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Title: One Came Back

Theme: In everything, give thanks.

Object: Pictures of the 10 Lepers and the one that came back (Downloaded from online PPT by Henry Martin Sermons4Kids).

Text: Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV) In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Who knows what special holiday is coming up on Thursday of next week? (Thanksgiving)

Our whole country celebrates Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November. Why do we do that?

Thanksgiving was made a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln back in 1863, during the civil war.

President Lincoln said that this day should be a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens."

It was to be a day for being thankful to God and for praising Him.

Now it is important to be thankful to each other, too. If somebody does something nice for your, I hope you always say “Thank you.” And if someone says “Thank you,” to you, what should you say back to them? (You’re welcome!)

In the Bible, Luke records something that happened to Jesus.

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

As he was going into a village, he met ten men who had leprosy. [Show picture of 10. Explain leprosy]

Because leprosy was such a bad disease, they weren’t allowed to come up to talk to Jesus, so they stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."

And as they went, they were healed. [Show picture of healed lepers]

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. [Show picture of one kneeling]

Jesus said, were not all ten healed? Where are the other nine?

Isn’t that sad? Only one came back to thank Jesus for the greatest miracle they had ever received.

I hope you’ll be like the one leper who came back to thank Jesus for healing him.

The Bible verse we read this morning said, “In everything give thanks” for this is what Jesus wants you to do.

Think about this for a moment: What if you woke up in the morning, and the only things you had were the things you thanked God for the day before?

What if yesterday you forgot to say the blessing and thank God for your food? Then no food for your today!

What if yesterday you forgot to thank God for your family and friends? Then nobody for you to talk to today!

What if yesterday you forgot to thank God for your nice warm house? Where would you be living and sleeping today?

What if yesterday you forgot to thank God for the clothes you wear, for the car that takes you to school, for your teachers, for your toys, for your TV, for life, and health, and strength? You’d have nothing.

We can be thankful that God loves us so much He doesn’t take away what we don’t thank Him for.

But I hope you’ll be like the one leper that came back and thanked Jesus.

Will you say a prayer this Thanksgiving and thank God for everything you have? Even your toothbrush?

Are you thankful for your toothbrush? Then let’s thank Him for that too.

Everyday should be Thanksgiving day for Christians. Let’s thank God right now.