



# Family Faith at Home 2022-2023

Week of October 9, 2022  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 17:11-19

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### Today's Gospel

Read "**Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families**" for October 9, 2022

Gather around your family prayer space.

All pray the Sign of the Cross

Lord, our God, you sent your Son into the world to live with us, as one of us, to heal, to teach, to make us holy and to proclaim the good news of the coming of the Kingdom. Help us to do what Jesus did, to bring joy and life wherever we go, to lift up the suffering and to tell others about Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Using the Bible, invite a family member to read the Gospel aloud.

#### Discuss:

How did Jesus respond to these people who no one would go near? Imagine the courage it must have taken for the lepers to call out to Jesus.

Having experienced God's blessing, one leper immediately expressed his thanks. When do you give thanks to God? Do you think the nine who didn't return were grateful? (Are there times when you take the good works and care of others for granted?)

Leprosy was a disease that resulted in people becoming outcasts of the community. Who are the outcasts in our society? In our schools, communities, neighborhoods?

How can we thank God for his great love?



### Scripture Insights

Leprosy was a skin disease with open sores. Since people didn't know if it was contagious, lepers were forced out of the community. It was a common belief among Jews of the time that if you had leprosy or any other medical condition, God was punishing you for your sins. Lepers were considered terrible sinners. The story continues with Jesus telling the lepers to go and show themselves to the priests. Priests were the only ones who could confirm that a leper had been healed and allowed back into the community.

Not everyone responds in the same way to the merciful actions of God. The man who was cleansed was a foreigner, a Samaritan, yet he returned to express his gratitude and his recognition of the saving power of God. Ten lepers were healed by Jesus, nine missed the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God. Jesus gave the ten lepers the gift of healing and health so they could be restored to life in their community. Our blessings are not meant to be kept to ourselves but for the benefit of everyone around us.

