

Ten Leaping Lepers

One day, Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. As He came near a town, **one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten** men met Him. All of the men—from **one to ten**—had a disease on their skin. It might have been a disease called leprosy, which is why the men were called “lepers.” The men called out in a loud voice, “Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!” Jesus saw the **one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten** lepers and said, “Go. Show yourselves to the priests.” The lepers must have been surprised by Jesus’ words! They needed to be healthy to show themselves to the priests, and they were still sick! But the **one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten** lepers obeyed Jesus and went. And while the **one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten** men were on the way, they were healed! Their sores were gone! **Nine** lepers kept going, but **one** man came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him. Jesus said, “Weren’t all **ten** lepers healed? Where are the other **nine**? Did only **one** man come back to thank me?” Then Jesus said to the **one** leper who came back, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”