

- Read Leviticus 18: 1-8
What evidence in this passage suggests experienced medical observation?
Why is there no reference to doctors?

What adjectives, unique to this disease, are never applied to any others?
(verses 3, 6, 8).

For another unique feature of leprosy see Numbers 12: 10 and 15, and Deuteronomy 24: 8-9.
Compare Matthew 8: 3.

- Leprosy is seen in modern times to be a contagious disease caused by a specific fungus of very minute size.

Leprosy is no longer called “unclean” but its social consequences are very wide; it affects education, employment and living standards, especially when whole families have to be excluded for the leprosy of one member.

Excluded lepers and leper families, however, can form self-help groups of their own.

For the positive attitudes of a self-help group, discuss Philippians 4: 1-9.

- The Leprosy Mission is supported by St. Thomas’s Church.
Where in the church is the Missionary exhibition table?

The Leprosy Mission builds hospitals, heals leprosy, and supports education, vocational training and reintegration of the healed into society.



Background

Did you know.....

Every two minutes somebody, somewhere in the world, is diagnosed as suffering from leprosy?
Leprosy is now curable?
It costs £24 to cure one sufferer from leprosy?

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“Leper Company Drives Down the Cost of Living”

Appointing your House Group leader as the Narrator, play-read the narrative of II Kings 6: 24-25 and 7: 1-20.

The other dramatis personae you will need will be:

The prophet Elisha
An anonymous lord
A company of four lepers
The King of Samaria
A servant

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