

ROCK THE WORLD
THE MIRACLES OF JESUS
THE TEN LEPERS
JANUARY 10, 2010

CHARACTERS-PEOPLE-	1	2	3	4
WORSHIP LEADER	Jennifer P	Cathy	RoseAnne	Cathy
PROFESSOR Lewis Clives	Jeff C	Brian	Randy	Cathy
JESUS	Rob	Anthony	Frankie	Sean
STUDENT 1	Valentina	Krista	Nathan	Tanyr
STUDENT 2	Matthew V	Hannah VP	Nicholas	Kyla
LEPER 1	Matthew W	Jeanette	Chelsea	Alyssa
LEPER 2	Josh C	Sarah Koes	Ryan	Alyson
LEPER 3	Cecilia	Rachel	Kelsey	Erin
LEPER 4	Karen	Rebecca	Briana VP	Denesha
LEPER 5	Zac S.	Gene	Mariah V	Ashley

CHARACTERS-PUPPETS/(CAN BE ACTUAL KIDS IN DESKS)

LEPER 6	Kristy	Debbie	Friend	Birdie
LEPER 7	Krisy	Juan	Friend	Birdie
LEPER 8	Kyle	Juan	RoseAnne	Tanyr
LEPER 9	Zac C	Amanda	Sarah A	Kyla
LEPER 10	Pavlova	Al	Sarah A	Kyla

(ALL LEPERS WILL BE, DRESSED IN SHABBY HEBREW PERIOD COSTUME & bandages)

PROPS:

podium

Stone or stucco background where the Lepers gather on CENTER floor stage.

Desert backdrop

Shrubs and vines along wall on puppet stage

SONGS-

SOUND FX- see script, too numerous to mention

BACKGROUND AND THEME MUSIC

THEME SONG

NOTE: Reference

(Floor Stage right - there is a podium and kids are sitting on edge of stage)
WORSHIP LEADER: GOOD MORNING! LET'S STAND UP AND PRAISE GOD!

[01] CUE SONG: THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE

WORSHIP LEADER: (on floor stage center) HAVE YOU EVER HAD A BOO?
I HAVE ONE! (hold up thumb with band-aid on it) HERE'S MY BOO! I KEEP IT COVERED BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANY GERMS TO GET AT IT; GERMS WILL MAKE IT WORSE! ALSO, I KEEP IT COVERED BECAUSE I WANT TO REMEMBER NOT TO BANG IT ON ANYTHING! IT'S SORE! THIS IS KIND OF A NORMAL PLACE TO HAVE A BAND-AID; BUT KIDS, HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO WEAR A BANDAGE OVER YOUR EYE, OR ON YOUR EAR OR NOSE? THAT'S NOT A USUAL PLACE --SO YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE EMBARRASSED. BACK IN JESUS DAY, THERE WAS A DISEASE THAT NO DOCTOR COULD CURE. IT WAS LEPROSY. ONCE YOU HAD LEPROSY--YOU WOULD NEVER GET BETTER.. SOME ONE WHO BECAME SICK WITH LEPROSY WAS CALLED A LEPER LET'S BRING OUT SOMEONE TO SHOW YOU WHAT LEPROSY MIGHT DO TO A PERSON.

LEPER: (enters from stage right) (he's covered in bandages on his face and arms.

WORSHIP LEADER: SIR, WHY DO YOU HAVE BANDAGES ON YOUR HAND AND FINGERS AND ON YOUR FACE.

LEPER: I HAVE LEPROSY. I HAVE NO FEELING IN MY HANDS AND FEET. I CAN'T TELL WHEN I GET A CUT. I CAN'T FEEL THE INFECTION INVADE; EVENTUALLY MY WHOLE FINGER GETS SO SICK IT LITERALLY DIES AND I WRAP THE WOUNDED PARTS OF MY BODY TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM WORSE INFECTION! SAD TO SAY, BUT I NO LONGER HAVE A NOSE OR FINGERS ON MY HAND.

WORSHIP LEADER: WHAT'S IT LIKE FOR PEOPLE TO SEE YOU IN BANDAGES LIKE THIS?

LEPER: THEY ARE AFRAID OF ME. THEY RUN!

WORSHIP LEADER: BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE ...A MONSTER OR A GHOST?

LEPER: NO, BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO CATCH THE DISEASE! IT'S VERY LONELY TO BE A LEPER. MY ONLY FRIENDS ARE OTHER LEPERS. WE LIVE TOGETHER AND HAVE TO YELL "UNCLEAN" SO THE HEALTHY PEOPLE WILL STAY FAR AWAY FROM US.

WORSHIP LEADER: (takes a step backwards) OH, I SEE. BUT, WAIT. YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHOW US. SO YOU NEED TO GET IN PLACE, RIGHT?

LEPER: RIGHT.

WORSHIP LEADER: HERE COMES PROFESSOR LOUIS CLIVES. THE BELL IS ABOUT TO RING IN HIS CLASS. GET READY TO LEARN SOMETHING AMAZING.

[02] CUE Short SCHOOL BELL - SI XV02 66 2.wav

PROFESSOR: (enters to stand in center stage) “EVERYONE PLEASE BE SEATED. (Looking around at the class) GOOD MORNING! I AM PROFESSOR LEWIS CLIVES, AND WE WILL BE WITNESSING A MIRACLE TODAY! MANY WILL BE CURED OF LEPROSY!

STUDENT 1: BUT WAIT, WHY DO PEOPLE HAVE TO SUFFER WITH DISEASES? WHY CAN’T WE ALL BE HEALTHY AND HAPPY AND NEVER GET SICK.

PROFESSOR: SIN...SIN HAS ENTERED THE WORLD. UNTIL WE GET TO HEAVEN, THE WORLD WILL ALWAYS HAVE SUFFERING AND DEATH.

STUDENT 2: BUT IF JESUS CAN HELP US, WHY DOES HE LET US SUFFER”?

PROFESSOR: “C.S. LEWIS ONCE SAID THAT SUFFERING IS GOD’S GIFT TO US,...SUFFERING IS HIS MEGAPHONE ...GOD SPEAKS LOUDLY TO WAKE US UP --TO REMIND US THAT WE NEED HIM!

STUDENT 3: “SO WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY”?

PROFESSOR: “IT SAYS... JESUS SUFFERED, AND HE SUFFERED FOR US ALL. JESUS ALSO TOLD US THAT WE --HIS CHILDREN-- WOULD SUFFER TOO. (pausing ...) (to audience) KIDS, WHO DO WE CRY OUT TO WHEN WE ARE IN PAIN

KIDS: GOD!

PROFESSOR: AND IN OUR STRUGGLES --WE ARE BROUGHT CLOSER TO WHOM?

KIDS: GOD

PROFESSOR: AND WHEN WE ASK GOD TO HEAL US--- SOMETIMES HE WILL PERFORM A

STUDENT 4: “MIRACLE”?

PROFESSOR: “YES”

STUDENT 1: LET’S SEE A STORY FROM THE BIBLE ABOUT THIS! I WANT TO SEE WHY THESE PEOPLE WERE HEALED.

PROFESSOR: WATCH..... “THE PEOPLE THAT WERE HEALED BY CHRIST HAD NO QUESTION IN THEIR MIND THAT JESUS COULD HEAL THEM”

STUDENT 2: “SO THEIR FAITH SAVED THEM”?

PROFESSOR: “THEIR FAITH IN JESUS HEALED THEM”.

[03] CUE SONG: TEN MEN (Gospel Light Son World Adventure Park) short

**[04] CUE THEME ERIE MOODY SONG MUSIC (Short snippet)
SI CDM01 20.wav**

(ALL 10 LEPERS ENTER FROM STAGE CENTER STAGE AND CONGREGATE CENTER STAGE AS THEY ARE WALKING UP THEY SHOUT –IN RASPY

ALL LEPER VOICES OFF STAGE: - “WE ARE LEPERS –UNCLEAN, BEWARE”!

LEPER 1: (Sad) “ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE HERE”.

LEPER 2: (in pain) “WE ARE DYING”.

LEPER 3: (hopeless) “WE ARE DEAD”.

LEPER 4: (angry) “DEAD IN OUR SINS”.

LEPER 5: (correcting the other) “DEAD IN OUR BODIES”.

LEPER 6: (woeful) “WE ARE LOST”.

LEPER 1 (hopeful) “THERE IS **ONE** WHO CAN HEAL US”.

LEPER 2: (questioning) “WHO IS THE ONE WHO CAN SAVE US”?

LEPER 3: (doubting) “JESUS THE NAZERINE”?

LEPER 4: “LET’S FIND HIM”.

(The lepers shuffle down stairs from stage LEFT down the SIDE LEFT aisle and congregate at the back of the room)

(Jesus and followers enter from stage left and walk over to far **STAGE RIGHT**. They gather around him while he mimes teaching)

LEPERS (ALL): (Enter back up floor stage left aisle to floor stage below puppet stage. Puppets come up too:) “JESUS, MASTER, HAVE MERCY ON US”.

JESUS: (turning to the lepers) “GO AND SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS!” (jesus goes back to teaching)

THE LEPERS : (ALL) **begin to walk back down same side.... begin slow – stumbling with canes and crutches – begin to walk faster and begin to remove their head coverings and drop their canes & crutches and they finally stop at the middle section and begin to look at each other and laugh and jump up and down and....**

LEPER 1: “WE ARE CURED!” (say it like you won the lottery).

LEPER 2: “WE ARE ALIVE AGAIN”.

LEPER 3: “WE ARE CLEAN”.

LEPER 4: “HURRY! LET’S GO TO THE PRIEST”.

LEPER 5: “HEY THIS IS A MIRACLE, JESUS REALLY IS GOD LET’S GO BACK AND THANK HIM”.

LEPER 6: “WE ARE ALREADY CURED, WHY SHOULD WE GO BACK. HE SAID TO GO SHOW OURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS. COME ON... WE’VE GOT A LIFE TO LIVE!!

(ALL LEPERS–BUT THE 5TH LEPER -EXIT)

LEPER 5: “HEY GUY’S,..... JESUS IS THE OTHER WAY”.(now standing alone he returns to Jesus –still center stage – and worships –loudly – on his hands and knees face down – sandals off) “JESUS – MASTER – YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD – THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME”.

JESUS: (turning to the one leper) “WERE NOT ALL TEN CLEANSED? WHERE ARE THE OTHER NINE? WAS NO ONE FOUND TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD EXCEPT THIS FOREIGNER?... (pause) RISE UP AND GO - YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WHOLE” (Jesus and followers exit stage)

(THE 5TH LEPER –(will exit in the opposite direction) (whispers) THANK YOU.

**[05] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: PENSIVE FOSTER
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WORSHIP LEADER: WELL, KIDS, WE’VE SEEN FAITH, MIRACLES, A THANKFUL HEART AND 9 UNGRATEFUL HEARTS. LET’S CHECK IN ON PROFESSOR AND THE CLASS...

PROFESSOR: (once again to stand in center stage) “SO NOW YOU HAVE SEEN THE STORY---SO WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED.

STUDENT 1: “THAT JESUS CAN SAVE US”?

PROFESSOR: “YES BUT FROM WHAT”

STUDENT 2: “FROM DEATH AND SUFFERING”?

PROFESSOR: “WHAT KIND OF DEATH? DON’T WE ALL DIE? DON’T WE ALL SUFFER”?

STUDENT 3: “OUR BODIES DIE ANYWAY, SO WHY BOTHER SAVING THE LEPERS?”

PROFESSOR: “I SUSPECT BECAUSE THE SUFFERING, THE PAIN (pausing ...) WERE PART OF GOD’S PLAN TO BRING THEM CLOSER TO HIMSELF. WHEN WE ARE IN TROUBLE, WE ARE MORE LIKELY TO PRAY FOR HELP, FOR HEALING. (to audience) KIDS, DO YOU THINK THAT THOSE LEPERS WOULD HAVE SOUGHT JESUS OUT IF THEY HAD BEEN HEALTHY”?

KIDS: NO!

STUDENT 4: “SO JESUS WANT’S US TO SEEK HIM OUT”?

PROFESSOR: “YES! YOU SEE, **SIN** IS THE SPIRITUAL LEPROSY THAT EATS AWAYAT OUR SOULS, AND ONLY JESUS CAN SAVE US FROM THAT – JESUS WANTS US TO SEE THAT HE ALONE IS THE HEALER OF OUR SOULS.

STUDENT 1: “WHY DID JESUS TELL THEM TO GO TO THE PRIESTS”?

PROFESSOR: “TO **SHOW** THEMSELVES TO THE PRIESTS, TO **PROVE** THAT THEY WERE CURED, SO THEY COULD RE-ENTER SOCIETY-YOU SEE WHEN JESUS TOLD THEM TO GO TO THE PRIESTS-- IT WAS THE SAME AS SAYING YOU ARE NOW CURED!”

STUDENT 3: “WHY DID ONLY ONE LEPER COME BACK TO THANK JESUS”?

PROFESSOR: I DON’T KNOW WHY THE OTHER 9 LEPERS DID NOT RETURN TO THANK JESUS. EXCEPT TO SAY - DON’T BE LIKE ONE OF THOSE NINE. THE BIBLE DOES SPEAK ABOUT THE ONE WHO **DOES** COME BACK TO THANK JESUS (speaking now to the kids in the audience) KIDS, WOULD YOU BE THANKFUL IF SOMEONE SAVED YOUR LIFE?

KIDS: YES!

[02] CUE Short SCHOOL BELL sound

PROFESSOR: SEE YOU NEXT WEEK, KIDS!

WORSHIP LEADER: KIDS, WOULD YOU FEEL **AWesome** WHEN YOU REALIZED THAT THE ONE WHO HEALED YOU COULD ONLY BE GOD?

KIDS: YES!

WORSHIP LEADER WELL, THAT ONE EX-LEPER DID, AND HE JUST WASN’T MERELY GRATEFUL, HE WAS ON HIS KNEES WORSHIPING! AND JESUS COMMENDED HIM FOR HIS **FAITH**, ...

REPEAT AFTER ME:

KIDS: AFTER ME!

**I AM THE LORD,
THE GOD OF ALL
MANKIND.
IS ANYTHING
TOO HARD
FOR ME?
Jeremiah 32:27**

LET'S PRAY:

**FATHER IN HEAVEN
YOU ARE AN AWESOME GOD!
YOUR MIRACLES ARE MIGHTY!
YOU SAVED MY SOUL.
IN JESUS NAME I PRAY
AND EVERYBODY SAID: SO BE IT!**

**CUE CLOSING SONGS:
[06] AWESOME GOD (CHORUS ONLY)
[03] TEN MEN
[01] RIDE OF YOUR LIFE**

Bible References: Luke 17:11-19

TEN MEN:

Chorus:

Ten men were changed
When they called on Jesus' name.
He healed them all, when He heard them call.
Ten men were changed.
They were all loved the same
No matter who they were
Or from where they came.
Ten men were changed.

Outcasts and vagabonds,
The lowest on the chain,
The unloved,
They pushed and shoved.
That's the way they came.

Repeat Chorus

Life's still the same,

But the names have changed.
Emptiness is everywhere.
With a love that's true,
Me and you
Need to reach out and care.

Chorus 2:

And watch them change,
When they call on Jesus' name.
He will heal them all, when they call.
Just watch them change.
God's love for them and us will never end.
He loves today the way he did back then.
Yeah, He still loves the same
Like when ten men were changed.