Be Thankful

Jesus traveled from town to town, preaching to the people, feeding the hungry and often healing those who were sick. He healed blind and deaf people, and also those who had leprosy. Leprosy was a terrible disease that ate away at the skin. Some who got leprosy were covered with painful sores and big ugly bumps.

People were scared of them because the disease can spread from the sick. So according to the Law of Moses, people who had leprosy had to live alone, outside the town. They had to wear torn clothes, and cover the lower part of their face. They had to warn others that they had leprosy by calling out,"Unclean! Unclean!" Imagine how they must have felt! Not only were they sick, but they were lonely and isolated from their family and friends. They were treated as outcasts.

One day, while Jesus was walking toward a village, 10 men who had leprosy met Him,
They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
Jesus did have pity on them, He, approached them and told them to show themselves to the priests.

This is a sign of healing! (That was what people were supposed to do if they got well. Then the priest would pronounce them clean, and they could go back into the town,)
As they went they were healed! Only one of the 10 men was a Samaritan. When he found that he was healed, he ran back trying to find Jesus. When he finally did find Jesus, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Jesus asked him, "Were not all ten healed? Where are the other 9 people? None of the others have returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"
Then Jesus said to the man, "Go. Your faith has healed you."

What TO BE THANKFUL means?

To appreciate what others do for you.

To be polite and show good manners by saying "thank you".

To remember to tell others that what they said or did for you was pleasing.

To feel good and show real delight about a gift.

To honor the one who gave to you.

Biblical Animals

Owls

Owls are common to the Bible lands. Owls have eyes in the front of their heads and not on the sides; they can turn their heads so far though that they have no trouble seeing all that is happening around them. Their keen night vision enables them to do most of their hunting at night. Owls are signs of God's judgment (Isaiah 34:11-15).