

“I Say Thanks, You Say Thanks, We All Say Thanks, Right?”

for use as

STEP 1 **Lesson 13**
Focus:We bow down in
thanks to the Lord.**Lesson 13**
Bible Basis:

Luke 17:11-19

Students will play a game and then discuss Jesus' healing of ten lepers.**Materials:**

- pictures for the game (see the end of Step 1)
- paper
- pencils
- mini-candy bars to give away as prizes (at least five)

Today, we're going to start our lesson by playing a game! This game is called "Common Link." Here's how to play. I'm going to show you five different groups of pictures. Each group of photos has something that links them all together. When you think you know the common link, write it down on your piece of paper. For example, if I had pictures of Superman, Spiderman, and Batman, you could say that "Superheroes" was the common link. When everyone is done, we'll move on to the next set of pictures. Once you've seen all five groups, we'll go back through and see who had the right answers! If you do not have easy access to a computer/projector in your room, you could also simply print the pages, make copies, and hand out each page, one at a time, to your students. Listed below are the names of the people/things pictured in each grouping. The title above their names is their common link.

1. American Idol Alumni

- A. Carrie Underwood
- B. Kris Allen
- C. Chris Daughtry

2. High School Musical Actors

- A. Zac Efron (Troy)
- B. Ashley Tisdale (Sharpay)
- C. Monique Coleman (Taylor)

3. Pixar/Disney Movie Characters

- A. Woody from *Toy Story*
- B. Nemo from *Finding Nemo*
- C. Russell from *Up*

4. Patrick is Part of Their Name

- A. Patrick Dempsey
- B. Patrick from *SpongeBob*
- C. St. Patrick's Day

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5. TV Shows Where People Win Big!

- A. Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
- B. The Price is Right
- C. Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?

Once your students have seen all five groups of pictures, let them guess the “common link” for each group. Give a mini-candy bar to the first person who guesses the correct answer for each group of pictures (five total). You might want to have extra candy bars to give away in case students come up with other good answers.

In our lesson today, we are going to look at ten people who all had a “common link.” It wasn’t that they were all famous, had lots of money, or were a part of the same TV show. Their common link was that they all had a terrible disease called leprosy. Since they had this disease, they had to live separate from everyone who was healthy. One day, Jesus met these ten lepers and healed them. Out of the ten lepers who were healed, one leper responded in a way that was different than the rest. We could say that this leper had an “uncommon” response. Let’s find out what he did.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your *Middle School Teacher’s Guide*. Your Step 4 appears below.)

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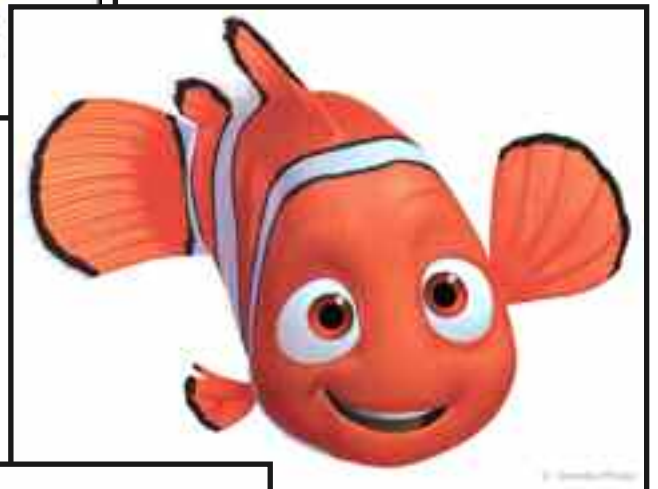
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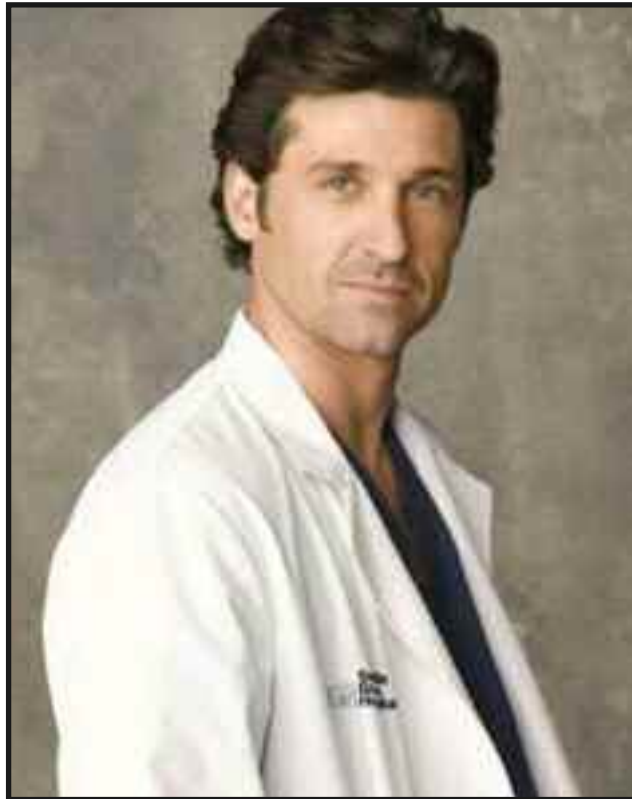
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STEP 4 **Lesson 13
Focus:**We bow down in
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Students will plan ways to say “Thank You” to their parents and to God.**Materials:**

- paper
- pencils
- a computer with Internet access (optional)

Today, we’ve been talking a lot about saying “thank you.”

▶ Do you feel like you say thank you very often? Rate yourself on a scale from 1 to 10...1 being “I never say ‘thank you’” and 10 being “I say ‘thank you’ all the time!”

In Luke 17, we learned that ten lepers received an incredible gift from Jesus. Yet, incredibly, after receiving such an amazing gift, only one leper returned to say thanks to Jesus.

- ▶ Why do you think the nine lepers didn’t thank Jesus for healing them?** (*they forgot, they were lazy, they were ungrateful, they couldn’t find Jesus, they were too busy celebrating, they were going to thank Him later, etc.*)
- ▶ How can we learn to be more like the one leper who came back to thank Jesus?**
- ▶ What are some things that you could thank God for right now?**

If you’ve been watching the Winter Olympics over the last several weeks, you’ll have had a hard time missing some of the “Thanks Mom” commercials that Procter & Gamble has been airing. Let’s check out a few right now: If you have Internet capability in your classroom, go to the following link and show a few of the different commercials. If you do not have Internet capability, watch the videos before class and explain them to your students.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/PGThankYouMom#p/a/u/1/UMsfyembc8c>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/PGThankYouMom#p/a/u/2/41i723L23j0>

- ▶ Do you think these moms deserve all the thanks they’re getting? Why or why not?**
- ▶ How often do you thank your mom (and dad) for all the things they do for you?**

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▶ **What are some things you could thank them for right now?**

Pass out paper and pencils to your students. Ask them to write a “Thank You” note to their parent(s). Challenge them to write down as many things as possible, but encourage them to be sincere in what they are saying. Once students are finished, ask them to think of a creative way that they can give the note to their parent(s) this week.

It is important to say “Thank You” to our parents as often as we can, but we must also remember that God deserves our thanks for all that He has given us, especially the incredible gift He gave us in Christ Jesus. Let’s close by taking some time to thank God for all He has done. Invite your students to join you by speaking out prayers of thanks to God. You might use a “popcorn” style of praying as students randomly share their prayers.

For more “Thanks Mom” videos, go to:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/PGThankYouMom>

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