

The Thanksgiving Left Right Game

The ten lepers (Luke 17) • pass your treat **LEFT** or **RIGHT** every time you hear the word

How to play: sit in a circle, each player holding a small treat. The leader reads the story slowly. Every time you hear **LEFT**, pass your treat to the left. Every time you hear **RIGHT**, pass it to the right. When the story ends, the treat in your hands is yours to keep! *This is a retelling for a game; the Bible references show where each part comes from.*

Get ready! Hold your treat **RIGHT** in front of you, and listen to a true story about saying thank you.

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, and He passed **RIGHT** through the middle of Samaria and Galilee. (Luke 17:11)

As Jesus came into a village, ten men met Him. They were lepers. Leprosy was a terrible skin sickness, and the law said a leper had to live apart from everyone else, so these men had been **LEFT** out, all alone. They stood far off. (Luke 17:12; Leviticus 13:46)

The ten men lifted up their voices and called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." (Luke 17:13)

When Jesus saw them, He told them **RIGHT** what to do: "Go shew yourselves unto the priests." The priests were the ones who checked whether a leper was well again. (Luke 17:14; Leviticus 14:2–3)

So all ten men **LEFT** to go to the priests. And as they went, they were cleansed! (Luke 17:14)



One of them saw that he was healed, and he turned back. He **LEFT** the others and went back to Jesus, and with a loud voice he glorified God. *(Luke 17:15)*

He fell down on his face **RIGHT** at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. *(Luke 17:16)*

Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Only this one, a stranger, had come back to give glory to God. *(Luke 17:17–18)*

Then Jesus said to him, "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." *(Luke 17:19)*

Ten men were healed, but nine of them **LEFT** and never came back to give thanks. Only one did. Which one do you want to be? *(Luke 17:15–18)*

The Bible says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." That's **RIGHT**: in every thing! *(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

So before we eat today, let's stop **RIGHT** where we are and say it together: "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." *(Psalm 107:1)*

Pass your treat one last time to the **LEFT**... and whatever you are holding **RIGHT** now is yours to keep. Turn and say thank you to the person beside you. Happy Thanksgiving!