

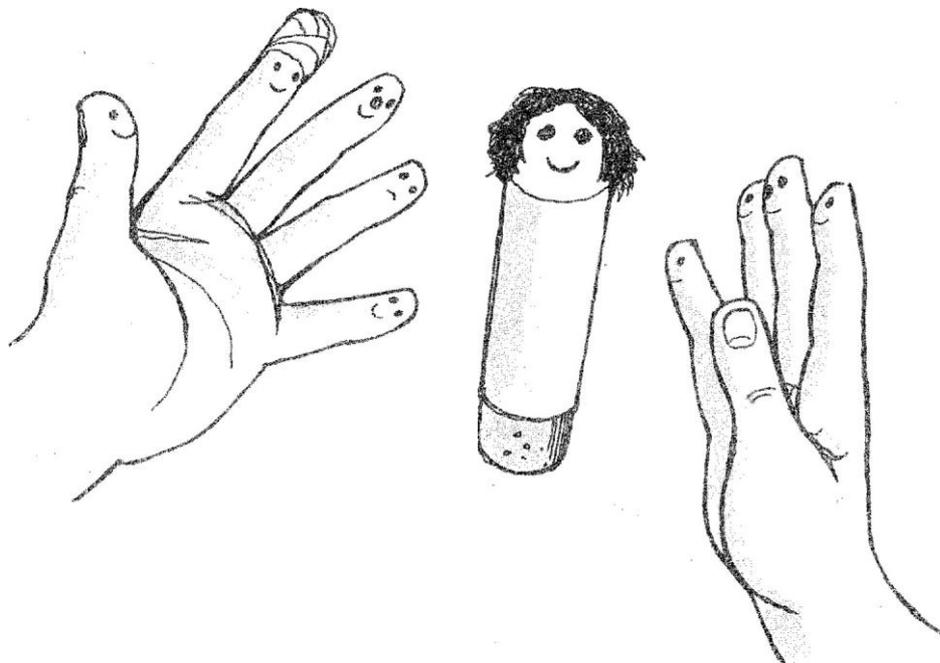


JESUS HEALS THE TEN LEPERS

(Luke 17: 11-19)

The Lord Jesus is traveling with His disciples. Near a village they meet ten very sick men. Because their sickness is contagious (catching), these men are not permitted to go into the village. That way, the healthy people would not be infected. When the sick men see Jesus, they call to Him: "Jesus, help us!" He looks at them and says: "Go and show yourselves to the priests." (At that time, the priests decided it was questionable if someone who had been so sick could become healthy again.) On the way there, they become healthy. They were all allowed to return to their families. Only one of the men returned to thank the Lord Jesus. The whole way, he praises God. He kneels down before Jesus and thanks Him wholeheartedly. The Lord Jesus is sad and asks him: "Were not ten healed? Where are the others? Are you the only one to come back and say thank you?" Then He says to the man: "Rise and go home, your faith has made you whole."

The children learn that the Lord Jesus is happy over the thankfulness of the faithful.



The teacher tells the story and the ten sick men can be shown on the teachers fingers. At first, the children watch; then they can also participate. Where hand washing facilities exist, there water soluble (non-poisonous) crayons can be used to draw faces on the children's fingertips.

Suggestions: One finger doll which represents Jesus is on the table. The sick men first talk about their troubled life. Then they see Jesus. They call and wave and plead for help. Jesus heals them. They go to the priests. They realize that they are healed. They shout and dance and sing. Only one returns and gives thanks.

The children tell of their own experiences with sickness.



VII. 8 The children color a paper figure on both sides: sick/healthy.

II. 8 We compose a simple song of thanks, or sing: "We thank Thee, Heavenly Father."
