

YEAR C

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# **LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD**

## **VISUAL AIDS**

- > A thanksgiving table arranged with leaves, fruit, flowers, food, etc.
- > Pictures of happy children.
- > The theme message LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD made out on cards, one word per card (for a large group of children make several sets).
- > Gentle music.

## **WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL**

*Say/sing together:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**For all things give thanks,**  
**because that is what God expects**  
**you to do in Christ Jesus.**  
**Alleluia!**

A reading from the Good News  
given to us by Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

As Jesus travelled towards  
Jerusalem, near one of the villages,  
ten lepers came out to meet him.  
They did not come too close, but  
called from a distance,  
'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us!'  
Jesus replied  
'Go and show yourselves to the

## **DISCUSSION**

What happened in today's Gospel?  
How many lepers were healed?  
How many came back to thank  
Jesus?  
What did Jesus say to the one who  
returned?  
- your faith has saved you.

Who was this leper?  
- a Samaritan.

Explain, as necessary, how the Jews  
despised Samaritans.

Can the children think of any  
examples of people who are not  
Christians, but who behave better,  
more kindly, more lovingly than  
some Christians?



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### SHARING

Invite the children to look at the things on the table, and to try and discover the message from the word cards.

What do the children have to be thankful about?

What is there about themselves, their lives, their families for which they want to thank God?

Ask the children to sit quietly (use the soft music to help the atmosphere) and think of what they are thankful for.

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus healed some people who were sick. Listen carefully to see if any of them say thank you.

priests.'  
The lepers set off to do this, but on the way, even before reaching the priests, they were cured. One of them came back to Jesus, praising God at the top of his voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Jesus said,  
'Were not all ten made clean? Where are the other nine?' To the one leper who did come back, who was a Samaritan, Jesus said,

'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children act out the story.
- > Give out blank paper and have the children write or draw something for which they are grateful.