**Journey Through The Bible**

**HEALED LEPER**

I was a leper. That means that I had a terrible disease that made me very sick and made my skin really look bad, sometimes it even fell off! No one wants to be around a leper, so most of us stayed together and away from the crowds of other people. Of course we got very lonely and sad because we missed being around our families and friends, but if people got too close to us, they could get leprosy too!

One day, nine of my friends and I were in a village and we saw this man, called Jesus coming through the village. We stayed far away from Him, because remember that we were not allowed to get too close to people. But we knew that Jesus could perform miracles and we called out to Him and asked Him to have mercy on us.

A wonderful thing happened; He saw us and told us to go to see the priest. We left and were on our way to see the priest just like H told us, and a miracle happened—all ten of us were healed! We did not have that terrible disease any more. Now we would be able to go home to our families and be with our friends. We could work and be able to help our families.

When I was healed, I knew that I had to go back and thank Jesus for healing me. I turned around and went back and with a loud voice I was praising God. I’m sure everyone heard me.

When I found Jesus, I fell on my face at his feet and thanked Him. I was so happy.

But can you believe that I was the only one who came back to thank Him? I’m sure she was very sad that none of the others came back, because when I thanked Shim, He asked where the other nine were. But, they did not come back, they just went on their way and I was the only one who came back. I am so glad that I remembered to go and thank Him and to let Him know how very happy I am to be well again.

If you would like to read more about my story, turn in your Bible to Luke 17. Now I would like to ask you some questions.

**Scripture reading:** Luke 17:11-17 **Memory Verse:**

Luke 11:9 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find.