

Materials I Need:

Legend:

 = Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade

 = Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Bolded Words in Story = Key Concepts to Highlight during the Bible Adventure

Memory Work:

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" (NIV)

Aim Questions:

1. How many lepers were healed? How many lepers came back to thank Jesus?
2. How did the judge finally respond to the woman who kept asking for something?
3. Who was another person Jesus healed in our story today?
4. What kinds of things might you be trusting in to make you feel secure?
5. What type of heart and attitude must you have to enter the Kingdom of God?



Hook:




Which One is Different? (Worksheet). In each row of 10 objects, find the one that is different, and circle it. Inform the students that today they will hear about another group where one of ten was also very different, **BLUK16.GF1**.



Unworthy Servants (Game). Divide students into two groups. Put a copy of **BLUK16.GF2** on the wall to tally points. Repeat, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty" several times with students until they have it memorized. Tell them that for the rest of class-time, they should look for any helpful thing they can do for a teacher or a classmate. Whenever they do something helpful, they can tell a teacher what they did and repeat the phrase, "We are unworthy servants . . ." They will then get a point for their team. They get points for paying attention, being kind, saying "please" and "thank you," raising their hands, picking up after themselves or others, sharing, getting garbage all the way into trash, first time obedience, etc. At the end of classtime, tally the points. See Took time for the "grand finale."





It's Magnetic! (Activity). Glue or tape the shaded labels from **BLUK16.GF3** to the plastic paper clips and the white labels to the metal paper clips. Bring in several magnets (*available from office upon request or Radio Shack*) and demonstrate how different objects attract. Discuss how we are supposed to stay away from those things that are not compatible to our faith. Also use one magnet to push another magnet away to illustrate how we are to resist sin. Show students how the "Kingdom Magnet" attracts certain qualities such as thankfulness, servanthood, humility, recognition that Jesus is the Messiah, repentance, and forgiveness. Then show them how the "Kingdom Magnet" does not attract money, pride, selfishness, and religiousness, which aren't Kingdom things.

 **Give Thanks (Game).** Have students close their eyes and put their heads down. No peeking! Tell them you will call on the 10th person who raises his hand (*this works like the 10th caller in a radio contest*). Explain they want to be the 10th so they'll have to try to time raising their hands at just the right time. When a 10th student is called on, he or she will get a piece of candy and will also tell something he/she is thankful for. Repeat several times.

 **Book:**

Presentation Ideas -

 **The Ten Lepers (Illustration/Overhead).** Luke 17:15 "One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice," **BLUK16.GF4.**

 **Jesus & The Pharisees (Illustration/Overhead).** Luke 18:9 "To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable," **BLUK16.GF5.**

Bible Adventure -

Have you ever noticed how many different ideas people have about God and men and why we are here? If you stood on a street corner and asked each person passing by, "Who do you think God is and what difference does that make in your life?" you'd get as many answers as you would people interviewed. Today people are making up their own truth about God and about themselves. There are so many opposing viewpoints. How can they all be correct? The answer is, simply, that they can't. There is a place we can go, however, where the truth can be plainly seen. God's own tested and true Word, the Bible, reveals to us Who God is and what difference He can make in our lives.

Much of Jesus' ministry on this earth consisted of teaching people who God is. People of that day had also invented their own ideas about God and about life. Their false ideas were keeping them from entering the Kingdom of God. Jesus never seemed to tire of sharing with them what the Kingdom is really like, what was keeping them out, and how they could get in.

As we look into chapters 17 and 18 of the book of Luke, Jesus was again on the road, traveling to Jerusalem. As He was going into a village, **ten men who had leprosy** called out to Him from the distance. "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" Everyone was frightened of the disease, and those who got it were forced to live in colonies far away from healthy people. There was no cure and there was no hope, at least not until their eyes saw Jesus. He told the ten men to go show themselves to the priests, and immediately they obeyed. While they were on their way, **they were cleansed of their leprosy.** Can you imagine their excitement? To be under a sentence of banishment and death and then be totally healed and given a second chance at life must have been almost too good for them to believe. What happened next was very interesting. **One of the lepers, when he saw he was healed, turned back** (*place Illustration BLUK16.GF4*) to where they had seen Jesus, praising God every step of the way. When he found the Lord, he threw himself down at His feet and thanked Him. This former leper was a Samaritan, who as you remember were considered enemies of the Jews. **"Where are the other nine men?"** Jesus asked. "Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" The other nine were all Jews, and yes, they were happy to have been healed. However, **instead of coming back to thank Jesus,** all they could think of was getting back to their own lives. Does this sound a bit familiar to you? The nation of Israel was just like those nine lepers, going on their way without welcoming or even acknowledging the Messiah who had come to bring healing to them.

Jesus knew His disciples would face the same kind of rejection from their fellow Jews as they spread the news about the Kingdom. He encouraged them to pray without stopping and even told them a parable to illustrate this. He told about a judge in a certain town who did not respect God or other people. There was also a widow in that town who kept coming before the judge and asking him for justice in a dispute between her and another person. The judge at first refused her. **Then, because she kept coming back, he decided to grant her request so that she would quit bothering him.** Jesus compared the judge to God, saying that if an uncaring judge would grant a request because of a woman's persistence,

how much more would He listen to the cries of His people as they called out to Him. God would never grow weary of their prayers to Him and would delight in answering. They were to have faith, and we are to have faith as we wait for Jesus' return. Jesus did not want His disciples, past or present, to lose heart.

Jesus next turned His attention to some men who were standing nearby (*place Illustration **BLUK16.GF5***). It was obvious they felt they were very righteous and, as a result, looked down their noses at everybody else. Jesus told His next parable for their benefit. He told of two men who went up to the temple to pray. The first was a Pharisee. The other was a tax collector, hated by all the Jews. **The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself, thanking God that he was not like the scum of society, like that tax collector.** He reminded God of his religious practices of fasting and giving a portion of his wealth regularly. Meanwhile, the tax collector stood at a distance, refusing even to look up to heaven. He cried out, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Jesus spoke plainly about the meaning of this parable when He told the men that it was the tax collector who went home right with God that day, not the Pharisee with his self-righteous airs. **Admittance to the Kingdom of God required a humble, repentant heart.** It requires the attitude of a child--complete trust in and dependence on God.

As Jesus continued on his journey, He met **a blind beggar** outside the city of Jericho. When the blind beggar heard that Jesus was passing by, he called out to the Lord to have mercy on him. People around him told him to be quiet, assuming Jesus would not want anything to do with such a man. The beggar recognized that this was the Messiah. He called out even more loudly, and Jesus came to him. He told Jesus he wanted to be able to see. Jesus wasted no time. He spoke the words, and the beggar's eyesight was returned to him. His faith had healed him, and he followed Jesus, all the while glorifying God.

The beggar had a heart wide open to Jesus and knew his need. He also knew Jesus was the answer to his need. His actions demonstrate the opposite of what the religious leaders did. In spite of Jesus' miracles, they refused to recognize Him as the Messiah. Instead, **they trusted in their wealth and their self-righteousness and believed that would get them into the Kingdom.**

Perhaps you're thinking, "I don't have a problem putting my confidence in money. I don't have any money to put my confidence in!" But you see, we put our trust in other things, too. We can get all wrapped up in how talented or intelligent we are and miss the fact that we are powerless to save ourselves. If we are saved, we can get caught up in what we like and don't like and forget about what God's Word has to say. What is it that makes you feel secure? Is it your family, your friends, or how good you are in school? Is it even that you attend a good church? We need to get busy studying God's Word and learning what it has to say about Him and about us. The truth that is in the Bible is what drives the church. Don't reject it. Don't be like the Jews, coming to God's Kingdom with wrong ideas and expectations. Admit to Him your need and your helplessness. Jesus will run to help you when you call out to Him in faith and trust.



Look:



Bible Alert (*Bible Drill*). Divide the class into groups or teams, and make sure each student has a Bible. Students should keep their Bibles closed. Then the teacher will ask a question from **BLUK16.GF6** and give the Bible reference. The students then need to find the verse and stand to answer the question. The questions all have to do with truths about the coming Kingdom of God. The students must find the reference **and** have the correct answer. The students can earn an extra point if they can quote the reference of the last statement.



Tri-Bond (*Game*). Divide students into teams. As the teacher reads the three items, students need to figure out what the three have in common. The first team with an answer needs to raise their hands. Keep going until someone gets it right! This is a review for Luke, Chapters 1 – 18, **BLUK16.GF7.**

Road Through Samaria (Map/Discussion). Look at a map of Palestine in Jesus' time, **BLUK16.GF8.** We've been hearing a lot of parables that Jesus told to illustrate a lesson. However, the story of the ten lepers is not a parable. It is an incident that really happened while Jesus and His disciples were on the road. Usually when a Jew was traveling between Galilee and Judea, he would avoid Samaria by crossing over to the East bank of the Jordan. But Jesus took the more direct routes where it was likely for Him to meet Samaritans and Jewish outcasts. He had none of the usual hatred for the people of Samaria. Draw in a direct route that Jesus may have taken.

10 Questions (Discussion). Duplex copy **BLUK16.GF9 Pg. 1 & Pg. 2.** Cut and separate, then give a "Yes/No" card to each student. Have them hold up their answer as you make the following statements. Give all students a chance to commit to an answer.

1. Everyone who hears God's name will enter His Kingdom.
2. We know the exact day Jesus will come again.
3. We will be able to take our favorite toys with us when Jesus comes again.
4. Jesus will have it announced on the 6:00 news when He will be coming.
5. You will need to save lots of money to get into God's Kingdom.
6. If I tell my best friend about God they will be able to be in His Kingdom.
7. We should be waiting on the roof of our house for God to return.
8. Our President of the U.S. will be the leader in God's Kingdom.
9. We will have to elect new leaders in heaven
10. If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Journey With Jesus (Journal). Make an entry in your journal. Any disciple might write something like this:

We are now headed for Jerusalem and, as usual, Jesus is doing the unexpected thing. We're traveling through Samaria. Today a group of lepers called out to Jesus for mercy. He told them to go to the temple and show themselves to the priest. While they were on their way, they were all healed. We know they were healed because one of them came back to thank Jesus. If they were all cleansed, I wonder why only one came back to thank Him?




Took:


Forgiveness (Role-play). To receive God's forgiveness, we must be willing to forgive others. Children often find it hard to ask someone for forgiveness. Have the kids role-play, taking turns asking one another for forgiveness (*I am sorry for breaking your toy, will you forgive me?*).

Memory (Review Game). Students need to find the match to each picture and then tell the story the picture represents, **BLUK16.GF10.**

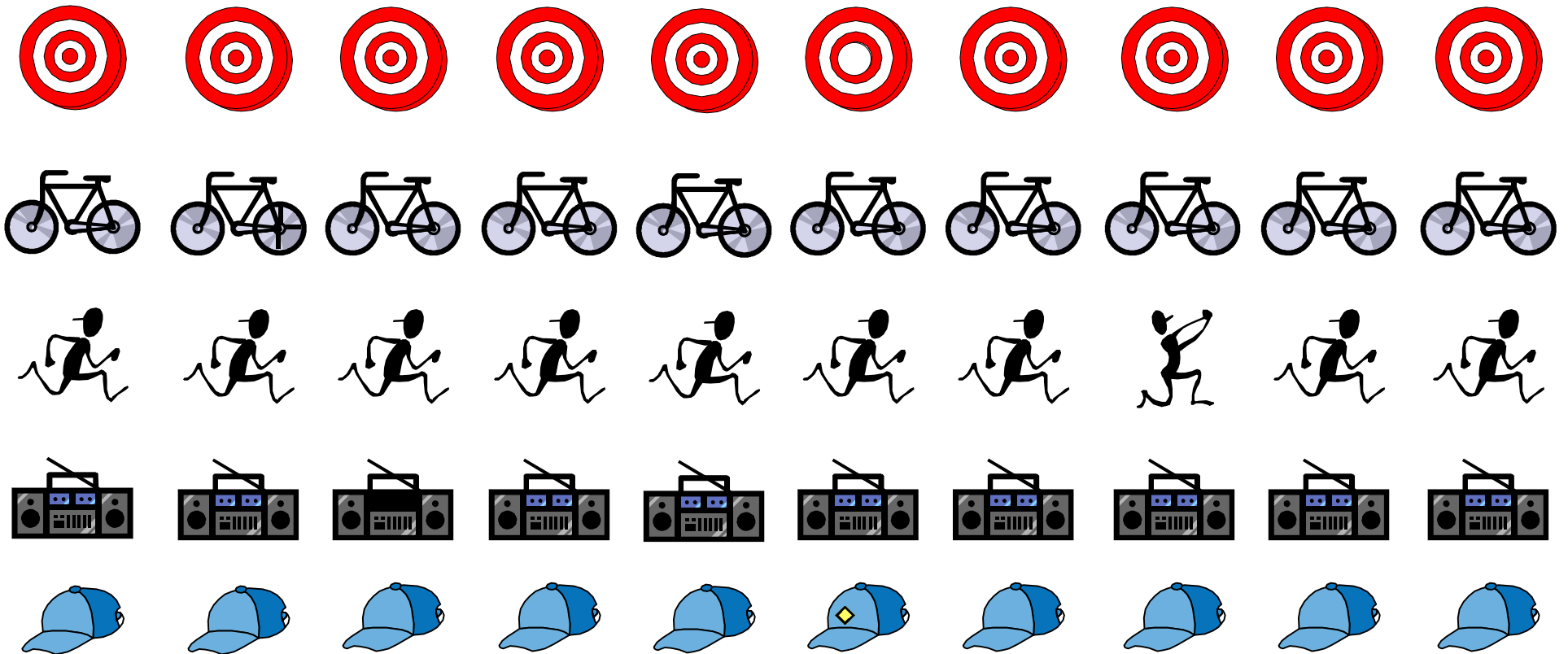
Thankful Heart (Worksheet). We should all have a thankful heart for what Jesus has done for us. Using the letters in the heart, make a list of what Jesus has done for you, **BLUK16.GF11.**

Make Tracks (Craft). 🐾 "Make tracks" to give thanks! How many lepers were healed? Directions: Have students place foot stickers from the leper back to Jesus to show the tracks of the leper who returned to thank Jesus, **BLUK16.GF12.**

 **Prayers of Thanks (*Discussion & Prayer Time*)**. Review the prayers of thanks in 17:15&16 and in 18:11&12. Which one is an example of how we should give thanks? Spend some time giving thanks to God. Have students pray short prayers of thanks for things that come to mind, but mostly for the cleansing work He has done in our hearts.

 **Unworthy Servants (*Game*)**. This is continued from Hook Time. Have the winning team come to the front of the class. Then have them all say together, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty." That's it. No prizes or candy. Get it? "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."

Which One Is Different?



**We are unworthy servants;
we have only done our duty.**

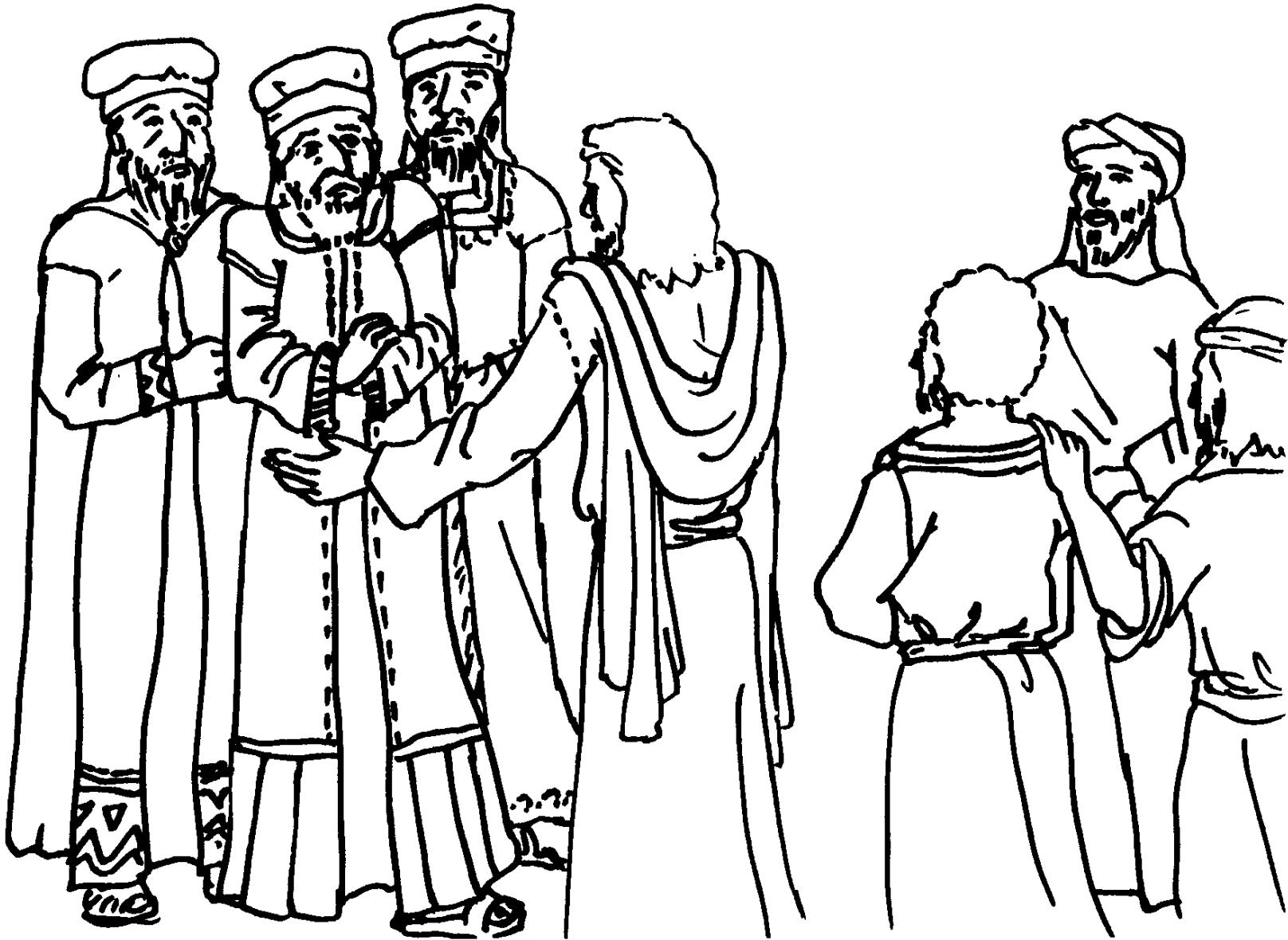
It's Magnetic!

THANKFULNESS	SERVANTHOOD	HUMILITY	JESUS IS THE MESSIAH
LOVE OF MONEY	PRIDE	SELFISHNESS	HYPOCRISY
REPENTANCE	FORGIVENESS	SHARING	KINDNESS
UNFORGIVENESS	HATRED	ANGER	DISHONESTY

The Ten Lepers



Jesus & the Pharisees





Bible Alert!

Divide the class into two groups or teams. They can compete against each other. Start each question with closed Bibles. They need to find the verse and stand to answer the following questions.

True or False: When men tell you the Son of Man is here, go run after Him. Luke 17:23

True or False: Christ will appear and perform great signs and miracles to encourage people to return to Him. Mathew 24:24

The Lord is coming with _____ and His chariots are like a whirlwind. Isaiah 66:15

Jesus told His disciples that He had to _____ many things and be _____ by this generation before His Kingdom would come. Luke 17:25

When the Son of Man returns, we will see Him coming in the clouds with great _____ and _____. Mark 13:26

What was Jesus' answer to the question, "Who then can be saved?" Luke 18:27

True or False: The nations of the earth will rejoice when the Son of Man appears. Matthew 24:30

True or False: We can use our Bible to determine the exact hour when Christ will come again. Matthew 24:36

What must we confess and believe to be saved? Romans 10:9

We have been saved by God's _____. Ephesians 2:8

It will be easier for a camel to go through _____ than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. Luke 18:25

God so loved _____ that He gave His one and only Son. (Do not give the verse on this one.)



TRI-BOND

What do the following three things have in common?

Coin, Sheep, Son - They were all lost and then found.

Shepherds in a field, Mary, Zechariah – An angel appeared to them.

Tell this stone to become bread, worship me, throw yourself down from here – Satan's temptations for Jesus.

“Man does not live by bread alone,” “Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only,” “Do not put the Lord your God to the test” – Jesus' reply to Satan's temptations.

James, John, Simon Peter – The fishermen who followed Jesus.

Man with Leprosy, Paralytic, Simon's mother-in-law – Healed by Jesus.

You who are poor, you who hunger now, you who weep now – These would be the blessed in the Beatitudes.

You who are rich, you who are well fed now, you who laugh now – The woes in the Beatitudes.

The path, rock, thorns – Places where the farmer's seed fell and did not grow..

What you will eat, about your body, what you will wear – Jesus told His disciples not to worry about these things.

I bought a field, and I must go see it. I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. I just got married. – Excuses not to attend the great banquet.

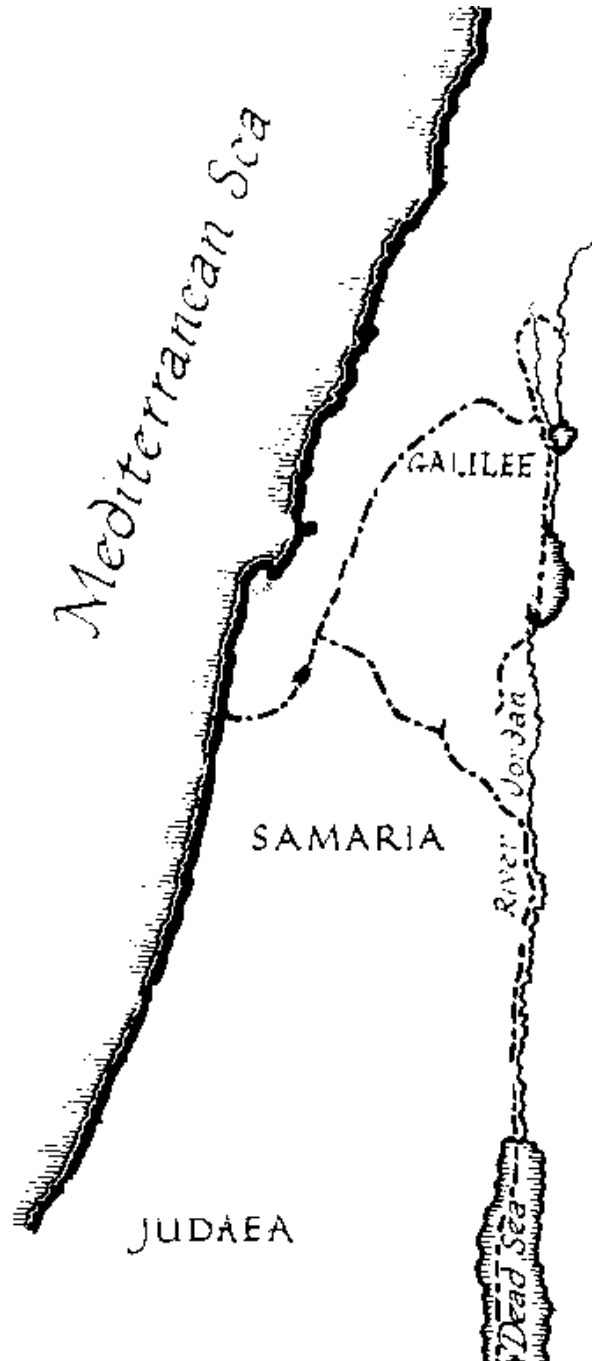
A robe, a ring, sandals – What the father put on his lost son when he returned to him.

A blind man, a man with leprosy, a woman who had been subject to bleeding – Jesus said to them that their faith had healed them.

Jesus, Elijah, Moses – On the mountain together at the transfiguration.



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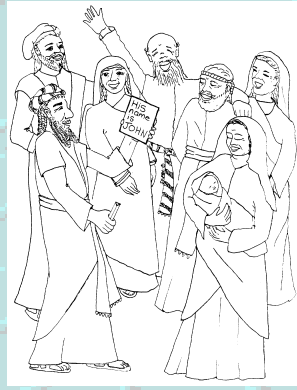
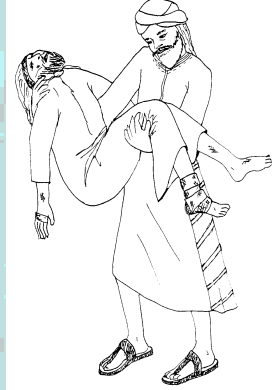
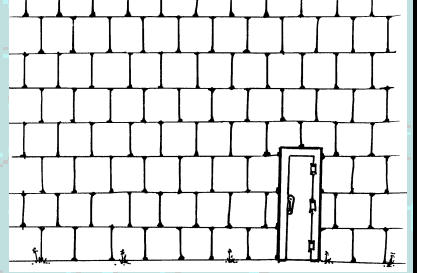
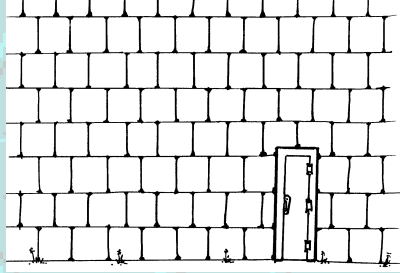
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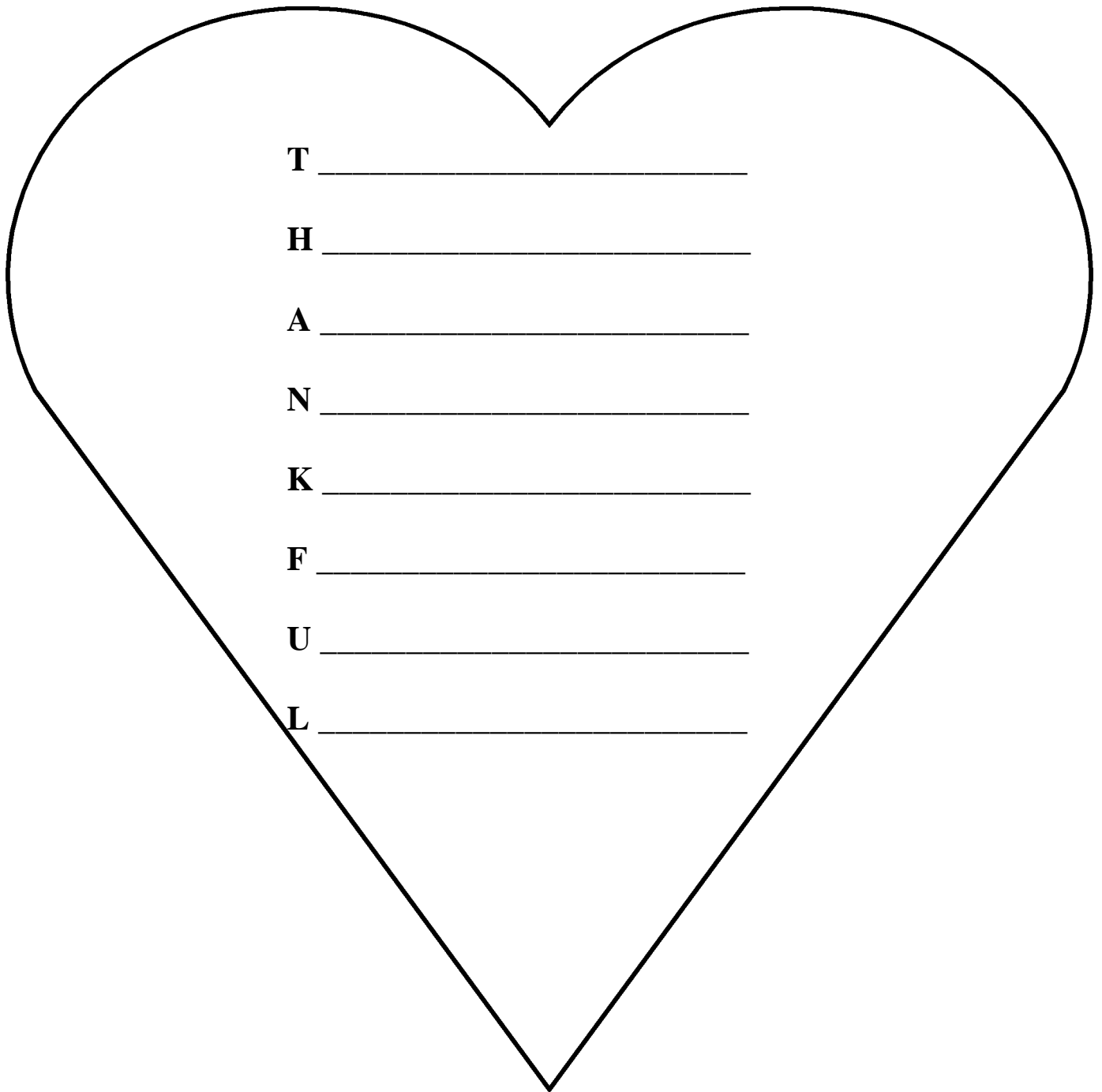
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THANKFUL HEART

We should have a thankful heart for all that Jesus has done for us.
Using the letters in the heart make a list of what you are thankful for.



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H _____

A _____

N _____

K _____

F _____

U _____

L _____

MAKE TRACKS

Place feet stickers coming back to Jesus to show the tracks of the one leper who returned to give thanks.

