

The Ten Lepers

CHARACTERS: Narrator, JESUS, lepers, crowd

PROPS: Shredded scrap paper for each leper to shed as they move.

SETTING: A road

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Luke 17:11-19

F K reading level: 5.3

NARRATOR: A bunch of lepers wanted to be healed by Jesus but this was not an easy task. First of all, every time they walked around pieces of their body fell off. Sometimes it was just a few skin cells but other times it was bigger chunks like noses, ears or arms. Secondly, they weren't allowed in most of places. Stores had signs up "No shirt, no shoes, no lepers". Lastly, people held their noses, covered their mouths and went out of their way to avoid them.

But these lepers had a plan. If anyone of them spotted Jesus, they would wave to the others, as long as they still had a hand. If they didn't, they'd wave a stump. Everybody whose tongue hadn't fallen out would then all yell "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

LEPERS: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

NARRATOR: They even had Jesus drills, practicing shouting because some of them had no lips and it's harder to talk without lips. So they practiced shouting "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

LEPERS: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

NARRATOR: One blessed day, Jesus was passing between Samaria and Galilee. Now the only thing worse than being a leper is being a Samaritan leper, because everyone snubbed Samaritans. When one of the lepers spotted Jesus, he waved his stump. The rest began to shout.

LEPERS: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

NARRATOR: Jesus healed them. They all jumped up and down rejoicing. They shouted "Praise God!"

LEPERS: Praise God!

NARRATORS: Then they jumped up and down and rejoiced some more, grateful their body parts were staying attached. Nine of the ten hurried home to celebrate with their friends and family. It would be wonderful not having a finger fall off into the mashed potatoes or chocolate ice cream. But one leper went back to Jesus. He fell to his knees. He thanked Jesus over and over. Jesus grabbed his hand and helped him up.

JESUS: Didn't 10 get cured? Where are the other nine?

NARRATOR: It just so happened that these other nine were Jews and the only one who thanked Jesus was a Samaritan.