

Reach Out to Others

Leprosy is a terrible disease. A leper's skin has open sores. In Bible times a person with leprosy was considered "unclean" and could not worship God with other people or even live in town. Because of the disease, no one would come near a leper.

Read Mark 1:40–42. Jesus showed that he cared for this leper by touching him and healing him.

Write down the names of a couple of children you know who might feel as lonely as the leper. Then answer these three questions:

1. Why is he or she left alone? (Because he or she is not nice, is dirty, doesn't wear nice clothes, hits people, looks or acts different?)
2. How do you think he or she feels? (Happy, lonely, afraid, proud, sad, angry, stuck-up, or maybe some other feeling?)
3. How could you show that Jesus cares? (Smile, talk to him, ask her to sit with you at lunch, pick him for your team, tell others to stop being mean?)

What will you do to show that Jesus still cares about the lonely today?

Live It!



Mark 1:40–42