

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:
THANKFULNESS

DEFINITION:

A grateful heart that comes from trusting God

MEMORY VERSE:

“Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT

FINISH LINE: We can be thankful for what God has done

READ: Luke 17:11-19

WHAT DOES IT SAY?
(OBSERVATION)

1. Who did Jesus meet on his way to Jerusalem? (*Ten lepers. Leprosy was a terrible skin disease with no cure.*)
2. Could the ten lepers do anything to heal themselves? (*No, they were helpless.*)
3. What did they ask Jesus? (*To show them mercy*)
4. How did Jesus heal them? What did He tell them to do? (*He told them to go to the priests to show they were healed. Back then, only the priests could say someone was really healed and let them go home.*)
5. How did one of the lepers show thankfulness? (*When he saw he was healed, he ran back to Jesus and worshipped Him. The man knew it was Jesus that had healed him even though he did not deserve it.*)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
(INTERPRETATION)

1. What did the lepers know they needed? Who did they believe was the only one who could help them? (*They knew they needed someone who could heal them, and they believed that someone was Jesus.*)
2. Why do you think only one leper came back to thank Jesus for what He had done? How can you thank God for what He has done in your life?
3. Read Romans 5:6-11. What “disease” do we all have? (*We all have sin that separates us from God.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER?
(APPLICATION)

1. Who is the only person who can do anything about our disease of sin? (*Jesus. He lived a perfect life and did not deserve death, the punishment for sin. However, He chose to die and take the punishment we deserve. Three days later, He came back to life.*)
2. How can we be healed from our disease of sin? (*We need to see how bad our sin is and that we cannot do anything to heal ourselves. We cannot do enough good to make up for the bad. We need to believe Jesus is the only one who can heal us and ask for mercy. It is not enough to just say the words. We need to trust God in our heart, putting our faith in Jesus as our Savior. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, God offers us forgiveness for our sin so that we can be healed and saved.*)