

THANKFULNESSES

This month we will focus on being thankful. God fills our lives with blessings, and we should be thankful for everything he has given us. The Bible tells us to be grateful at all times because we know God is always with us. We should praise and worship him to express our thankfulness and our love for him.



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Psalm 107 reminds us of some of the many ways God has blessed his children, and it tells us to praise him for his goodness and love.

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PSALMS 106 – 107

Many times the LORD saved them.
But they refused to obey him.
So he destroyed them because of
their sins.

Yet he heard them when they cried out.
He paid special attention to their
suffering.

Because they were his people, he
remembered his covenant.
Because of his great love, he felt
sorry for them.

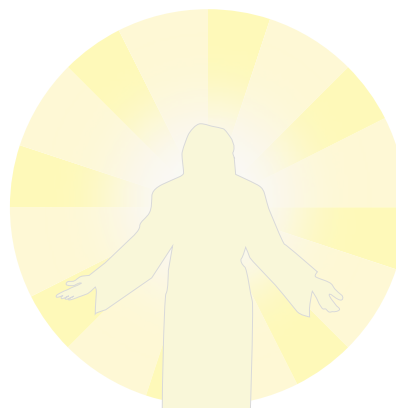
He made all those who held them as
prisoners
have mercy on them.

LORD our God, save us.
Bring us back from among the
nations.

Then we will give thanks to you,
because your name is holy.
We will celebrate by praising you.

Give praise to the LORD, the God of Israel,
for ever and ever.
Let all the people say, "Amen!"

Praise the LORD.



Their Evil Ways Made the LORD Angry

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Psalms 107–150

Psalm 107

Give thanks to the LORD,
because he is good.
His faithful love continues
forever.

Let those who have been set
free by the LORD tell
their story.

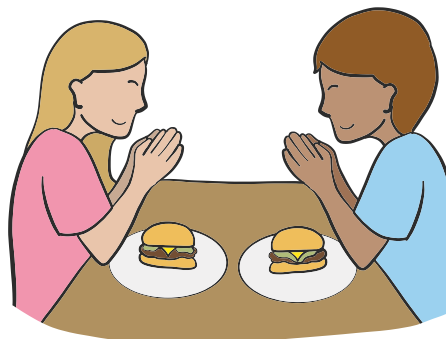
He set them free from the
power of the enemy.
He brought them back from
other lands.

He brought them back from
east and west, from
north and south.

Some of them wandered in
deserts that were dry
and empty.

They couldn't find a city where they could make their homes.
They were hungry and thirsty.

Their lives were slipping away.
Then they cried out to the LORD because of their problems.
And he saved them from their troubles.



Give Thanks to the LORD

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PSALM 107

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He led them straight
to a city where they could make their homes.
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love.
Let them give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people.
He gives those who are thirsty all the water they want.
He gives those who are hungry all the good food they can eat.

Others lived in the deepest darkness.
They suffered as prisoners in iron chains.
That's because they hadn't obeyed the commands of God.
They had refused to follow the plans of the Most High God.
So he made them do work that was hard and bitter.
They tripped and fell, and there was no one to help them.
Then they cried out to the LORD because of their problems.
And he saved them from their troubles.
He brought them out of the deepest darkness.
He broke their chains off.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love.
Let them give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people.
He breaks down gates that are made of bronze.
He cuts through bars that are made of iron.

Others were foolish. They suffered because of their sins.
They suffered because they wouldn't obey the LORD.
They refused to eat anything.
They came close to passing through the gates of death.
Then they cried out to the LORD because of their problems.
And he saved them from their troubles.
He gave his command and healed them.
He saved them from the grave.
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love.
Let them give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people.
Let them sacrifice thank offerings.
Let them talk about what he has done as they sing with joy.

Some people sailed out on the ocean in ships.
They traded goods on the mighty waters.
They saw the works of the LORD.
They saw the wonderful deeds he did on the ocean.
He spoke and stirred up a storm.
It lifted the waves high.
They rose up to the heavens. Then they went down deep into the ocean.
In that kind of danger the people's boldness melted away.
They were unsteady like people who have become drunk.
They didn't know what to do.
Then they cried out to the LORD because of their problems.
And he brought them out of their troubles.
He made the storm as quiet as a whisper.
The waves of the ocean calmed down.
The people were glad when the ocean became calm.
Then he guided them to the harbor they were looking for.
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love.
Let them give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people.
Let them honor him among his people who gather for worship.
Let them praise him in the meeting of the elders.

He turned rivers into a desert.
He turned flowing springs into thirsty ground.
He turned land that produced crops into a salty land where nothing
could grow.
He did it because the people who lived there were evil.

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He turned the desert into pools of water.
 He turned the dry and cracked ground into flowing springs.
 He brought hungry people there to live.
 They built a city where they could make their homes.
 They planted fields and vineyards
 that produced large crops.
 He blessed the people, and they greatly increased their numbers.
 He kept their herds from getting smaller.
 Then the number of God's people got smaller.
 They were made humble by trouble, suffering and sorrow.
 The God who looks down on proud nobles
 made them wander in a desert where no one lives.
 But he lifted needy people out of their suffering.
 He made their families increase like flocks of sheep.
 Honest people see it and are filled with joy.
 But no one who is evil has anything to say.
 Let those who are wise pay attention to these things.
 Let them think about the loving deeds of the LORD.

Psalm 108

A song. A psalm of David.

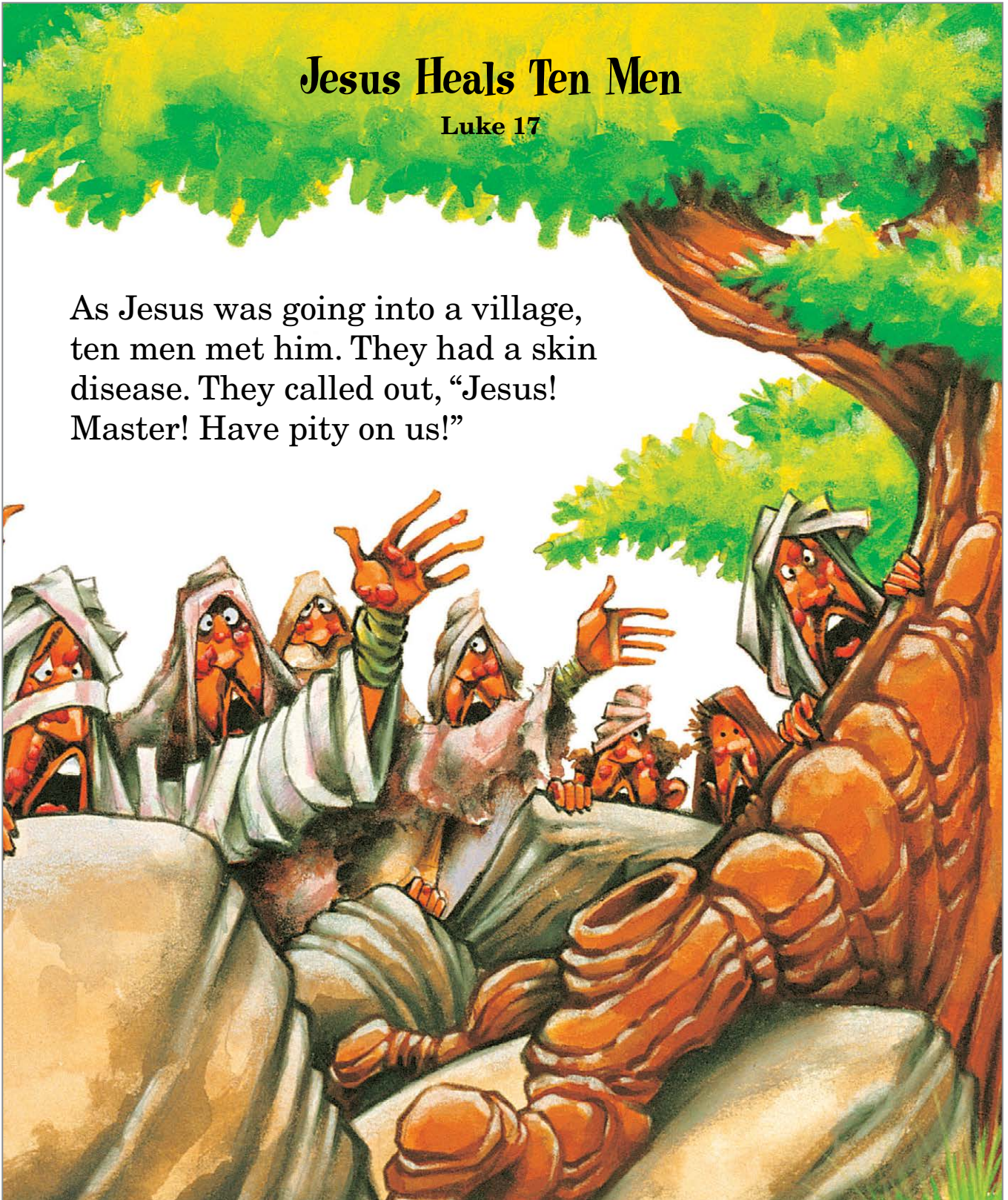
God, my heart feels secure.
 I will sing and make music to you with all my heart.
 Harp and lyre, wake up!
 I want to sing and make music before the sun rises.
 LORD, I will praise you among the nations.
 I will sing about you among the people of the earth.
 Great is your love. It is higher than the heavens.
 Your truth reaches to the skies.
 God, may you be honored above the heavens.
 Let your glory be over the whole earth.
 Save us. Help us with your powerful right hand,
 so that those you love may be saved.
 God has spoken from his temple.
 He has said, "I will win the battle.
 Then I will divide up the land around Shechem.
 I will divide up the Valley of Sukkoth.
 Gilead belongs to me, and so does the land of Manasseh.
 Ephraim is the strongest tribe. It is like a helmet for my head.
 Judah is the royal tribe. It is like a ruler's scepter.
 Moab serves me like one who washes my feet.
 I toss my sandal on Edom to show that I own it.
 I shout to Philistia that I have won the battle."
 Who will bring me to the city that has high walls around it?
 Who will lead me to the land of Edom?
 God, isn't it you, even though you have now turned away from us?
 Isn't it you, even though you don't lead our armies into battle
 anymore?
 Help us against our enemies.
 The help people give doesn't amount to anything.
 With your help we will win the battle.
 You will walk all over our enemies.

Jesus performed many miracles while he was on earth, and he healed many people. In this story, he heals ten men with a skin disease, but only one comes back to thank him.

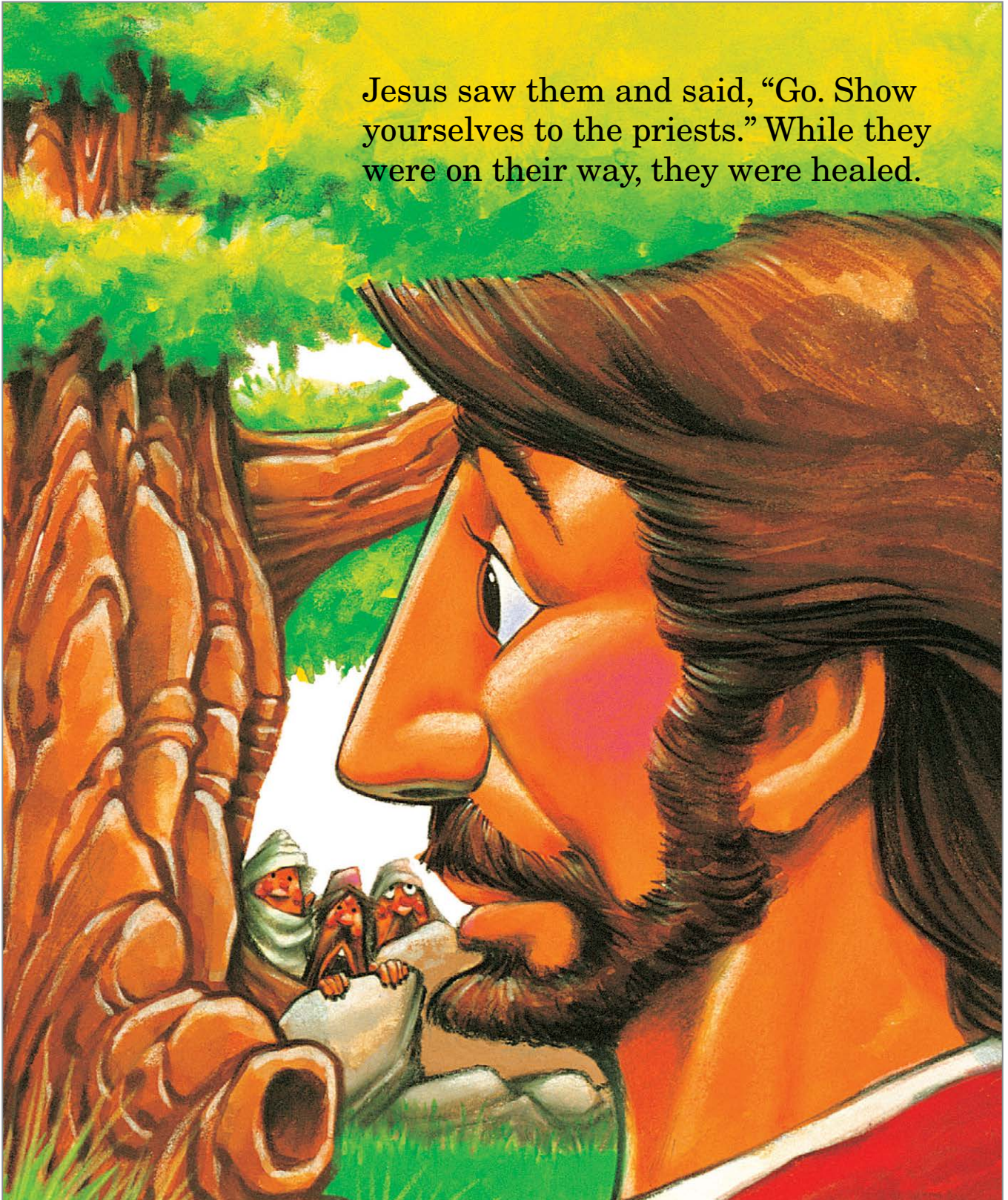
Jesus Heals Ten Men

Luke 17

As Jesus was going into a village, ten men met him. They had a skin disease. They called out, “Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!”



Jesus saw them and said, “Go. Show yourselves to the priests.” While they were on their way, they were healed.





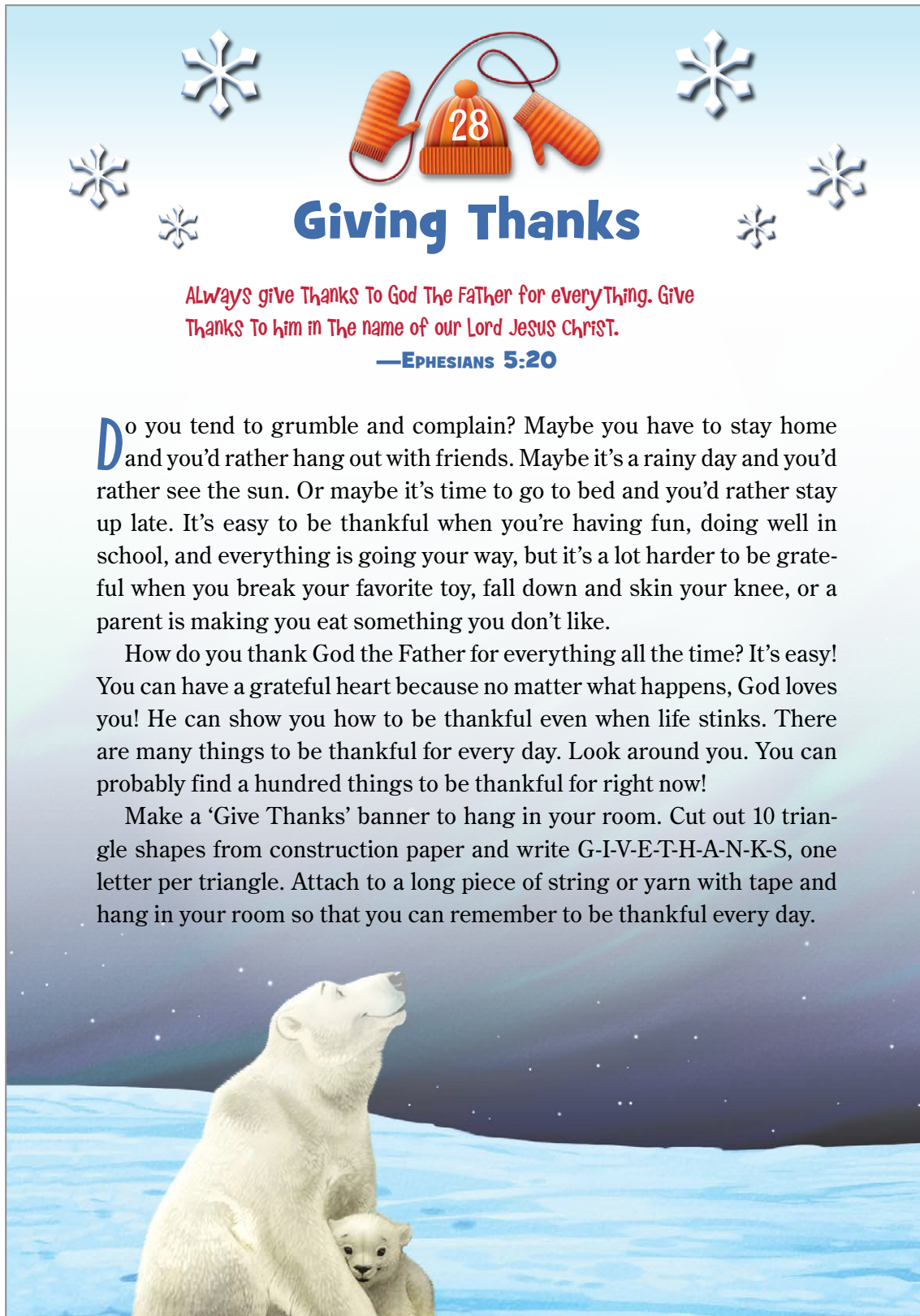
When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him.

Jesus asked, “Weren’t all ten healed? Where are the other nine?” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”



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This devotional reminds us that we should not grumble and complain. Instead, we should be thankful at all times. Try making the “Give Thanks” banner and stick-up notes below it with all the things you are thankful for. You can even add to it over time.



Always give Thanks To God The Father for everyThing. Give Thanks To him in The name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—EPHESIANS 5:20

Do you tend to grumble and complain? Maybe you have to stay home and you'd rather hang out with friends. Maybe it's a rainy day and you'd rather see the sun. Or maybe it's time to go to bed and you'd rather stay up late. It's easy to be thankful when you're having fun, doing well in school, and everything is going your way, but it's a lot harder to be grateful when you break your favorite toy, fall down and skin your knee, or a parent is making you eat something you don't like.

How do you thank God the Father for everything all the time? It's easy! You can have a grateful heart because no matter what happens, God loves you! He can show you how to be thankful even when life stinks. There are many things to be thankful for every day. Look around you. You can probably find a hundred things to be thankful for right now!

Make a 'Give Thanks' banner to hang in your room. Cut out 10 triangle shapes from construction paper and write G-I-V-E-T-H-A-N-K-S, one letter per triangle. Attach to a long piece of string or yarn with tape and hang in your room so that you can remember to be thankful every day.

Paul and Silas were unfairly thrown in prison, but they continued to thank and praise God while they were in chains. Because of their worship, other people believed in Jesus.

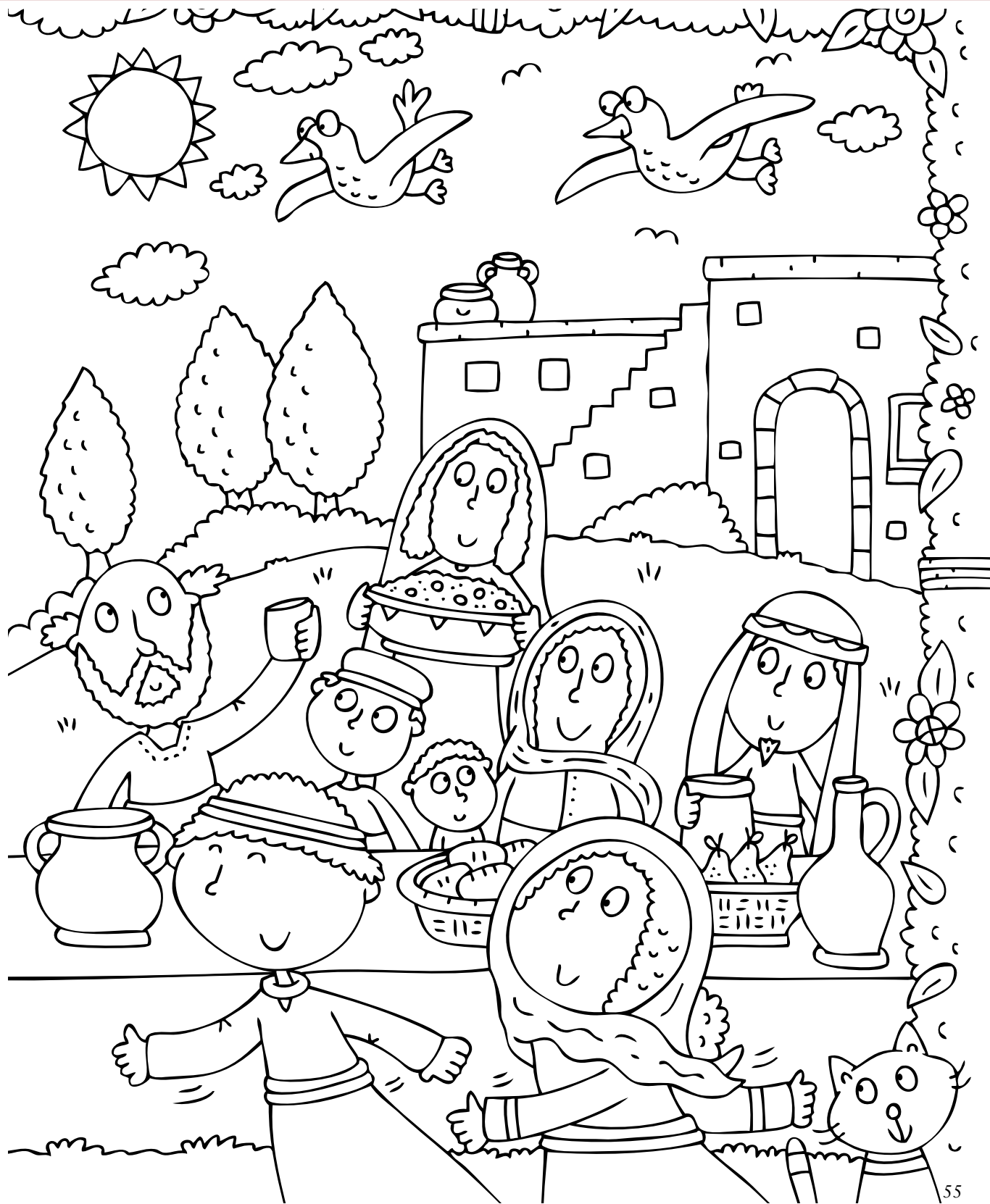


Paul and Silas Worship God in Prison: Act 16:16–35

Key Verse: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD.

Let us give a loud shout to the Rock who saves us. —Psalm 95:1

We have so many things to be thankful for! One way to celebrate God's blessings is by having a large feast with family and friends, but we should also thank God every day for what he has done for us.



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Paul traveled to many places to teach people about Jesus, but he faced many trials and dangers on his journey. Even though he was often punished and imprisoned for sharing the Gospel, Paul said that he was content in all circumstances, and he tells us to be thankful in everything we face. Enjoy doing this word search to find words associated with Paul's journeys.

PAUL'S JOURNEYS

Can you find all the words in this word search?

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PAUL'S JOURNEYS *Answer key*

Can you find all the words in this word search?

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