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*Week 3 (Chapters 11–15 )*

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We hope you and your families, teachers and classmates enjoy using these resources as much as we have enjoyed putting them together. They are especially for you, from all of us at ACN!

**Welcome to this week's workbook for the ACN Child's Bible Project!**

**Before you get started on an activity, you'll need to watch the reading and reflection videos that go with it.**

**These activities are designed to help you understand a bit more about this week's chapters and to make sure that you have fun at the same time.**

**Are you ready? Let's see what you can do...or make...or draw...or sing...or play...or feel...or figure out!**

**Note to parents, teachers and carers:**

There are 99 chapters in the ACN Child's Bible; videos of each one being read aloud along with a brief reflection will be made available each weekday from Easter Monday (13 April) 2020. While some older children may enjoy using these resources on their own, for maximum benefit and enjoyment we recommend working through each chapter together one day at a time.

All of the corresponding prayers and activities have been carefully designed to reinforce the content of each chapter and to help children engage with the stories in a fun and creative way. We've made every effort to keep things simple with clear instructions and materials that should be readily available in your home or classroom.

You can find the links to this week's chapters on the ACN Schools social media platforms (listed on the back page of this workbook or by visiting Aid to the Church in Need's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/AidtotheChurchinNeed>)).



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### Chapter 11:

In today's chapter Joseph explains a strange dream, gets hired by the ruler of Egypt and saves his family from starvation. Watch the video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6jLy0ThBOo&t=129s>

Pharaoh's dream is all about things appearing in sevens—seven chubby cows and seven skinny ones; seven ripe ears of corn and seven shrivelled ears of corn. Joseph explains that this means there will be seven good, healthy years followed by seven long, hard years.

*That's a lot of sevens for one chapter!*

*Here are some word problems based on today's chapter. You may need to listen to it again to get the answers!*

1. Five of the chubby cows were hungry and each ate a ripe ear of corn. How many ripe ears of corn were left?
2. All of the skinny cows + all but two of the chubby cows = how many cows altogether?
3. It took Pharaoh five minutes to explain his dream to Joseph and Joseph left Pharaoh after twelve minutes. How long did it take Joseph to explain the dream to Pharaoh?
4. Three skinny cows ate four shrivelled ears of corn and two chubby cows ate up five ripe ears. How many ears of corn were left?
5. What number do you get if you add up all of the cows and ears of corn in Pharaoh's dream, all of the years in Joseph's explanation, all of Joseph's brothers, Joseph and one silver cup?

Did you get them all? The answers are upside-down at the bottom of this page. Can you make up some more word problems based on this chapter?



*Prayer for today: God, please help us to forgive*

*those who have hurt us. Thank you for showing us, through Joseph and his brothers, that you can bring miracles out of moments of forgiveness.*



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(ANSWERS: 1= 2 ripe ears of corn; 2= 12 cows; 3= 7 minutes; 4= 5 ears of corn (3 shrivelled and 2 ripe); 5= 14 cows + 14 ears of corn + 14 years + 11 brothers+ 1 Joseph + 1 silver cup = 55)

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### Chapter 12:

In today's chapter we meet Moses. His mother and his sister kept him safe and he grew up in a royal palace. You can watch the video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tf8PEqv6O8Y&t=113s>

It's a very exciting story, so today you will become a playwright and an actor. You'll need to find props and organise some costumes and maybe even some scenery.

### Activity - Moses Mini-Drama:

Step 1: Try to tell the story again to someone with you or even to yourself. Think carefully and answer the following questions:

Who are the characters? When do they appear? What are they like? How might they dress? Are they rich or poor? Young or older?

Where does the story take place? All in one room? Indoors? Outdoors?

What are the most important parts of the story (the ones you definitely have to include in your drama)?

Is this a one-person play or will you share the stage with other actors?

Step 2: Write out the Cast of Characters: Moses, his mother, Miriam (his sister), \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, which others?

Step 3: Gather some props: a basket for Baby Moses, a crown for the princess, some soft toys to be Moses' sheep, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Step 4: Now you'll need to get writing. Try to write the story using only 20 lines. This might be hard, but it will keep your drama short and fast-moving.

Step 5: When everything is ready, rehearse once or twice with your cast, props and costumes. If someone in your house can watch your play now, that's great! If not, save it for another time when you can play to a bigger audience! Bravo!



*Prayer for today: Moses' story shows us that God is not restricted by our circumstances; He can save our lives even in the most desperate of times. Thank you for all the people who, like the Pharaoh's daughter, look after others in need.*



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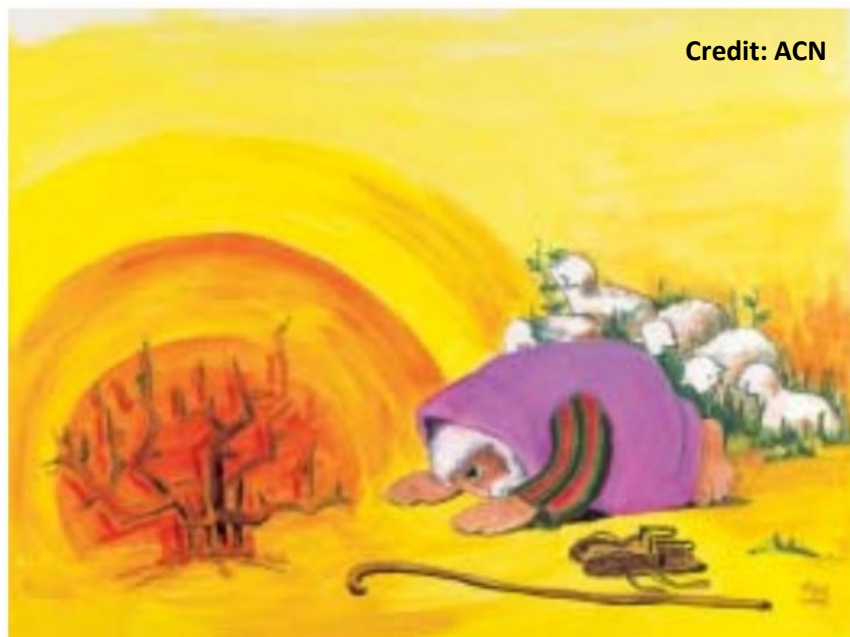
### **Chapter 13:**

In today's chapter Moses got to talk to God. He asked questions and God answered. He was really scared at first, but Moses realised that God had chosen him to do something very important so he stopped being afraid.

Watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLzdVPGBYvs&t=32s>

For today's challenge, follow the link and take the quiz all about Moses in this chapter!

**[https://www.fyrexbox.com/play/god-sends-moses\\_ndBL9Q035](https://www.fyrexbox.com/play/god-sends-moses_ndBL9Q035)**



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***Prayer for today: Sometimes we don't feel ready to do things that God asks us to do, or we don't feel confident enough to follow God's plan for our lives. God, please help us not to be afraid, and to trust that you will give us everything we need to accomplish great things.***



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### **Chapter 14:**

In today's chapter we hear about how God's people, the Israelites, were trapped in a country that was not their own, being treated badly by people who wanted to harm them. God used His power to free them so that they could finally return home.

This story has a happy ending, but the Israelites had to wait a long time before they could be free. Watch the video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAiGuP1sVGQ&t=17s>

There are some people around the world who are still waiting for their freedom, too. This can be sad to read about but we must never lose hope that God will rescue them. For example, there is a war in Syria that has been going on for a long time. The situation is getting better, but people are still waiting for peace to truly return. We also know that these children sometimes can't even go to church because it is too dangerous.

### ***Today's activity is to learn a prayer for protection***

We're going to teach you a really simple prayer that you can say every day. You can pray it for yourself, and you can also pray it for children everywhere who might have very difficult lives.

It is a prayer to our Guardian Angel. God gives everyone a Guardian Angel who protects us and keeps us safe.

It is a very simple prayer. Maybe you know it already? See if you can learn it off by heart today! When you pray it, you can also pray it for children everywhere around the world.



#### ***Prayer to my Guardian Angel***

*Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.*



***Prayer for today: Lord, I know that there are many people who, like the Israelites in the Bible, live in countries where they don't feel safe or free. Please give them your strength and hope, and help bring them quickly to a new home.***

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### Chapter 15:

In this chapter we hear about how God saved the first-born sons of the Israelites in Egypt by ensuring that their houses were 'passed over'. To this day, Jewish families retell this story every year as part of their Passover celebration. Special prayers and traditional foods are also part of this ritual story-telling. Watch the video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ0tYGxbR2s>

Today you are going to think about how you mark important events in your life. Shared histories bind families together. Just like Jewish families share the story of Passover, your family will have special stories that are shared each year.

### Activity: What's your story?

After you've listened to today's reading and reflection, take a bit of time to think about important things that have happened in your life or in your family. Remember, they could be happy things like birthdays and weddings or sad things like a good friend moving away.

Make a list:

- Does your family have special ways of marking these events each year?
- Sometimes we mark anniversaries of special occasions by telling the story of what happened. Do you know how your parents met or what happened on the day that you were born?
- On birthdays and holidays, do you eat certain foods or get dressed up? Your family might decorate your home or exchange gifts...maybe you spend a bit of quiet time thinking about someone who is no longer with you or saying some special prayers.
- Ask the other people in your house to add to your list of family traditions.

The next time a birthday or anniversary happens in your family, collect a story or two about the people involved and take a minute to remember how these shared experiences make your family unique.



*Prayer for today: God, you have the power to free us from all that is evil. Thank you for all the times you have protected me, even in ways that I don't know. Please keep me safe from sin and anything that could harm me.*

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The ACN Child's Bible project introduces children in the UK to the little red book that has played such an important part in the lives of so many children around the world.



*God Speaks to his Children*, the ACN Child's Bible, is sometimes the only book a child will ever own. It has been used since its release in 1979 to teach children about their Christian faith and to provide an invaluable literacy tool as well!. To date, over 51 million copies in 190 languages have gone out around the world. The edition in Spanish is the most popular (around 14 million copies printed), with Portuguese not far behind (10.3 million). English (2.5 million), French (1.2 million) and Swahili (950,000) are the next most popular languages.

From the very beginning, ACN has distributed *God Speaks to his Children* to struggling Christian communities free of charge. For every copy sold in the UK, 3 more copies will be sent out to children elsewhere for free.

If you'd like to purchase one or more copies of the ACN Child's Bible for use at home, in church or at school (and help to send out many more copies to children elsewhere who will receive them because of your kindness), you can visit our website ([www.acnuk.org/shop/](http://www.acnuk.org/shop/)) or ring our Trading order line (0345 241 6068). Discounts may be available on larger orders for parishes or schools; please contact our Schools Team to find out more.

We hope you enjoy using these resources as much as we've enjoyed assembling them for you! We'd like to thank all those who offered their time and skills to read chapters, produce reflections, write prayers and assemble activities. We value your feedback, so please let us know how you've used these resources by posting on social media with the hashtag #ACNAtHome. Thank you!

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