



# All Hands on Deck

## Jump In

The story today is about a group of ten men with skin diseases. According to Mosaic Laws as described in Leviticus 13 and 14, persons with skin diseases were considered unclean. Because of this, they were required to live outside of the community in quarantine. However, Jesus did not view the ten men in this story as being unclean. Jesus' compassion for the men challenges the ways that society often views and outcasts certain groups of people. Jesus saw past the skin condition to see the person suffering underneath. He then healed the ten men! However, although all ten men were healed, only one of them remembered to turn back and thank Jesus. In this man's response, we find the model for responding to God's love. Praise and thankfulness is the proper response to God's unconditional love for us!

## Dive Deeper Together

Read Luke 17:11-19 together in the Deep Blue Kids Bible.

OR

Read "The Ten Lepers": While on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus came across a group of ten men. These men had a skin disease called leprosy. The men called out to Jesus, "Please heal us!" Jesus told the men to go and show themselves to the priests, so the men listened and turned around to go see the priests. Suddenly, the men's skin diseases were healed and their spots were gone! The men were overjoyed that they had been healed. Although all ten men were healed, only one of the men went back to Jesus to thank him for healing his friends. The one man thanked Jesus, and Jesus responded, "Your faith has made you well."

## Grow Stronger Together

Take time to talk about ten things that your family is thankful for, one for each of the men from the story. Using paper and colored pencils, draw out each praise. Hang your family's praises in a visible place to remind you to respond to your week with praise and thankfulness.

## Pray Together

Share joys and concerns, and then say this prayer: Dear God, thank you for stories that remind us to have faith. Help us to choose to respond to your love with praise and thankfulness. Amen.

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Unit 1: Jesus Shows Love

**BV:** I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you must also love each other. (John 13:34)

**AP:** Jesus shows us how to love each other.

The Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

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