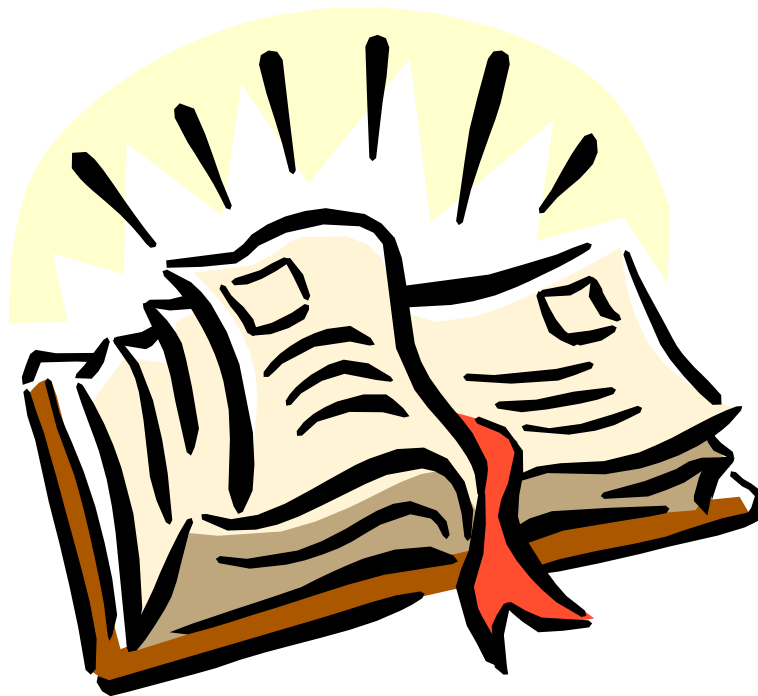


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:

LESSON TITLE: Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

THEME: Jesus loves a thankful heart

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study *God's Word* together.

This week we learned about when **Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers**. The theme was "**Jesus loves a thankful heart.**" How important it is to be thankful for the work that Jesus is doing in our hearts. He has saved us from sin and given us eternal life. How we need to spend the rest of our lives praising, thanking and serving Him. Only 1 leper out of the 10 that Jesus healed that day came back to give Him thanks.

There are many lessons that we can learn from this story. This week we will be focusing on thankfulness. How easy it is for all of us to not be thankful sometimes. We all need to be reminded to be more thankful for all the Lord is doing in our lives.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Luke 17:11-19**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of *God's Word* in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

Quick to Pray, But Slow to Praise

Text: Psalm 107:8 – “Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!”

Also read: Luke 17:11-19

Timmy was walking down the aisle at Toys R Us and noticed a Super Duper Sony Video Station. This video game could do everything! Timmy wanted one of these games very badly. He thought he would try praying to God just like his friend Johnny did. Johnny had many of his prayers answered. But the difference between Johnny and Timmy was that Johnny had a relationship with Jesus and he had a thankful heart. Johnny would pray and ask the Lord what His will was for his life instead of asking the Lord to just give him things. Timmy would only pray when he wanted something for himself, and if he received it, he was never really thankful for it. It would appear that Timmy had a lot to learn about prayer and thankfulness.

Timmy quietly said to himself, “God, would you please have someone buy this Sony Video Station for me? I would really like to have one.” Timmy waited and waited for someone to come down the aisle to buy the Sony Video Station for him. Timmy stood there for close to two hours and no one ever offered to buy the game for him. Timmy just got mad and left for home. On his way home he pouted to God, “Why do Johnny’s prayers get answered? You never give me what I ask for.”

This week in our devotions we will see how Jesus cleansed the ten lepers. We will see how ten of the lepers were healed, but only one returned to Jesus and glorified God. Too often we are content to enjoy the gift but we forget the Giver. We are quick to pray but slow to praise the Lord. What is the condition of your heart? Do you ask God for things only when it is pleasing to you? God loves to give but He also loves to hear you praise Him for His giving. Jesus loves a thankful heart.

- Are you thankful when you receive a gift?
- How often do you praise God for the gifts He has given you?
- When you give a gift to someone, do you like to see them excited and happy? Do you like for them to tell you “thanks?”

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Rejoice: To Be Made Glad.

Day Two

An Old Testament Pizza?

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Also read: Numbers 11:4-10

Do you have a lot to be thankful for? I know I do. I am thankful for my relationship with Jesus, my family, for my clothes, for a car, for food, and many other things. I could spend a long time telling you about all of the things that I am thankful for. So many of us overlook the little things we have and truly don't appreciate what God has given us. We are so used to having everything available at our fingertips. Some of the things that we may overlook are the simple things that God has provided for us. Are we thankful for the beautiful sunrise every morning, or for the wonderful scent that the Lord gave to a rose, how about the band-aid and kiss from mom when we scrape our knee? When we stop to think about it we have a lot to be thankful for. God promises He will take care of our every need.

Instead of being thankful we can sometimes look at the things that others may have and we become unhappy with what has been provided for us. Maybe a friend or someone in our family has something we want and we forget to be thankful for the things that we have. The Lord wants us to be thankful in all things. We can learn a valuable lesson from the children of Israel.

In Numbers 11:4-10 we see that the people of Israel were getting tired of eating the manna that God provided for food each day. They would gather the manna, grind it in a millstone, flatten it, and then cook it. The flattened cake resembled pizza crust. The people of Israel began to crave the fish, cucumbers, onions, and garlic they used to eat in Egypt. Maybe they wanted some quail pizza. The people were provided with food and water every day, just like God promised, but they still complained and craved other food. They stopped being thankful for what God had given to them. Unfortunately we see that the people were judged for not being thankful. Let's learn from their mistakes. When we continually crave things we do not have, we can lose the joy of the things we already have. Be thankful for what you have already, and grateful to the Lord for all you receive.

- What are you thankful for?
- Do you want something you don't need? How can you have a change of heart?

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Contentment: Wanting what you have, not what you want.

Day Three

Giving Helps Others Enjoy Living

Text: Isaiah 58:10 – “If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness.”

Also read Isaiah 58:6-10

“Do we have to go with you Dad?” asked Lisa. “Well Lisa, I think it would be a good experience for you to see what it’s like in a different country.” The Wilson family was planning an outreach trip with their church to Mexico. There was a group of Christians who traveled down to Mexico twice a year to visit an orphanage and to do outreach in the small villages. There was a great need for building supplies, food, clothing, and toys for the children. Mr. Wilson had been traveling to Mexico over the past 10 years and knew the impact that it had made on his life.

“But Dad!” Lisa said, “I will miss my friends! Plus, I don’t even like eating Mexican food and it’s so dirty there!” “Lisa,” Dad replied, “this trip is not for your enjoyment, this trip is to provide for those who are in greater need than us. The Lord has laid this trip on my heart for quite a long time and now the opportunity has risen and He is sending me there. Lisa, I want you to go with me so you can see what God has done in this little village. I want you to see the living conditions that these people are accustomed to. Please pray about this trip and ask the Lord to change your heart about going.” “Well, Okay, I will pray about it” Lisa said while pouting, “But that doesn’t mean I want to go.”

Lisa continued through the week as usual. She prayed about the trip with her father. As the end of the week neared a wonderful change began to take place in her heart. Lisa began having a desire to help others. She truly wanted to understand what she was thankful for in this country. She started thinking about how unfortunate so many people are and she wanted to help. Lisa loved the Lord and she had a thankful heart to Him for what He has done in her life. She knew that going to Mexico would bring light to so many who live in darkness. The trip to Mexico really made Lisa begin to think. “So many people around me have so little. I have nothing to complain about. Lord, you have blessed me so much, I am so thankful for You.”

- Why do you think that Lisa didn't want to go with her Dad?
- What happened to change her heart? How can you help those who are less fortunate than yourself?

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Blessings: Good things that God does or gives to His children to shower His love upon them.

He Is Good!

Text: Psalm 136:1 – “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!”

Also Read Acts 16:16-34

Tommy couldn't understand why he was going through this terrible sickness. “I am a prisoner, trapped in my own home!” He thought. Tommy had a rare disease that required him to stay inside of his house. If he were to go outside he would come into contact with many invisible germs that could get inside his body and make him more sick or even cause him to die. It was very difficult for Tommy to be inside of his house most of the day.

One afternoon, Tommy was standing next to the window and noticed a girl wheeling her wheel chair on the sidewalk. The child was probably close to Tommy's age, which was ten years old. The girl did not have any legs and seemed to struggle to push her wheelchair down the sidewalk. But the entire time she had a big smile on her face and when she saw Tommy standing by the window she waved to him. Tommy waved back. He couldn't understand why she was smiling so big or why she waved to him. The girl steered her wheelchair closer to the window. She reached into a backpack she had connected to the chair and pulled out a writing tablet and a pen. She began writing questions on the pad. “How come I never see you outside? How old are you? Can you come outside and play?”

After reading the messages, Tommy started to get depressed because he knew there was no way for him to go outside. Tommy retrieved a tablet and responded back to the girl outside. “I am 10 years old and I can't come outside because I have a disease.” The little girl responded back with “That's OK. I have a disease too. But someday I will have a new body without any diseases or any problems at all.” Tommy thought to himself, “What is this girl so happy about and what does she mean about getting a new body?”

(Continued on Day Five)

- Would it be difficult for you to give praise or thanks to God even if you were to have a disability or disease?
- When we receive God's gift of eternal life we are “saved” from the penalty of death, separation from God. We receive a new life by faith
- Can you guess why the girl is so happy? Find out the answer tomorrow!

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Disease: A sickness or illness in the body.

Day Five

A New Life

Text: Ephesians 5:20 – “Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Also read Hebrews 12:11-13

(Continued from Day Four) From that point on, every day after school Angela (the girl in the wheelchair) would stop by to talk to Tommy. She learned about Tommy's rare disease and began to communicate with him by writing notes on a tablet. Angela was always joyful, friendly, and she always had a smile on her face. Many times, Angela would tell Tommy about Jesus and how He changed her life. She told Tommy about having a new life and that someday when she died she would get a brand new body. Tommy accepted Christ as his savior one day while visiting with Angela. God was using Angela despite her illness.

Angela bought Tommy a Bible on his birthday. She gave him a guide he could use to find Bible verses and learn more about Jesus. Everyday at around 3:25 p.m. Tommy would walk over to the window to wait for his friend Angela. One day, Tommy went over by the window and waited for Angela. He waited and waited, and there was no Angela. “Angela has not missed a visit for almost two years!” “Were could she be?” Another day went by and no Angela. Four days went by before Tommy heard anything about Angela. Finally on the last day, Tommy received a message from Angela's Father. Angela had a severe infection and was hospitalized. Angela died while she was in the hospital. Tommy was very upset. Tommy started to feel depressed again.

As Tommy opened up his Bible that evening, he noticed a bookmark that Angela had given to him. On the bookmark was a Bible Verse Angela wrote for Tommy; “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Instead of looking down, Tommy looked up. He was thankful for meeting Angela. He was thankful that Angela introduced him to Jesus Christ. Tommy knew that his illness would bring God glory just like it did with Angela.

- How did the Lord use Angela even though she had an illness?
- What did Tommy learn about thankfulness? What have you learned?

Kid's Prayer Time



We have so much to be thankful for not matter if we are disabled or whatever our circumstances may be. God is truly in control and we need to be thankful for Him. As you pray ask the Lord to help you to be humble as He has called us to be humble.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"Give thanks to the
Lord, for He is
good."

Third Grade and Above

"Oh, give thanks to
the LORD, for He is
good! For His mercy
endures forever."

Psalm 107:1