

**Read together...**The Man Who Came Back. Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, "Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well." These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no one in the village wanted to go near them. But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and thanked him for what he had done. "I healed ten people with leprosy today", said Jesus to the man. "Where are the others?" But then he smiled "Well at least you came back to say thank you!".

## Christian Value: THANKFULNESS

This term we will be focussing in school on the value THANKFULNESS. We hope your family will find these ideas HOME SCHOOL VALUES helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.



### Home-school challenge...

Thank you chain. Think about how an everyday item reaches you: Where does it come from? Who was involved in making it? Who should you thank? Make a thank you chain and bring it to school to hang in the Challenge Gallery.

### Family focus...

Time to say "Thank you". Draw a clock face for your family to fill in together. Choose one day and ask everyone to think, as the hours tick by, about one thing in each hour that they would like to say thank you for. Draw a picture of what you are thankful for in each segment.

### Talk about 'Thankfulness' together...

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted. As a family you may like to talk about:

- Remembering to let other people know when you are thankful
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone thanks you!

### Think together words of wisdom together...

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say thank you?" Anon