

The One Who Came Back

A 5-minute Thanksgiving skit · the narrator reads Luke 17 (KJV), children act it out

Parts: Narrator (an adult or strong reader, who also reads Jesus' words from the Bible) · The Samaritan · Lepers (any number; nine besides the Samaritan) · Townspeople (optional). **Lines in bold** are said by the children. Everything the narrator reads in quotation marks is the King James Bible. **No one plays Jesus:** tape an X at the front of the stage to show where He is.

Scene 1: Ten men stand far off

The lepers huddle together at one side, wrapped in old sheets. Townspeople walk past and step away from them.

Narrator: "And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:"

Leper 2: We're sick, and we have to live apart from everyone.

The Samaritan: Look! It's Jesus!

All the lepers (loudly): Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Scene 2: Go to the priests

Narrator: "And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed."

The lepers start walking across the stage. Halfway, they stop, drop their sheets and look at their arms.

Leper 3: Look at my hands! My skin is clean!

Leper 4: We're healed!



Nine of the lepers keep going and walk off the stage. The Samaritan stops.

Scene 3: The one who came back

Narrator: "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,"

The Samaritan (loudly): Glory to God! I'm healed!

Narrator: "And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan." *(The Samaritan kneels at the X and bows his face low.)*

The Samaritan: Thank You, Jesus!

Narrator: "And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger." *(The Samaritan looks around. Nobody else came back.)*

Narrator: "And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." *(The Samaritan stands up and walks off, smiling.)*

Finale

The whole cast comes back on stage.

Narrator: Ten men were healed. How many came back to say thank you?

Everyone (holding up one finger): One!

Narrator: Let's be like the one who came back.

Everyone: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18!

