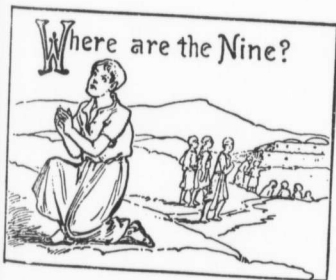


were, who used to pray for the healing of lepers.

Thankfulness. How glad they must have been to find the dreadful disease all gone, the burning flesh smooth and clean and whole as a child's! But only one of them went back to say so to Jesus. Sometimes we are glad, but not thankful. It ought never to be so. Whenever we receive any good thing that makes us happy we should give thanks too. What a shame not to do this! One of these men came running back to find the Saviour who had healed him, to tell how thankful and glad he was. Jesus was pleased with this, but he said, "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" One thankful one out of ten! If the rest had really been thankful they would have said so. They were only glad for themselves, in a selfish way. They forgot about the One who had done this great thing for them.

Don't you think it was very mean? Would you have been like the nine? Be careful what you say. We will put Thankfulness on our crown to-day as the lesson jewel. Do we bring that precious thing to Jesus always? Think how much he has given us. Do we always give thanks? Has he not made us well when we were ill? Has he not kept us well? Isn't that better still? If you gave thanks for everything good would you have time to grumble about what you do not like? Try it. Be thankful, and say so. This week write down, or get some one to do it, some things you are really thankful for, and have said so to God. Bring the slips next Sunday.



You love thankful people. Be thankful. Say "Thank you" for everything done for you, whoever does it, but to Jesus first.

For the Youngest Children.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be ye thankful."

Impression. We should give thanks always for all things unto God.

Expression. Constant thanksgiving.

Point of contact. The child's own prayer.

Approach. Showing as far as possible both the duty and beauty of praise and thanksgiving.

Lesson story. If the lesson story is told as suggested here, as a story told by some one else to other children, care should be taken that the children understand that it is true, something that really happened, and that it is told about in the Bible.

How many of you pray every night to your heavenly Father? What do you pray about? Does he give you something every day? Do you thank him when you talk with him at night? Do you remember the story of the rich man to whom God gave so many blessings? Do you think he ever thanked God for them? I am afraid not. Have you anything to thank God for in the morning, as well as at night? What has he done for you while you were asleep? He is caring for you all the time, is he not? so you have something to thank him for morning, noon, and night—always.

Two sisters, Edna and Katharine, were very glad to find the sun shining one morning when they woke, because Aunt Nellie had promised to take them out in the woods to stay all day, if it did not rain. Before they went down stairs they said together this verse as part of their prayer. Sometimes we sing it in Sunday school, and it is just as much a prayer then as when Edna and Katharine said it:

"Father, we thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair."

When they started for the woods they could not help thinking about "all that makes the day so fair" because everything was so beautiful. The dew on the grass sparkled like diamonds; daisies and buttercups were everywhere lifting their heads. Some birds who had found a tiny spring of water were drinking, and after each drink held up their heads, and Edna said they all looked as if they were saying "Thank you" to God. Other birds were singing, and crickets and grasshoppers were having a merry time in the grass. In