

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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Jesus Is Merciful

Part of The Big God Story

Luke 17:11-19

Healing of Ten Lepers

JUST FOR FUN

Read this part of The Big God Story right after you've traveled somewhere—maybe when you arrive home from school or sports practice. Share with your children that you're going to read about a time when Jesus and His disciples were traveling and an amazing thing happened. Read the account of Jesus healing the 10 lepers in **Luke 17:11-19**. Share that these men were left out because of their disease. They weren't allowed to be around other people, even their families. Discuss the ways that Jesus showed love and mercy to these people.



Did You Know?

- Those in biblical times believed leprosy to be a personal plague, as well as an infectious disease.
- In Luke chapter 17, the cry of the 10 lepers was not only a plea for physical healing, but also for social restoration.
- The lepers had been ostracized because of the infectious nature of their illness, but also because of the belief that their sickness was the result of some sin they harbored.

When speaking to your child about spiritual matters, remember to use age appropriate language. Using terminology that your child doesn't understand may confuse or alienate him when you want to draw him in.

Teachable Moments

After reading **Luke 17:11-19**, discuss the following together:

- What do you think the lepers felt when Jesus healed them?
- Why do you think only one man returned to Jesus?
- How can we show love and mercy to other people?

Remember Verse

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.
Psalm 119:30

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you remember that Jesus is kind and full of compassion. May you always come to Him when you're feeling sad or lonely.