


Date: Monday 9 th October 2023	Value: Thankfulness	Leader: JWS
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Key message that the children need to take away
Values: Thankfulness Theme: Harvest To help children give thanks for their food – Link to our Vision of ‘Supporting families’ and ‘Making a change.’

Gathering	<p>Music on entry. Children enter quietly</p> <p>Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together: Bible – God the Father Cross – God the Son Candle – God the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Candle is lit on the worship table All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today; Be with us Jesus, in our worship Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.</p>	<p>Image on display as children enter:</p>  <p>Thank You Lord For This New Day lyric video - YouTube</p>
Engaging	<p>Preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Box filled with different foods in the box to create a lucky dip. A Children’s Bible. <p>Hands up if you always remember to say thank you for your food? Hands up if you always remember to say thank you for the food you really like, but don’t like saying thank you for the food that isn’t your favourite (you could ask for examples).</p> <p>Harvest is the time of year when we give thanks for all of the food we have. It goes right back to the days of the Old Testament (the first part of the Bible – hold it up) when Jewish people said thank you to God for all the crops they had been able to grow during the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say that you have brought a harvest lucky dip to help us think about how we can be thankful for our food. Find something in the lucky dip, say what it is and hold it up for everyone to see. 	

	<p>Continue this until all the items of food are found.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands up if you really like all of these foods. Even if you don't like them, we are really lucky to have so much lovely food to choose from, and enough of it to eat every day. In some parts of the world children do not have enough. Show Powerpoint and tell the story of The Thankful Leper Luke 17: 11-19 where Jesus heals ten people who are suffering from a disease called leprosy. All of them are delighted and very excited. They rush off to show other people what has happened. Only one of them remembers to come back and thank Jesus for what he has done. The other nine do not. <p>HYMN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have collected tinned and canned food to donate to Blandford Foodbank. What is a Foodbank? Who does it help?
Responding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the New testament story, Which would you be – like the one who said thank you or like the nine who didn't? Saying thank you for everything is so important. It helps our friends and families to know that we value them. Christians believe that God is also very pleased when we say thank you to him. Remind the children that our Vision is to 'Support families' and 'Making a change,' which is why we are supporting the Foodbank.
Sending Out	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way, All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen</p> <p>SHILL: Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many. All: So today we will grow together and learn together.</p> <p>Music is played</p>
Hymn	Thank you lord (Come and Praise CD 1 No. 27)
Class follow-up	<p>Re-read the Bible story:</p> <p>Our Bible story today is about ten lepers. Do you know what a leper is? No, it is not an animal with spots on it. That's a leopard! However, a leper does have spots. A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy. This disease causes sores all over the body. Leprosy was very common in Jesus' day, and people who had this disease were thought to be unclean. They were required to stay away from other people because of the fear that they might infect them with their disease.</p>

One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when he saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that he had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, he called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest."

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You." Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?" Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You."

God does so much for us! Every day he provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?" Let's stop right now and say "Thank You" and ask God to help us remember to thank Him every day.

Dear Lord, you give us everything we need, but we often forget to say "Thank You." We thank you now, and ask you to help us to remember to give thanks every day for all that you do for us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Use a picture of the Foodbank and remind the children that we had Harvest this week. How are we making a change and Supporting families? Do you think this will make a difference? Can the children think of some of the food they have enjoyed this week? Did we say thank you?

What did the Bible story of the 10 Lepers teach us?