do you suppose the other nine did not go back to thank Jesus? When we are thankful it helps us to see God's goodness in our life and helps us to have joy and peace.

God does so much for us! Every day he provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?" Let's stop right now and say "Thank You" and ask God to help us remember to thank Him every day. When we are thankful to Jesus it shows Him that we love Him and we don't take Him for granted.

Jesus loves us so much and He wants us to love one another.

Dear Lord, you give us everything we need, but we often forget to say "Thank You." We thank you now, and ask you to help us to remember to give thanks every day for all that you do for us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

1. What was our lesson about today?

2. What does being thankful do for us?

3. What does our being thankful show Jesus?