

MIRACLES OF JESUS – JESUS HEALS TEN MEN

Teaching point: We must remember to thank God for all He gives us.

Games: Sticky toffee: The child who is “on” has to tag as many children as possible. The others run away but once caught, they must stand still with arms outstretched until a child who has not been tagged goes under their arm and says, “You’re free!”

I went on a journey: Children sit in a circle. The first person says, “I went on a journey and I took an umbrella.” The next child adds another item and might say, “I went on a journey and I took an umbrella and a suitcase.” Each child repeats what has been said before and adds another item. How long can you continue before someone forgets?

Introduction: Acrostic Relay: On two large pieces of card write “Thank you God” with the letters listed down the page. Divide children into two teams and place a sheet of card at the opposite end of the hall, one for each team. Each child takes it in turns to run up to the card and write something they want to thank God for, next to each letter, eg the first child writes something beginning with “t”, the second writes something beginning with “h” and so on. The winners are the first to have written something next to each letter. See how much we have to be grateful for!

Story: Luke 17 verses 11-19 Let them act out the story and emphasise that Jesus was sad because only one man out of ten returned to say “thank you.”

Application: Ask how they’d feel if they gave someone a brilliant present but the person just walked off without even saying thank you. It’s easy for us to ask God for many things but we can often forget to thank Him. In our story, Jesus was shocked that only one man thanked Him when ten had been healed. Do we sometimes take Him for granted? Let’s remember that Jesus even died for us so we owe Him a great deal!

Memory verse: “I will always thank the Lord; I will never stop praising Him.” Psalm 34 verse 1: Have a selection of different ways this can be said, written down eg like a newsreader; like a Sergeant Major; like a cheerleader; like a very sad person etc. Ask the children to take it in turns reading the verse in the alternative ways whilst the others try to guess how they are meant to be saying it.

Prayer: Use the acrostic relay cards and ask the children to shout out the items they want to thank God for. Instead of a big Kingsquad “Aaaaaamen!” at the end, have a big “Thaaaaankyouuuuuu!”

Song: “Hey! Hey!” track 7 of Doug Horley’s Fandabidozzie CD

Final Game: Pick a favourite Kingsquad game from this year.

Resources: There is a fun sheet in the resources section.