

Primary Department.

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Faith. LUKE 17: 5-19.

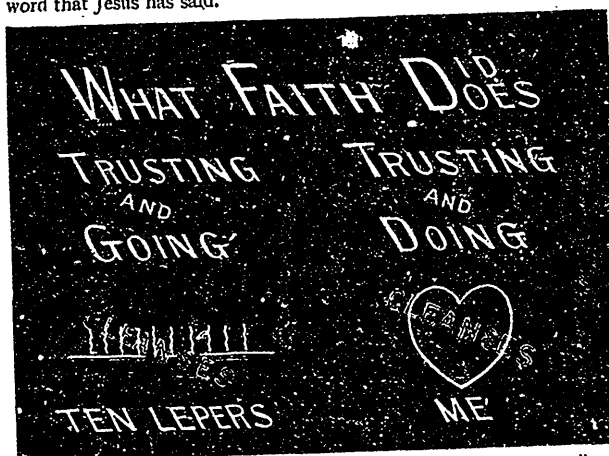
I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Lord, increase our faith." Luke 17: 5.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: Faith.

III. REVIEW: What were the names of the two men in the last lesson story? In his lifetime what did the rich man think most of? What do you know about Dives and Lazarus after they died? What does the Golden Text teach us? What was my prayer last week? (See "Primary Quarterly for Little Folks.")

IV. INTERVENING EVENTS: Further instruction of Jesus.

V. LESSON STORY: Leprosy is a dreadful disease. It was very common in Palestine when Jesus lived there. When a person had this disease they had to leave home, friends and loved ones and go outside of the city to live. When they saw any persons coming near them, who were not lepers, they had to cry out "Unclean, Unclean," so that they might not come near and catch the disease. Sometimes a lot of lepers lived together outside the city. Our story to-day tells us about some of these lepers and how faith cured them. As Jesus was journeying and was going into a certain village, ten men, who were lepers, met him. They had been told how he had cured lepers in other places and most likely were wishing that he would come their way and cure them. How glad they must have been when they heard that he was coming! They would be sure to get in a place where Jesus could see them, and as he came along they cried out as loud as they could, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." Jesus heard them, saw them, and spoke to them, and told them to go and show themselves to the priest. They went, and as they went they were cured. If they had not believed that Jesus could cure them they would not have gone to the priest, who had to see that they were perfectly cured before they were allowed to go back to their friends and into the city again. Their going showed their faith, showed that they believed that Jesus could, and would, cure them, and so he did. Our Golden Text to-day is, "Lord, increase our faith." We should believe every word that Jesus has said.



VI. HOW TO TEACH THE LESSON STORY: Make a little sketch on the board of a road, and a cross for Jesus, some dots here and there for people, and ten strokes for the ten lepers. Here tell the story, and lead up to the application.

VII. HOW TO TEACH THE APPLICATION: Here is another grand opportunity to teach that trusting comes before doing. It is so easy to teach the children "to do," and so difficult to get them "to trust." The point we want to emphasize in this lesson is that trusting comes

before doing. The ten lepers first "trusted" and then "went" and were cleansed. So we must first trust and then, like the ten lepers, and like David and Gideon and Abraham, and many more we learn of in the Bible, trust and then do. By going the lepers showed that they trusted, and we by our doing will show that we trusted. Trusting comes first. Bring out from the children some things that they find hard to do, and teach them that if they only trust God it will be easy to do, and if they find it hard it is because they are not trusting.