

KIDZONE

READ THIS FIRST!

SPY REPORTS ON JESUS 7

One day Omar found that he had a skin disease. This was dreadful. He and all his family were very upset.

In those days people were very frightened of skin diseases. People with skin diseases had to leave their homes and live away from everyone who was well. If they came near a road or a village they had to call out "I'm unclean". This was to warn people to keep clear. Nobody wanted to touch or go near them. If they were cured, only a priest could let them go home to their families again.

Omar heard about Jesus and he was sure Jesus could heal him. He went to Jesus and knelt down.

"If you want to," he said, "you can make me better."

Jesus was filled with love for Omar. He felt angry that he had to live like this. So Jesus did what no one else would do. He reached out and touched Omar.

"I do want to make you better," he said. "Be healed".

At once Omar became well again. All of his skin disease had gone.

Jesus said, "Go to see the priest so you can go home. But don't tell anyone about this."

But Omar was so happy he told everyone that Jesus had healed him.

Because of this huge crowds gathered around Jesus everywhere he went. Jesus was so popular that he couldn't go into the towns.

The Pharisees heard that Jesus was touching people with skin diseases. They were angry with Jesus for breaking the rules. They were jealous that he was becoming so famous. So they sent their spies to investigate.

ONLY ONE CAME BACK

The spies were hiding among the crowds, watching Jesus. They saw ten people with skin diseases. Nine of them were Jews and one was a Samaritan. The Pharisees and many other Jews hated Samaritans.

"Jesus, have pity on us," the ten people shouted.

Jesus felt sorry for them, too.

"Go and see the priest," he told them.

On the way all ten of them were healed. But only one of them came back to thank Jesus and he was the Samaritan.

He knelt down and said: "Thank you for making me better."

"Where are the other nine who were healed?" Jesus asked.

He was surprised that only one came back to thank him.

The spies were amazed. Jesus was so loving and powerful that he healed people with dreaded skin diseases, no matter what race they belonged to. They went back and told the Pharisees.

But the Pharisees were not pleased. They didn't care that people with skin diseases were healed. They had no love in their hearts. They were just angry that Jesus had broken the rules by touching people with skin diseases and that he had even healed a Samaritan.

(This report is filed under Mark 1:40 – 45 and Luke 17: 11 – 19. Investigate it for yourself.)



TOP SECRET REPORT

BE A SPY!

Fill in the blanks to write your report.

Copy the five sentences into your Top Secret Notebook or computer file:

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To check your report look at Luke 17: 11 - 19

TOP SECRET VERSE

BE A SPY!

Use this code to decode the message. Copy it into your Top Secret Notebook or computer file and learn it by heart.

THE CODE:

1 = A 4 = H 7 = S

2 = E 5 = L 8 = T

3 = G 6 = O 9 = V

The other letters are not in code.

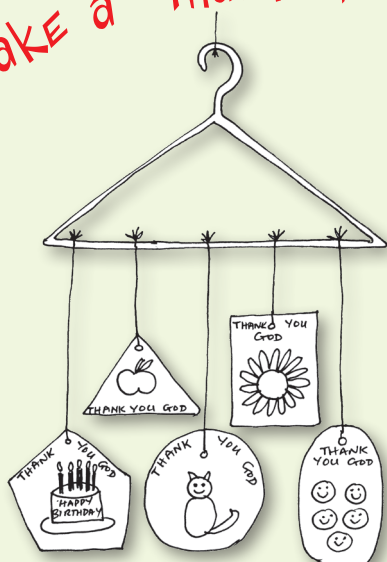
THE MESSAGE:

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42 17 366D; 417 5692 17 282RN15

Look up **Psalm 106: 1** in a Good News Bible to check your answer.

Make a "Thank You" MOBILE



You will need
a coat hanger,
some string,
some old
magazines,
some blank
cardboard,
scissors
and glue or
sellotape.

Look through the magazines and cut out small pictures of things you can thank God for: food, presents, scenery, toys, games, friends etc. Stick these onto the card and write "Thank You God" above the pictures. Cut the card into different shapes around each picture and the words. You can stick more pictures onto the backs of these cards. Don't forget to write the words "Thank You God". Make a small hole at the top of each card. Using different lengths of string, tie the cards to the coat hanger. Tie up your mobile with more string where it can blow around in the wind. Use your mobile to pray a prayer of thanks to God.

A CHECKLIST

Why do you go to church? Be honest! Tick all the boxes that are true for you:

- ☐ I want to
- ☐ I'm made to
- ☐ To see my friends
- ☐ For the children's programme
- ☐ To find out more about Jesus and the Bible
- ☐ * To say "thank you" to God for good things during the week,
- ☐ Other _____

Did you tick the one with a star? If you did, you're like the Samaritan who came back to say "Thank you" in the story **"Only One Came Back"**.

SHOW LOVE TO NEEDY CHILDREN

Be like Jesus!

In East Africa many children are starving and dying because there is not enough food. Could you make something to sell and send the money to an Aid organisation to help save these children's lives? Perhaps you could cook muffins or biscuits or make greetings cards or other craft items. Here are two addresses you can send money to. Ask an adult to help you.

TEAR FUND, Box 8315, Auckland

WORLD VISION, Box 39102, Wellington Mail Centre.