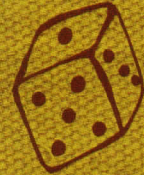


What is leprosy?



Leprosy in Bible times - what they thought then

Lots of skin diseases were referred to as "leprosy". Anyone who suffered from "leprosy" was thought to be unclean. People with leprosy had to stay away from other people and live on their own. They had to shout, "Unclean, unclean!" to warn people when they were coming. People with leprosy were separated from their family and friends. They couldn't work to make any money.

**cure:
unknown**

Leprosy in our times - what we know now

Leprosy is a disease caused by infection from a germ. Leprosy damages nerves, which means sufferers cannot feel pain. People sometimes stay away from other people with leprosy as they are afraid of catching the disease. Leprosy affects over 4 million people in the world. Organisations like The Leprosy Mission help people with leprosy. The only other creature that can get leprosy is the armadillo!

**cure:
tablets**

Find out more at www.leprosymission.org.uk