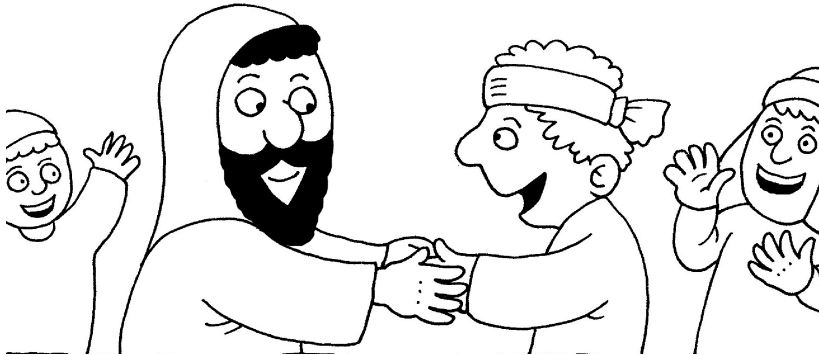


But one of them lifted up his hands and said thank you to God with a loud voice.

Then he turned around and ran back to Jesus. He was so happy!

He went onto his knees in front of Jesus and kept on saying :



"Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus."

Jesus' heart was very happy but only 1 came back!

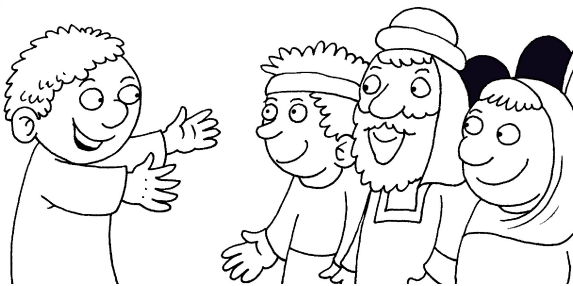
"Where are the other 9 lepers who were also healed? Did they not come to say thank you to God? This man is a stranger but he is the only one who came to say thank you." Jesus said.

Then Jesus looked at this man with a big smile and said :

"You may go home now. It is your faith that has made you well."

I think the man ran home to tell his family the good news.

What do you think?



You can also read this story in the Bible in Luke 17 v 11-19

THE LONELY LEPERS

We have all heard of Covid hey. It made so many people sick all over our world. Many kids couldn't go to school and parents couldn't go to work because of Covid. It may still be like that for some people. We had to isolate from each other for a while.



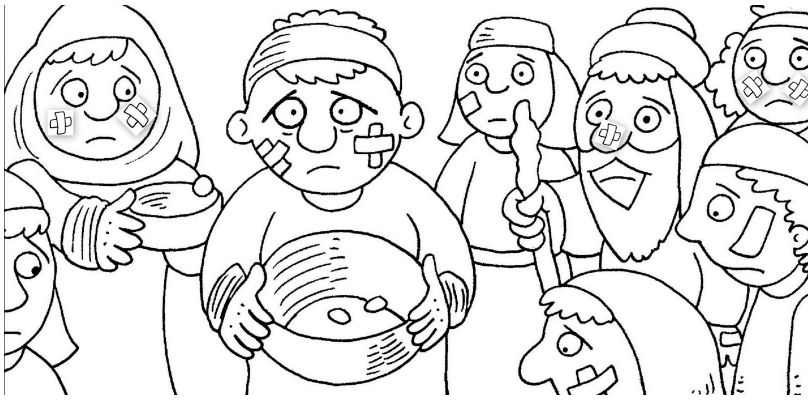
That means we could not visit each other. We also can't come too close to other people. We call that social distance. That has been hard. We still have to wear masks to protect ourselves from getting the Covid virus, hey. Yes, because it can get passed on from one person to another. We call a sickness like that contagious. It has been a very difficult time for all of us.

It makes me think of a story in the Bible about some sick people who also had a sickness which could be passed on to others. That sickness was called leprosy. It was a sickness of the skin. These sick people were called lepers. They had to



stay in a special place outside the town. Nobody could come near them and they couldn't go near anybody either. They had to do social distancing just like we have to do now during the time of Covid.

The lepers felt very lonely.



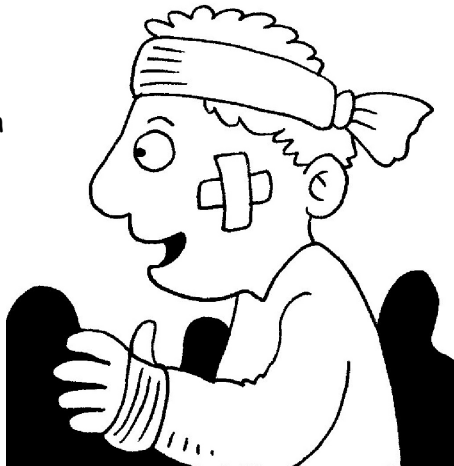
When kind people brought them food, they had to put it down outside the house and then leave quickly. The lepers could only take the food once the kind people left. These lepers felt very sad and lonely.

But one day Jesus and His friends was walking along the road just outside a town near Samaria.



They saw 10 lepers standing on the side of the road far away from them. In those days when any leper saw anybody coming close to them, he had to shout and say :

"I am not well, stay away from me!"



Then people will make sure they don't come close to them.

But that day the lepers didn't do that. They had heard about Jesus and the wonderful things which He had done. That He made many sick people well again. When they saw Jesus, one of them called out to Him.

"Jesus, please be kind to us."

Jesus felt very, very sorry for them. He was always very kind and loving to everyone. He wanted to make these men well again. He spoke to them from far away. He told them to go and show themselves to the priest in the village.

They listened and turned around to go into the village.

In those times, the priest of each town had to make sure that any leper was well again before they could go back home into the village.

So while these lepers were walking along, they looked at their arms and saw that they were not sick anymore. Oh how wonderful is that! All the sores on their skins just disappeared! They looked at each other with big eyes!

