

# S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,  
and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."  
Psalm 92:1*

## A Heart of Gratitude

The road to Jerusalem took Jesus through Galilee and Samaria one day (Luke 17:11). Standing to one side, apart from everyone else, was a group of men. It was easy to see by the sores on their bodies and their clothing that all ten of them were lepers. Forbidden by law to approach him, they called from afar, "**Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.**" Jesus recognized their need and had compassion, "**Go shew yourselves unto the priests,**" He said. "**And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed,**" (vs. 13-14).

Wow! Imagine, one minute you are an outcast from your family and friends, a person with a death sentence and no hope, then suddenly, in a single moment, your life is completely changed and you are clean! What a happy group they must have been as they made their way to the temple.

As Jesus watched them leave, one single man turned and came running back. Falling on his face before Jesus, he lifted his voice in praise and thanksgiving. The others had gone on their way, but this one man heard the sweetest words from the Healer, "**Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**"

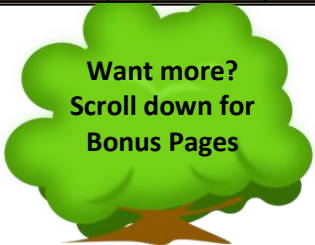
Many Biblical scholars believe that, not only did Jesus stop the effects of leprosy for this man as He had for the other nine, but at that moment, He restored the damages done by this dreadful disease. He was made completely whole because He came back to give thanks!

Has God touched your life? Do you want to know what His will is for you now? The Apostle Paul put it simply, "**In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you,**" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). May we all have a heart of gratitude toward the One who saved us and keeps us everyday!

**Family Prayer:** *Dear Lord, I want to thank you for all the blessings You've given me. Forgive me when I complain and help me have a heart of gratitude every day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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Buy or make inexpensive notebooks for each person. Using craft supplies, decorate and date them for the next 30 days. Each day list at least 3 things you are thankful for. Try not to repeat the items. Younger ones can draw or cut out pictures to represent their items. Practice thankfulness everyday and see what a difference it makes in your family!

Let's talk

It's so easy to take everyday things for granted. Take a moment to consider some things you enjoy every single day that most of the world does not have access to. Do some research. How much of the world does not even have clean drinking water or enough food? Do you take for granted indoor plumbing and hot water for showers?

This would be a good time to look through your cabinets for items to donate to a homeless shelter or food pantry. There is a reason the Bible says it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Give God praise that you are on the giving end!



## Additional Challenges

Find 3 verses that talk about thankfulness and record them here.

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What are 3 action steps you can take to show more gratitude to God and others in your everyday life?

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Name 3 things you are grateful for right now.

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***Develop a grateful heart!***

# Puzzle Page

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Unscramble each of the clue words.  
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

