



## You will need...

- 2 people to present, one narrator and one presenter
- 10 loo rolls
- bandage

## The story

Character/Actions	Lines
Narrator -	Good morning, it is great to be here for this Assembly. My name is X, I'm here from X Church
	In today's true story from the Bible, we will see 10 men who were given a fresh start. But after this fresh start... how would they be fresh? How would they change? How would they be different? We can read what happened in Luke's true story of Jesus' life, in Chapter 17.
Pick 19 people; try to get mostly over 8 year olds. Pair them up, so you have 9 pairs, with the final volunteer paired with the presenter. (If the assembly is for Under 8's, then pick 4 volunteers and get them to all wrap loo rolls around your presenter, instead of around each other)	Now to help me with this story I need some of you. I need 19 people.



	<p>I'm going to give one of you in each pair a loo roll. When I say "go", I want you to wrap your partner up in a loo roll. All over them. I want you to cover as much of him or her in loo roll. You're going to have just one minute; let's see who can cover most of their partner in that time.</p>
<p>Do a running commentary during this time to add tension. Give advice. Offer help. Give a countdown "Only 45 seconds left"... "Only 10 seconds left... 10..9...8...7.....STOP." The actual time is irrelevant, just make sure they have enough time to do a reasonable job.</p>	<p>Ready... steady... go.</p>
<p>Thank them. Give them a round of applause. Ask the "wrappers" to sit down and ask the "wrapped" (incl. your presenter who will be the one leper who returned to Jesus) to stay standing at the front.</p>	
<p>Point to your 10 people</p>	<p>I am going to tell this story and I want you to be the actors. I'll tell you exactly what I want you to do as we go along. One day, as Jesus was travelling to Jerusalem, he went into a certain village on the border between Samaria and Galilee. 10 men met him in the village. They all had a disease called leprosy.</p>
<p>Put a bandage on the presenter as you say this</p>	<p>Leprosy was a disease that made your skin very sore. It made it so sore, that the ill people had to have bandages all over themselves- a little like these people! You see their skin was so sore that they had to have bandages to keep it clean, to stopping it getting worse. And their skin would have been itchy, and it would have hurt just to have anything touch it.</p>



Long pause	<p>What made it worse was that this disease was highly contagious, so anyone who came near them would have been in danger of catching the disease. That meant no one came near these people. No one touched them. No one hugged them. They didn't have friends. They had to live on their own.</p> <p>How sad they were: in pain, alone and without modern medicines and good doctors- they had no hope of being cured. Their whole lives would be like this.</p>
Presenter -	<p>You can imagine, that when Jesus walked into their village, they were overjoyed. They had heard about Jesus. How he had cured people with other diseases, how he could do things that no one else could. He was famous. He might be able to help them. So when they saw they shouted to him: "Jesus, Master, please be kind to us. Please make us better. Please."</p>
Narrator -	<p>When Jesus saw them, he said, (pause), "Go and show yourselves to the local doctor. Let him see if you still have the disease."</p> <p>Now as they went away, walking to the doctor, they started to wonder about their disease. They stopped feeling itchy, and their skin stopped being painful. So they had a look under their bandages.</p>



<p>Start to look under the loo roll of a couple of children. Then get excited and start ripping it off. Rip it all off. Invite the children to look at their skin. Hold it up for the school to see. Be thrilled. Run along the line holding each of their hand's up to the audience to see</p>	<p>Look! Its better. Look at their skin. There was no open sores. There was no more bleeding. There were no more wounds. All of them were completely better. So they headed off to the doctor, just as Jesus had said to check that they were completely healed.</p>
<p>Invite the volunteers to go back to their places, give them a clap. The presenter who had been wrapped in bandages, goes to sit down with them.</p>	
<p>Presenter -</p>	<p>But as they were going, one changed his mind. Instead of going to the doctor as Jesus had told him, one of them turned around. He went back to Jesus.          "I'm healed. I'm fixed. I'm completely better. Only God can do this. God has been kind to me. He has healed me. He has made me better. God is wonderful. The living God of the Bible is amazing."</p>
<p>Throw yourself at the narrator's feet.</p>	<p>"Thank you Jesus. You have done this. Thank you. I don't know how you did this. I don't know how you have God's power. But you do. I can't thank you enough. Thank you. I owe my life to you. Thank you."</p>
<p>Narrator -</p>	<p>Jesus said to the man, "Didn't I heal 10 men? What happened to the other 9? Didn't any of the others want to come back to me and thank God for what He has done? Get up, go home. It is because you trusted in me, as God himself, that you are better. Well done."</p>
<p>Take an answer</p>	<p>I wonder if you can remember how many men in this story had leprosy at the start of this story?</p>



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Do you remember how many lepers came back to Jesus to thank him?

Why do you think he wanted to thank Jesus?

Only one of the men came back to Jesus to thank him. He knew that Jesus had done the impossible by making him better.

10 men were healed. 10 men were given a fresh start. 10 men had the chance to enjoy life- no more pain, no more bandages, no more itchiness, no more wounds; instead they could be hugged, they could have meals at other people's houses, they could kick a ball around with their friends, they could do anything.

This is the best fresh start ever. But only one of the men changed.

Only one understood that Jesus needed to be thanked.

Christians believe that everything good we have comes from Jesus.

He gives us the rain that falls, the sun that shines, the food that grows, the air we breathe, the bodies we enjoy and our chance to be in God's family.

It is too easy for us just to take, take, take, thinking that we deserve these good things. We don't. All good things are generous gifts from Jesus. So let's thank Him for what we enjoy.

Whether we're a Christian or not, we all need to thank others for their kindness to us. It is easy to think we will always have someone to give us our hot food, teach us, Hoover the carpets, sit in the office, collect us from school, and wash our clothes.... All of these things happen because someone is kind to us.



Make sure that before lunch today you thank at least one person for something they have done for you. Even if they have done it 100 times before. Let us be people who thank others for what they do for us.

I'm going to say a short prayer now, you don't need to if you don't want. When I pray I put my hands together and close my eyes, join with me if you don't want to...

Dear Father God in Heaven, thank you for all good things that you give us. Thank you that all of us have so many good things in our lives, that are all from you. You are kind to us every day. Thank you.  
Please help us to thank other people. They are kind to us, and we find it hard to remember to thank them. Please help us. Amen