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### HOT TOPICS

1. What happened in the riots in London last week?
2. What caused the riots? Choose 2 of the following:
  - a) weather
  - b) fight between rich and poor
  - c) people wanting more things
  - d) people are bored
  - e) lack of community
  - f) unemployment
  - g) other
3. Have the same type of riots happened or could happen in your country. Why or why not?
4. How do you think riots could be prevented in the future?
5. Some people say that if we are more thankful for what we have there would be greater peace. What can you be thankful now in your life? Draw 3 things you are thankful for in your life now.
6. Who do you need to say thank you to? How can you say thanks? *Discuss in fours.....*
  - a. Write a note; Give a card; Say thanks; Give a small gift.....  
How do you say thanks...?
  - b. Thanks a lot, thanks a million, really appreciate it; you're the best, ta, thanks heaps...
8. Being thankful does not come easily or naturally. It is hard to be thankful when we are tired, depressed or homesick.

In the Bible, there is a story about one man who was thankful. Break your group into threes to read the story together. You will need a **narrator, Man 1, Man 2** and **Jesus**.

### Jesus and the Ten Lepers: Luke 17:11-19. CEV

**Narrator:** Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice!

**Man 1:** Jesus!

**Man 2:** Master!

**Man 1:** Have pity on us!

**Jesus:** Go, show yourselves to the priests.

**Narrator:** And as they went, they were cleansed (healed). One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back to Jesus, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was from the country of Samaria. Jesus asked the man:

**Jesus:** Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?

**Narrator:** Then Jesus told the man:

**Jesus:** You can get up and go. Your faith has made you well."

9. Nine men did not go back and say thank you? Why? One man did go back and say thank you why?
10. Who are you most like in the story?
11. In your life who has done something special for you? How have you thanked them? In pairs, discuss what you you would say to them.

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