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Prayer: Stirring Passion for Mission

## Thank You

### Introduction:

- Why is it important to say thank you?
- What do we say thank you for?

### What is prayer of Thanksgiving?

- Thanksgiving is about saying thank you to God for all the things that He has given us and done for us.
- Children could make a list of all the good things God has given to us that we want to say thank you for.
- They could then make another list of things God has done to say thank you for, most significantly sending Jesus to earth to live, die and rise from the dead again for us.

### Bible story: Luke 17:11-19

- Why was the one leper who returned special?
- Why was it so important that he came back to say thank you?
- Jesus said that the man was healed because he believed in who Jesus was. His faith was seen through the fact that he came back to thank Jesus for giving him his health back and that meant that he could go back to his village and be with his family and friends.
- When we say we are sorry (last week's lesson) and God forgives us, it is important that we say thank you for what He has done. It helps to show that we believe that God is the only one who can forgive sins and that we want to tell Him that we do not take it for granted. He takes away all the bad things we have done by forgiving us.

### Craft Activity: Sweet Prayers

Give the children a sweet (preferably a wrapped one). While they open it and eat the sweet, they can think of something to thank God for and pray while they eat. Then, when they dispose of the wrapper they can think of something to say sorry for, and as they throw away the wrapper, they can know that their sins have been forgiven.

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:11-12).*

