

12. How Many?

You learned that adjectives are used to tell about nouns. Some adjectives answer the question **what color**. Some adjectives answer the question **what size** or **what kind**.

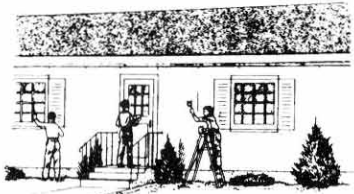
Number words are used to tell about nouns, also. Number words are used to answer the question **how many**. **How many** lepers did Jesus heal? **How many** lepers thanked Jesus?

Jesus healed **ten** lepers.
One leper thanked Jesus.

The number words **ten** and **one** tell **how many** in each sentence above. The word **ten** tells exactly how many lepers Jesus healed. The word **one** tells exactly how many lepers thanked Jesus.

Number words can be used to tell exactly how many. When we do not know exactly how many, we can say **some**, **several**, or **many**. The words **some**, **several**, and **many** are used to tell about the nouns in bold print in these sentences:

Some **people** have blue eyes.
 Several **boys** helped paint the house.
 Many **people** live in North America.



Lesson 12

Purpose: To introduce words which tell how many.

Stimulate Interest: Write the words *verbs* and *adjectives* on the board. Remind the class that we use these words with nouns. We use verbs to tell what someone or something does or did. We use adjectives to answer certain questions. Ask the class to say what questions they have learned that adjectives can answer.

Tell them that today they will meet another group of words. We use these words to tell *how many*.

Class: Ask some simple *how many* questions which can be answered with a definite number.

How many children are here?
 How many teachers do you have?
 How many brothers do you have?

Write the number words which answer each question on the board. Tell the class that these number words answer *how many*. Tell them that these number words tell *exactly* how many. Tell the class that some number words do not say an exact number. Write: *some*, *several*, *many*. Tell the class that