

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

LIFE OF CHRIST #16 – “Confession of Sin and the Joy of Cleansing”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You must confess your sins to be clean in God’s sight.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to last week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “My Part and God’s Part”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #16 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (6 minutes)

Acts 4:12 – “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

“**Bible Ping Pong**” – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this activity. Divide the class into two groups. Group #1 says the reference, then Group #2 says the first phrase, Group #1 the second phrase, and so on through the end of the verse. The final group repeats the reference at the end. Play several times, letting groups take turns at starting. If a group misses a word or phrase they have “missed the ping pong ball.”

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #13 – #18: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See **Involvement Helps for Younger Children** for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS: (6 minutes)

Teach information for Week #13. (See attached page.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #16. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

MISSIONARY TIME: (14 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while a child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for Week #16 using the "Go and Tell" Box. (See attached pages.)
3. Pray for the missionary.
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: _____
6. Story: *Whiter Than Snow*. Review briefly. Then teach the part of the story for Week #6.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the "Involvement Helps for Younger Children."

"Love Is . . ." – Back and cut out the attached hearts and the game title. Print the following words on the back of two hearts: patient, kind, forgiving, thoughtful, not selfish, not boastful, not rude, not jealous. Place the hearts (and the title) on the flannelboard in four rows of four hearts. When a child correctly answers a review question, he may choose any two of the hearts on the board. If they match, he leaves them off the board. If they do not match, he must put them back on the board so someone else can have a chance to match them. Continue playing until all the hearts are matched. – By Betty Wallstedt, *GIVE & TAKE*, January/February 1996.

Review questions for LIFE OF CHRIST #16:

1. **What two words were very important to the Jewish people?** (Clean and unclean)
2. **What unclean disease did we learn about?** (Leprosy)
3. **Who was the only one who could declare that a person had leprosy or not?** (A priest)
4. **Why was it so terrible to be a leper?** (He had to wear ragged clothes, cover the lower part of his face, leave his home and family, live outside the city, call out "unclean!")
5. **Leprosy made people unclean? What makes us unclean on the inside today?** (Our sin)
6. **How did other people feel about those who had leprosy?** (They did not like them. Threw stones at them. Stayed away from them.)
7. **What happened after the leper came to see Jesus?** (His leprosy was gone. He was made clean.)
8. **At another time Jesus healed ten men of their leprosy. How many returned to say "Thank You" to Jesus?** (Only one)
9. **What word could you use to describe how you'd feel about being unclean?** (Sad, hopeless, afraid, lonely, etc.)
10. **What word could you use to describe how you'd feel about being made clean?** (Joyful, happy, accepted, hopeful, thankful, etc.)
11. **Who is the only One who can make us clean from our sin?** (Jesus)
12. **What did Jesus do so we can be made clean from our sin?** (He died on the cross to pay for our sin and rose again)

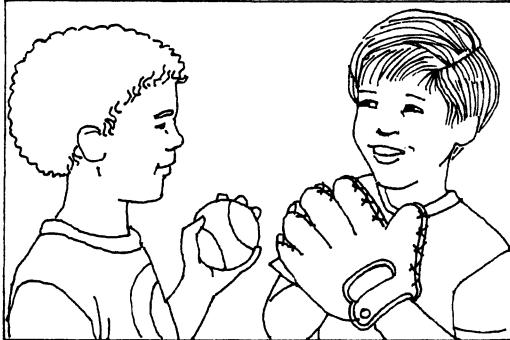
*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Memory verse token.
2. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #16

PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #16

My Part and God's Part





"If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." – 1 John 1:9



Read

the verse at the top of the page. Circle the phrase (three words) that tells what we are to do. Next, underline two words that describe GOD. Last, put an X on the two action words that tell what God will do.

If you had to explain this verse to a friend how would you do it?  **Write the verse in your own words here:** _____

Below, you will find a repentance reminder.  **Decorate with crayons, cut it out, and put it in a place where you will be able to find it when you need it.**

1. Tell God what it is you have done wrong.

2. Ask Him to forgive you and to help you not to do the same thing again.

3. Remind yourself that God will forgive and purify you when you ask Him to do this.

4. Think of what you can do differently next time to show that you are repentant.

Name _____

PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #16

A man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him.
Jesus touched him, and he was cured.

Circle 10 things different in the bottom picture.



“Neither is there salvation in any other”

Acts 4:12

Life of Christ #16

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE JOY OF CLEANSING

Acts 4:12

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Introduction:

Have you ever had a problem so big that it seemed that there was no one who could help you with that problem? Your parents could not help. Your teacher could not help. Your pastor could not help. Even the President could not help. In our memory verse today, we'll learn about the only One who can help you with the biggest problem you have – sin.

Presentation:

Read the verse together from the visual. Then read the verse from the Bible.

Explanation:

Acts 4:12 – This is the address of the verse. It's where it's found in the Bible.

“Neither is there salvation in any other” – Salvation means to be saved (forgiven) for sin. This is made possible only through one Person.

“for there is none other name” – Whose name is the verse speaking of? JESUS!

“Under heaven given among men,” – It's not the President or your pastor or your parents or the smartest person on Earth or any person who has ever lived.

“whereby we must be saved.” – Jesus is the only One who can help you with your sin problem. He is the only One who can give you salvation and forgive you for the wrong things you have done.

Repetition:

Bible Ping Pong

Divide the class into two groups. Group #1 says the reference, then Group #2 says the first phrase, Group #1 the second phrase, and so on until the end of the verse. The final group repeats the reference at the end. Play several times, letting groups take turns at starting. If a group misses a word or phrase, they have “missed the ping pong ball.”

HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Life of Christ #16

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

Acts 4:12 – *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is non other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Main Truth:

Each time you repeat the Main Truth during the lesson, use motions with the children. Fold hands as if praying when you say, *“confess your sins to God”* and move hands in a circular motion over heart when saying *“to be clean in God’s sight.”*

Flashcard Extra Page:

Have the children use their fingers and count to seven together. Pretend that it is still not certain if it is leprosy. Count to seven one more time.

Flashcard 4-2:

Have children make the face of how this man must have been feeling. (*sadness*)

Have children shake their heads and say, “No!” in response to each of these questions: *Could this man live with his wife and children? Could he go to the market to buy food? Could he go to work every day with the other men? Could he worship with other at the Temple? Could he celebrate special days with others?*

Have the children cup their hands around their mouths and say, *“The Man, Jesus, is in the city!”*

Flashcard 4-4:

Have the children extend one arm. Using their pointer finger and middle finger, have them “run” from their hand to their shoulder. Ask, *“Where do you think the man went next?”* Tell the children to “run” home to see the man’s family.

Bible Learning Game (Finding Jesus)

By Linda D. Ruth

Children sit or stand in a circle. Choose a child to represent the leper. He moves around the outside of the circle. Everyone sings to “Mulberry Bush” tune:

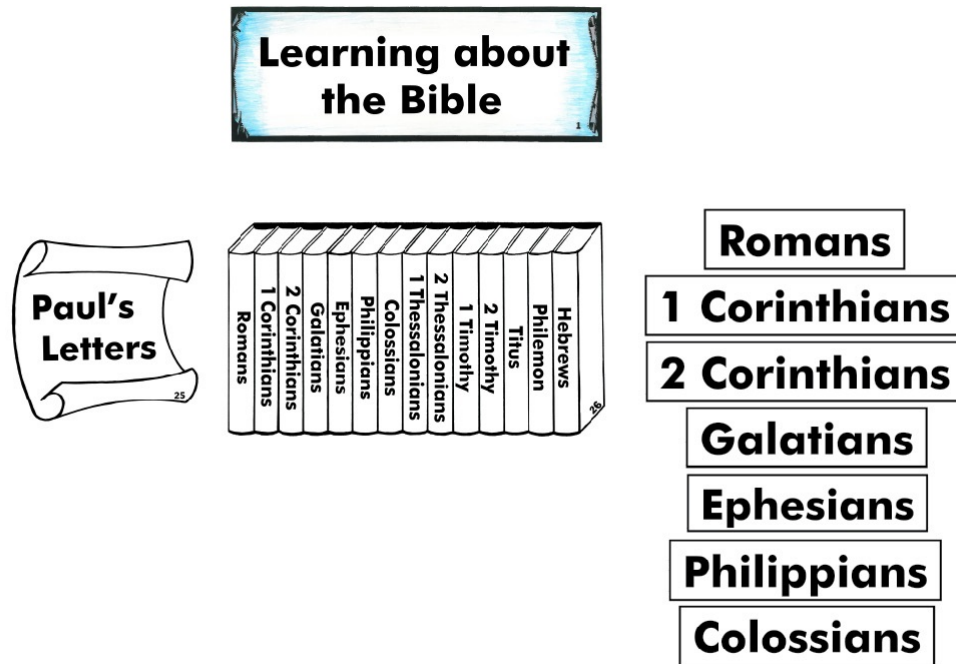
*“The leper (or sick man) is going to find Jesus,
To find Jesus, to find Jesus.
The leper is going to find Jesus,
To find Jesus today.”*

Ask, *“(Child’s name), what will that leper say to Jesus?”* Child answers, *“Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”*

Ask everyone, *“And what did Jesus say?”* Everyone says together, *“I am willing. Be clean!”*
Child then taps someone on shoulder to have the next turn.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #14



(Place figure #1.) (Review that the first group of books in the New Testament is called Gospels. Then we have the book of History, and the next group is called Paul's Letters.) Last week, we began learning the names of Paul's Letters which were written to churches. *(Place figure #25.)* How many letters did Paul write? (14.) *(Place figure #26.)* Let's say the names of the first three letters, or books. *(Place Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians wordstrips.)* Today, we are going to learn the names of the next four letters. The letter, or book, of Galatians was written to the church in Galatia. *(Place Galatians wordstrip.)* Ephesians was written to the church in Ephesus. *(Place Ephesians wordstrip.)* Philippians was written to the church in Philippi *(Place Philippians wordstrip.)*, and Colossians was written to the church in Colosse. *(Place Colossians wordstrip.)* Let's say the names of these four books, or letters. *(Practice together.)* Now we have learned the names of seven of Paul's Letters. Let's say them together. *(Practice together.)* Do you think we can say all the names of the books of the New Testament that we have learned? Let's try it together. *(Practice several times saying the names of the four Gospels, the book of History, and the first seven books of Paul's Letters.)*

LETTER FROM THE JENKINS GO & TELL BOX – WEEK #16

Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a picture of Mr. Jared with two Saudi students.

What do you think this picture of Mr. Jared with two Saudi students has to do with *going and telling*? (Let the children share their ideas.)

Let’s read a letter from Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy (Show their picture.) to find out.



Dear Good News Club Boys and Girls,

Thank you so much for praying for us. We always enjoy receiving mail and we love hearing about your Good News Clubs!

We love having students in our home from all over the world. They can teach you so many new things about their country. They love being in an American home - for some of them it was the first time they had been invited into a home here in the United States!

Most of our friends are here to continue their education but sadly they don't know very much about Jesus. When we get together with them, we share the Good News! We had two Saudi students come to our Florida home to stay with us for four days. They were amazed at how much we knew about Islam. Please pray they will see that Jesus loves them and wants them to accept Him as their Saviour.

Will you pray with us that they and many of the students will come to know Jesus as their Saviour?

With our love and thanks,

Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy

GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #16

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

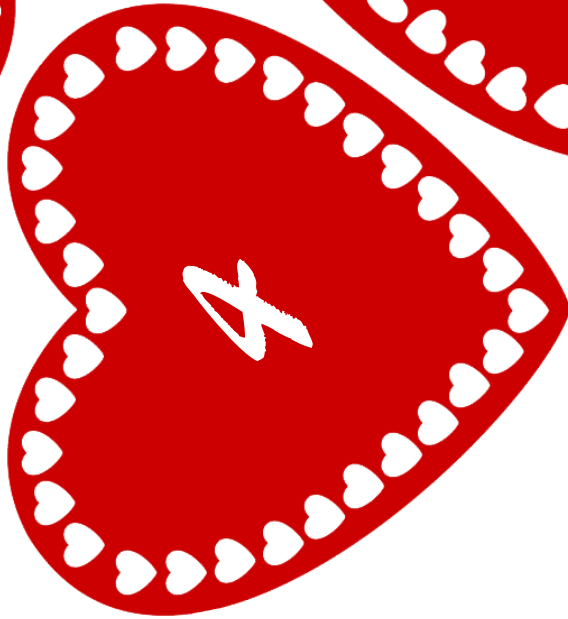
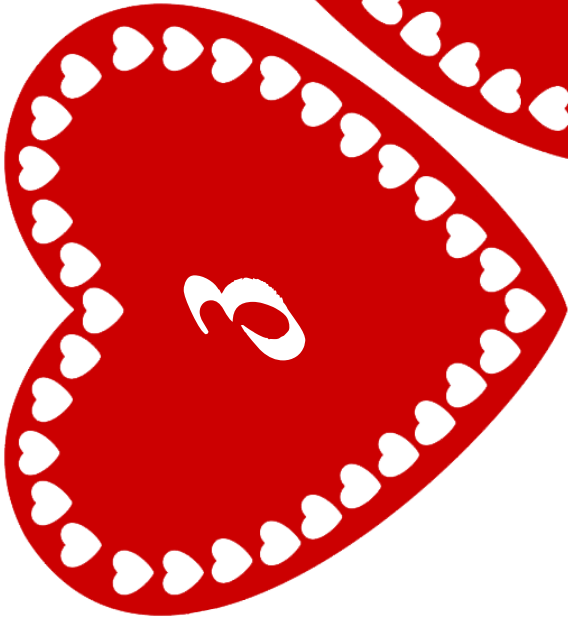
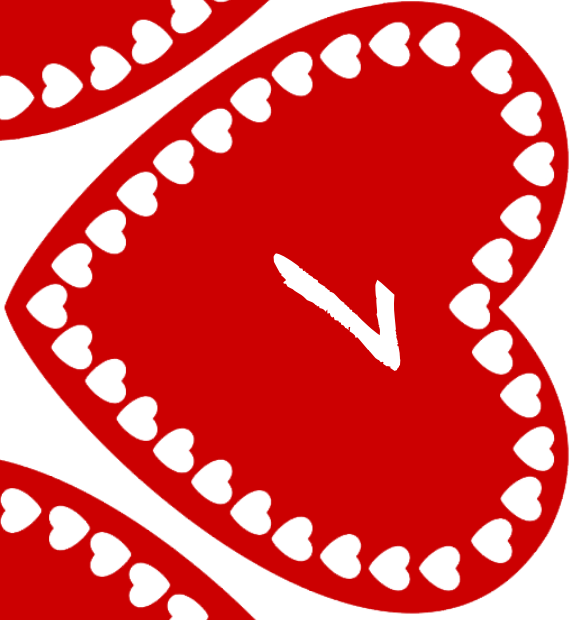
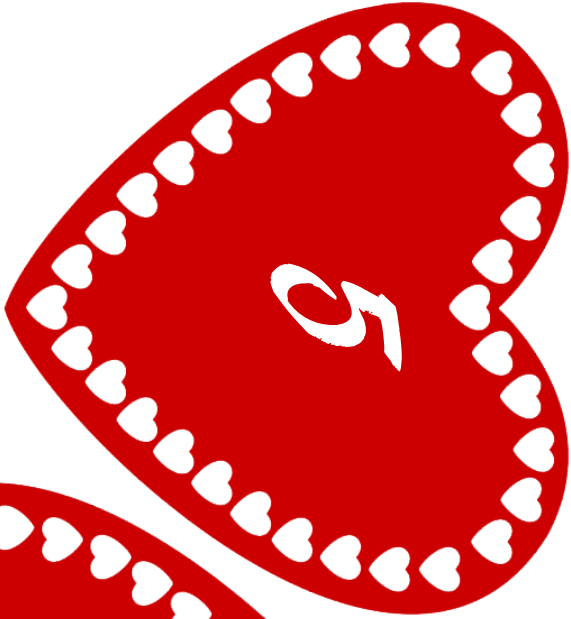
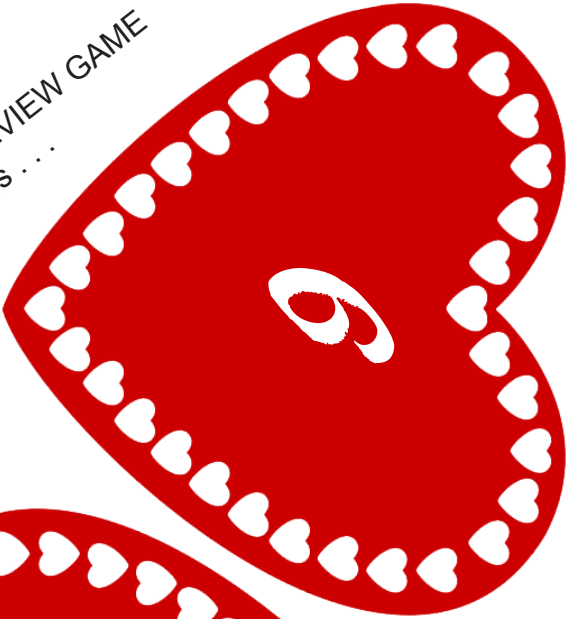
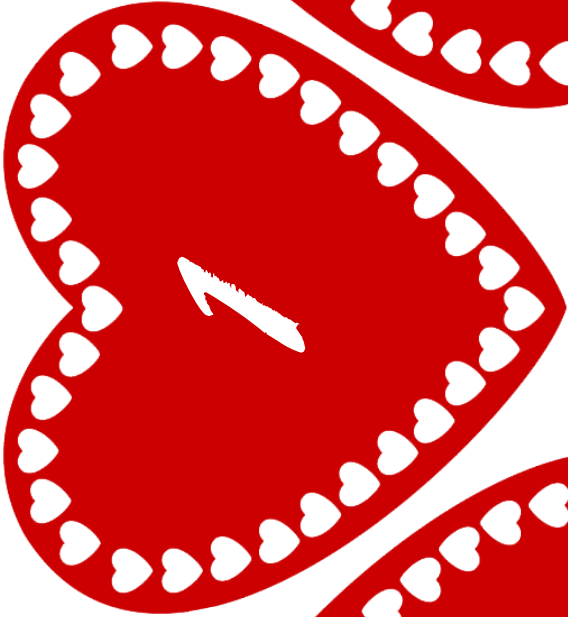
Dear God, please help Mr. Jared to meet the students who are searching for God with a desire to know Jesus.

Dear God, help Mrs. Cindy help students learn about God's love as they visit in their home.

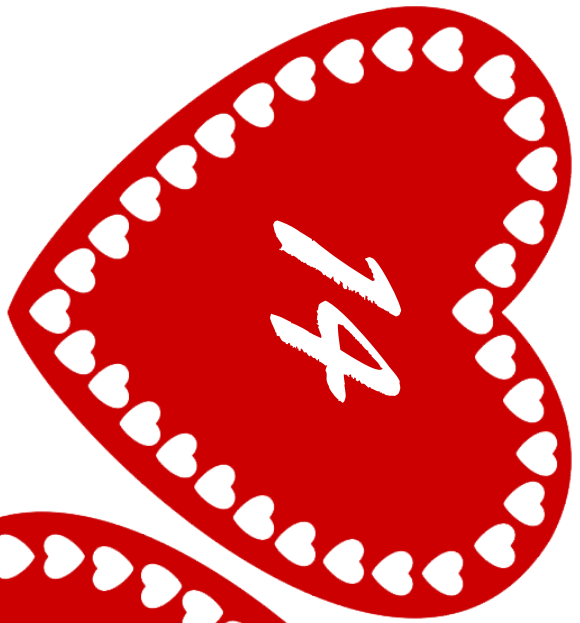
Dear God, thank You for the Jenkins and their love to tell others about the Lord Jesus.

LOC REVIEW GAME
Love Is . . .

Love is . . .



Love is...



**You must
confess
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to be clean
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FLASHCARD 4-5

- Bible tells about another time when a group of lepers met Jesus
- This time, they called from a distance away, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
- Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priest
- They obeyed, walked toward the priest
- As they went, they saw their leprosy was gone. They were cleansed!
- Perhaps it was because they were excited that 9 of the 10 did not think to say, "Thank you."

FLASHCARD 4-6

- One returned and praised God with a loud voice
- This one fell at Jesus' feet to say "Thank You" that he had been made clean
- Jesus, "Were not 10 cleansed? Where are the other 9?"
- Let's pretend for a minute. If you have leprosy what word describes you? UNCLEAN
- What words might describe how you feel? sad, sick, hopeless, afraid, lonely
- Now imagine you are made CLEAN

- What words will describe how you feel? Joyful, happy, hopeful, thankful
- I'm glad we're just pretending and no one here has this disease, but I wonder if you realize you are unclean with sin
- If you've never trusted Jesus to forgive your sin, you can it today

INVITATION

Acts 10:43 – *"...Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."*

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over **MT**

YOU MUST CONFESS YOUR SINS TO BE CLEAN IN GOD'S SIGHT

R – Review PAS verse

1 John 1:9 – *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

O – Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

LIFE OF CHRIST #16

Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16; 17:11-19; Lev. 13:1-46

- Have you ever done the dishes but forgot to use dish soap? Maybe thought they'd be clean enough
- They looked clean, but at a closer look, they were really unclean
- When Jesus was on Earth, two words were important to Jewish people, clean and unclean
- God gave laws about the words clean and unclean. We read them in the OT part of the Bible
- God called some foods clean, others unclean
- God made a distinction between clean and unclean because He is holy. His people needed to be holy
- Today, when we belong to Jesus, we should live holy lives. There's only one way to be clean

MT – **YOU MUST CONFESS YOUR SINS TO BE CLEAN IN GOD'S SIGHT**

- God wanted the Jews to live clean lives too
- They couldn't even touch anything unclean: dead animals, bodies of dead people, graves
- If anyone touched something unclean, he was considered unclean for the rest of the day

- It was awful to be unclean!
- Another thing named unclean was leprosy, a disease everyone feared and dreaded
- Let's think about what it would have been like to have leprosy, to be a leper
- This man coming home looks discouraged. Wife sees him and wonders, "What's happened? Why does he look discouraged?"
- Man, "I have terrible news."

- He stepped back from his wife and pointed to a spot on his neck. "Do you think it is . . ."
- Wife, "No! Surely it cannot be leprosy!"
- Man, "Only way to know is to show the priest. If he says it is leprosy, you know what will happen."
- If it was leprosy, the man would have to be quarantined (isolated): alone, no visitors

FLASHCARD 4-1

- Maybe man thought to himself, "I wish I was dead. This is the worst thing that could happen to me."
- Leprosy is bad, but there is something much worse – sin!

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Isaiah 64:6 – *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. . . ."*

- Imagine how hard it was to leave his home, say goodbye to family. Wife and children probably cried
- Had to be very careful not to do things that'd make them unclean
- We must be careful today too

MT, PAS – YOU MUST CONFESS YOUR SINS TO BE CLEAN IN GOD'S SIGHT

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1. People had to be careful to keep their lives free from sin. Needed to obey God's laws to be clean
2. Probably hard for the man in our story to admit he was unclean
3. People did not like lepers. Nobody would talk to him. Some might even throw stones at him

- How sad! Seemed like no hope for this man
- Maybe you have felt that way when you realize you are a sinner
- But it's not true. Jesus made a way for you to be forgiven of sin

1. The man might have to be separated from his family, never get to go to the Temple again
2. Man sees the priest. Priest knows it is leprosy. “Unclean! You are unclean!”
3. How sad the man must have been

FLASHCARD 4-2

- Perhaps he wondered if God loved him. Maybe times when you wonder if anyone cares

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- Nothing could change God's love for this man
- Man would have to put on rags for clothes, leave hair messy, cover lower part of his face and upper lip
- Would have to live outside of the city with other lepers or alone
- When anyone came near, he would have to cry, “Unclean!”
- He could not go home to his family. Could not work. Could not go to the market. Could not worship at the Temple
- Leprosy ruined this man's life. Leprosy made him unclean

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1 John 1:7 – “...The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanse us from all sin.”

- Because of what Jesus did, we can be forgiven. We can be made clean

- In Bible times, a leper seemed to have no hope. It seemed he would be unclean forever
- It was a lonely life for the leper
- Bible tells us, one day a leper like this did hear some news that gave him a little hope

- A Man was in his country, traveling around, teaching and doing miracles

- He heard that the Man made blind to see and lame to walk

- Could He make a leper clean?

- The more the leper heard, the more he thought, “This Man could make me clean.”

- He knew the Man was very special. And He is!

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- The leper knew this Man was special. He could do miracles
- One day, leper heard, “The Man, Jesus, is in the city!”
- Leper, “Oh, I must get to Him. But how?”

- He ran to the city calling out, “Unclean!”

FLASHCARD 4-3

- People probably scurried to get out of the man's way

- But One Person did not move away – Jesus

- The leper fell down at Jesus' feet

- Leper cried, “Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.”

FLASHCARD 4-4

- What will Jesus do?

- Jesus reached out His hand and touched the leper. He put His clean hand on the unclean Man

- Jesus, “I will. Be clean.”

- Bible, “The leprosy departed from him.” It was all gone!

- Jesus told the man, “Go, show yourself to the priest.”

- When the priest saw him, there were no signs of leprosy. The priest announced him clean

- Man must have been filled with joy. He could go home to his family. His life was new again. He was no longer hopeless

- Do you think this man was thankful to the Lord Jesus? Of course!

- But sometimes we get excited and forget to say thank you