

City LG—November 15th, 2020

Today's Bible Story: Say Something (Jesus Heals 10 Men) • Luke 17:11-19

Today's Bottom Line: Say thank you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.* Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

Pre-Service Video: Pumpkin Scramble Video

NOTE: Start this Video 5-10 Minutes before your Service Start Time

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “At the Top of My Lungs” and “Zeal”

“Hi, everybody! As you know, we’re talking this whole month about gratitude, and why it’s important for us to thank the people around us. I’ve got a great story from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) that shows us what JESUS thought about gratitude.

“People were amazed by the things Jesus said—and the amazing things He did. Several different people wrote down what Jesus said and did, and we can find what they wrote in the Bible. One of those writers was a man named Luke. We can find this story about Jesus in the book of Luke, chapter 17.

“To help me tell it, I have these Jumbo Playing Cards!

Begin telling the Bible Story using the stack of jumbo playing cards.

“One day, Jesus . . .

Flip up the first card—the king card—and holds it up so the audience can see.

“. . . was traveling to a city named Jerusalem.

Make the king card “walk” in mid-air.

“He was traveling between the cities of Samaria and Galilee.

“As Jesus entered a village, He saw ten men who had a skin disease.

Flip up the next ten cards, one by one (these should be the ace through 10). Hold them up with the other hand, fanning them out so the audience can see all ten cards.

(referencing the cards) “One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

“The skin disease that these men had could easily pass from one person to the next . . . so, unfortunately, they had to live outside of town so no one else would get it. The 10 men saw Jesus, and they called out . . .

Shake the 10 cards, as though they’re calling to Jesus.

“Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!

“We know that at least one of the men was a Samaritan...

Hold up the Ace Card

That means he was from a group of people who the Jews usually didn't trust. So, you could say the cards were stacked against them. See what I did there? Eh? (Pause.)

"Basically, what I'm saying is that things were pretty bad for these 10 sick men, and there wasn't much hope that it would get better. When Jesus saw these men and heard their request, He told them . . .

Hold up the king card.

"Go. Show yourselves to the priests.

"The reason Jesus told them to do this is because whenever someone believed they had been healed from any kind of sickness or disease, they had to let the priests examine them to see if it was true.

"The men headed to town to find the priests...

Set Cards 2-9 down

"The Samaritan man then hurried on his way to see the priests.

Set the Ace Card down separately

"Let's stop right there, and let our Bible Story Video tell us what happened next! Let's watch!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

"The Samaritan had decided it was worth it to go back and thank Jesus first . . . because Jesus had given him back his life!

Hold up the king card and the ace card next to each other

"This man knew something that we need to remember, too. He knew it was important to . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "say thank you.

"Sometimes it can be hard for us to remember to stop and say thank you. But it means so much when we do! We can show how grateful we are when we take the time to thank others. Let's pray and ask God to help us with that."

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY: "Dear God, sometimes we forget to **[Bottom Line]** say thank you when others have helped us. We don't want to be like the nine men who forgot to thank Jesus. We want to be like the one who came back! Please help us remember to SHOW how grateful we are by taking the time to **[Bottom Line]** say thank you to the people around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"God has done so much for us. He's DOING so much in our lives, every day. He deserves our gratitude! We can get so busy that we forget to stop and thank Him. But it's important that we do. After all, He loves us. He gives us the strength we need to take on tough things in life. He forgives us when we mess up. We need to take the time to tell Him thank you!"

"We also need to thank the people who help us, every single day. Our friends . . . our families . . . our teachers, coaches and Small Group Leaders . . . THEY deserve our thanks, too. We need to stop what we're doing long enough to tell them that we're grateful.

“It’s simple.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Say thank you.

“When your mom cooks dinner, **[Bottom Line] say thank you**. When your friend invites you to his birthday party, **[Bottom Line] say thank you**. When someone gives you a gift, don’t wait for someone to TELL you to **[Bottom Line] say thank you**. Tell them how grateful you are! Let’s get ready for our All Together Activities! Before we begin, watch this!”

CG: Shout it out Showdown Week 3 (Runtime: 3:30)

After the video, lead your group in the “All Together Activities” using the attached sheet.