

ONE leper thanks Jesus

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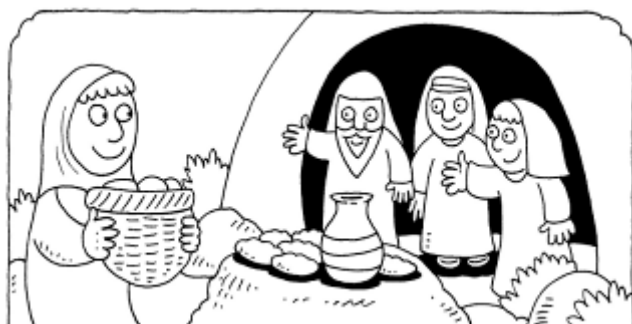
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When Jesus healed ten lepers only one came back to thank him. This true story makes me remember to be thankful.



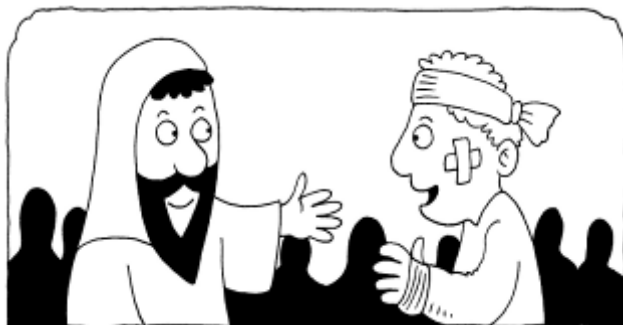
A man got sick with Leprosy. Other people could easily get sick if they came near him, so he had to live with other lepers.



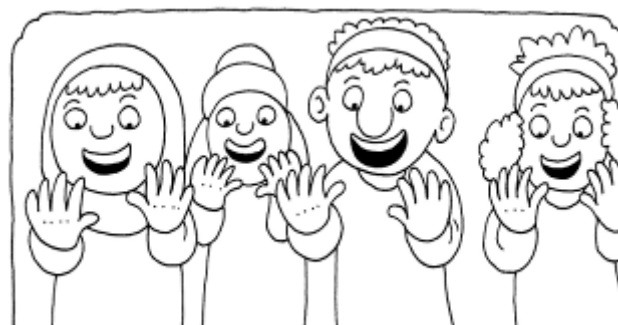
Lepers could not work to get money for food. Kind people left food nearby. They missed their families and friends.



Before the lepers were sick they had lots of friends and food to eat. It wasn't nice to have to ask people for money.



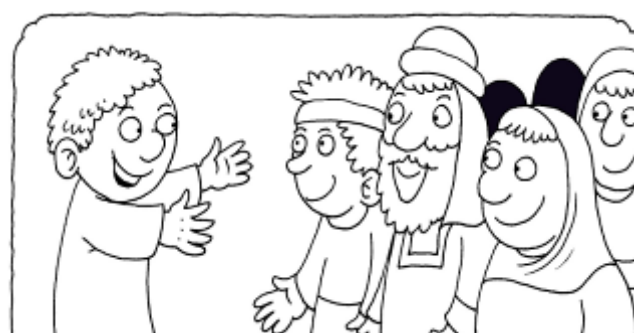
But when Jesus saw the poor lepers he helped them. Jesus even touched them. "Go home," Jesus said, "I have made you better."



As the ten lepers walked along the road they saw they were better! Jesus had healed them! "Let's go home," they said.



But one man turned back to thank Jesus. "Thank you for making me better," he said. "There were ten lepers," Jesus said. "You are the only one who came back to thank me."



The man went home to his family in Samaria. Everyone was so happy to see him and hear about Jesus making him well!