



# LESSON 11: JESUS HEALS TEN MEN OF LEPROSY

## OBJECT LESSON: CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

### Supplies

- [Optical Illusions handout](#)
- Small disposable cups
- 1 penny

### Examine Optical Illusions

Today we heard how Jesus met 10 men with leprosy and they all went to the priests to show that they were clean. But they left Jesus **before** they were healed! They knew that Jesus **said** they'd be healed, and they followed his directions.

Sometimes things **look** bad, and we can be ungrateful. It looked bad when the men still had leprosy! But they went in faith. Let's see how sometimes things aren't what they look like.

Hold the paper at arm's length in front of you with the cross on your right side. Cover your right eye. With your left eye, focus only on the cross. While staying focused on the cross, move the paper slowly toward you.

Just as you can't see the dot at certain points, there are times we might miss things that Jesus has done for us. Things might **look** bad, but in reality Jesus is doing awesome things for us. Let's try another one.

You taught yourselves how to see a lizard or a mouse—now help yourself see something you're thankful for! Tell someone something you're thankful Jesus has given you or done for you.

Some of you saw very different things when you looked at the picture—just like the 10 men with leprosy saw what Jesus was promising them even though it still looked like they had leprosy.

### Experiment With Pennies

Place the small cup on a table about 2 feet away. Close one eye and hold the penny about 18 inches above the cup, but move the penny left to right slowly. Drop the penny when you think the penny is over the cup and will fall into the cup when dropped. Try five times with one eye closed and five times with both eyes open.

How confident were you when you dropped your penny? How did it work out?

It was tricky to know when to drop in this experiment because sometimes what our eyes are telling us isn't accurate. We aren't seeing what's right in front of us. In the same way, sometimes Jesus does big things and we totally miss them because we're focusing on the way things look right now. But Jesus is up to something bigger! When Jesus healed the men with leprosy, they went in faith that they were healed. And one came back to thank Jesus because he saw what Jesus had done and knew that Jesus deserves our thanks.

## Talk About It

How can you remember to thank Jesus this week for all he has done for you? Each of these experiments showed us how we can miss things that are right in front of us or how we can see things differently from the way they really are. Sometimes we can be so focused on the things that look bad that we miss what Jesus is doing in our lives. Even when things look bad, Jesus is always at work in our lives. Jesus deserves our thanks.