

Children's Sermon for Oct. 13 (based on Luke 17:11-19)

Items needed: ten balls of yarn or string in a bag. Beforehand, cut enough pieces of yarn/string to give one to each child at the end. Also, beforehand, if you do not have enough children coming up to make a group of ten, enlist some adult volunteers.

After children come up, ask a volunteer to be Jesus. Ask her/him to take bag, assemble your group of ten. Ask "Jesus" to give each volunteer a ball of yarn. After she/he has done so, ask one of that group to take their yarn and tie a loop around the wrist of the "Jesus volunteer." See, these two are now tied together in a way that nobody else is. In today's Bible reading, Jesus heals ten people--He is giving healing, just like our volunteer gave yarn to ten people. However only one of those ten came back to Jesus to say, "Thank you." Saying "thank you" to someone is kind of like tying you to them, like our one person tied here to Jesus. When we say "thank you" to someone, it ties our heart to their heart. Now, I will give you each a piece of yarn, to remind you that saying, "thank you," ties your heart to another person's heart. Let us try to remember to say, "Thank you!" to someone today.

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