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*Week 4 (Chapters 16–20 )*

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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 embedded in this workbook and on the ACN Schools social media platforms (listed on the back page of this workbook).



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For more information about *God Speaks to his Children*, the ACN Child's Bible, or to contact the ACN Schools Teams, please see the back page of this booklet.

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**Next week we launch another amazing Aid to the Church in  
Need resource for children!**

**Maisy Milk's rosary for peace aims to engage children with Our  
Lady and the Rosary, as well as learning about countries and  
people that Aid to the Church in Need is helping around the  
world.**

**Check out the website for all the details!**

**Pledge your decades and receive 100 free Rosaries**



*Maisy Milk's  
Rosary for Peace*

- Pray for peace -  
- Wk beginning 11th May 2020 -

**49,587 Decades Pledged  
in 2019!**



<https://acnuk.org/resource/maisy-milk-rosary-for-peace/>

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### Chapter 16:

Today's chapter is definitely exciting—Will Moses save the Israelites from attack? How will they cross the Red Sea? Will the Egyptians win the day or, with God's help, will Moses and the Israelites reach safety in time? You can watch today's video here >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLP9C2SUEPc>

Water plays a huge part in today's chapter. The story focusses on the Red Sea, a long, thin body of water that separates Africa from the Arabian Peninsula. Moses led the Israelites across the Red Sea out of Egypt into safety on the other side. God parted the water for his chosen people and closed the passage to stop the Egyptians from following them.

Bodies of water of all sizes can be found all over the world. They separate countries and continents, but they also provide very important ways to transport food and other items. We couldn't live on the earth without our oceans, seas, rivers and lakes.



**Activity:** Try to see the map of the world on the next page as water map; pretend that the land is blue instead of the water. Try to identify and locate as many oceans and seas as you can. You can write them on a map that you draw or you can just make a list of what you find.

Find the Red Sea first—remember the clue: It's long and skinny and separates Africa from the Arabian Peninsula in Asia.

Here are a few others for you to locate: Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Caribbean Sea.

What else can you find?



*Prayer for today: God, we praise you for all the times you have performed miracles in our lives. We praise you knowing that you are greater than all our problems and that you can do the impossible, like parting the Red Sea for the Israelites.*



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### Chapter 17:

Doesn't it feel wonderful to have a huge drink when you are feeling really thirsty? And to fill up on something that tastes delicious when you are hungry? That's amazing, too. In today's chapter, we learn how God provided for his people when they lived in the desert for forty whole years! You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RU7xliWkoEQ&t=2s>

Today's activity will make your mouth water and get your tummy rumbling, so you'd better have a delicious snack planned for afterwards!

God provided 'manna' for the Israelites in the desert; we don't know exactly what manna is, but it is described as 'sweet, white grains.' We know that the people thought it was delicious.

If you had to choose a food to be your 'manna', what would it be?

#### *Activity: My Manna Game*

Players will take turns answering questions and guessing your favourite foods. You can play this game with everyone in your family, or you can set it up yourself and play it later with your friends.



- ⇒ First, you (and any other players) need to spend some time thinking about your most favourite foods. Without anyone else peeking, write each one down on a small piece of paper and fold each paper up separately. Place all of the folded papers into a bowl or a hat.
- ⇒ Choose someone to pick out one folded paper. This person should secretly open the paper and see what it says (without letting anyone else see).
- ⇒ Other players then have a total of 10 questions to try and guess what the food might be. Questions can only be answered with 'yes' or 'no'.
- ⇒ Some sample questions: Is this food hot? Is this food sweet? Is this food eaten only at Christmas? Do you get to eat this food only when you visit your grandma?
- ⇒ The person who guesses the food first gets to draw the next piece of folded paper. If no one wins, the player goes again.

***Prayer for today: God, you made food for your people when they were in the desert. Help us to see all the ways that you provide for us even when everything seems desperate. Thank you for the many blessings in my life.***

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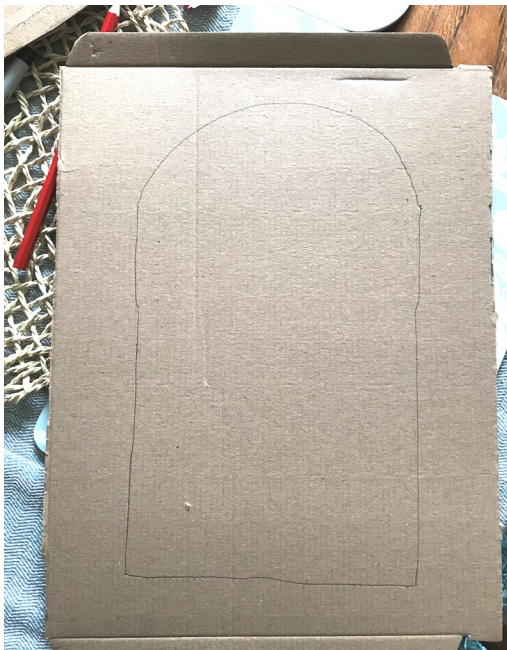
### *Chapter 18:*

Today's chapter tells a story that we probably all know—we hear about Moses receiving the 10 Commandments from God, and how he etched them into the stone tablets. These commandments are still relevant for us today—they teach us how to live as a Christian. You can watch the video for today's chapter here > [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwTRE\\_7rbGs&t=18s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwTRE_7rbGs&t=18s)

For our activity today, you will be creating your own version of Moses' stone tablets!

#### *You will need:*

- Cardboard or paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Black marker pen
- Decorations (optional)



1. Use your pencil to draw an outline of the tablets. You can draw them freehand or use something to help you trace the shape.

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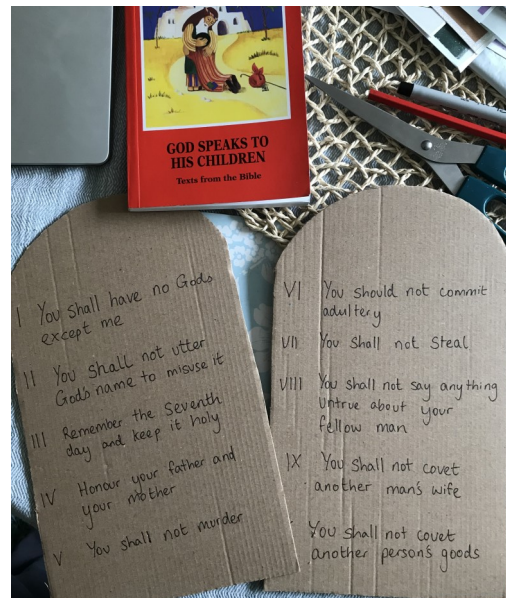
2. Use the scissors (or ask an adult to help) to cut out the shape of your tablet.



3. Write out the commandments out on your tablets. You can use chapter 18 in the Child's Bible to help you ([https://issuu.com/aidtothechurchinneed/docs/god\\_speaks\\_to\\_his\\_children](https://issuu.com/aidtothechurchinneed/docs/god_speaks_to_his_children)) or maybe see how many you can remember!

4. Your stone tablets are complete! If you like, you can add decorations, or paint, or whatever you have around to use.

You can also use them to perform your best Moses impression! Gather around your audience and recite the commandments from your stone tablets.



**Prayer for today: Thank you God for showing us the right way to live. Help us to take your Ten Commandments seriously, knowing that you care for us and want what is best for us.**

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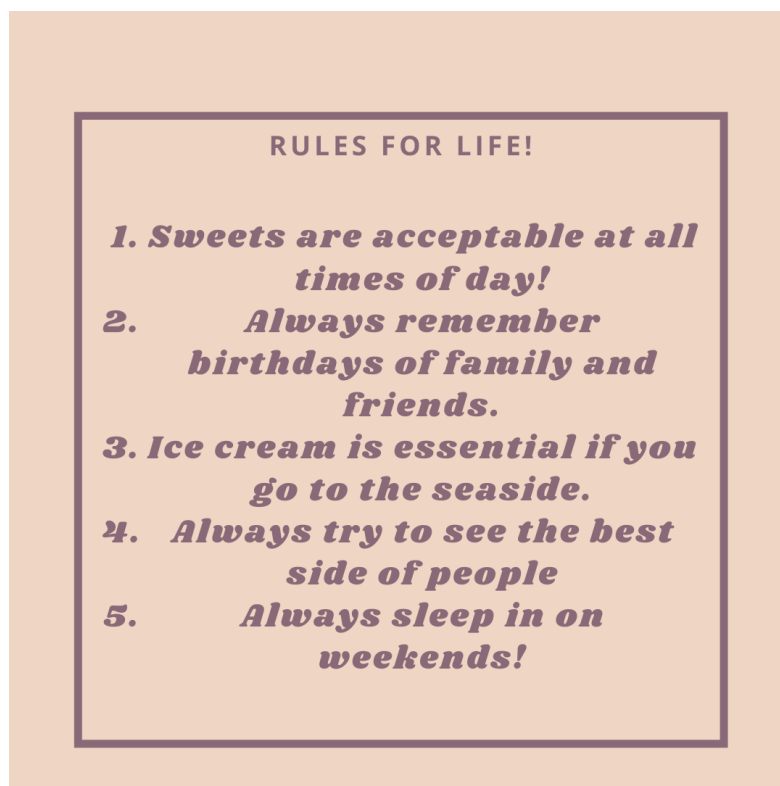
### Chapter 19:

Today's chapter tells us some of the other rules which are good to follow as part of being a Christian. Our own beliefs and friendship with God is an important part of our faith. But it is also very important to think about how we behave and how we treat other people.

You can watch the video for today's chapter here > [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwQFKnABmfk&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2\\_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=22](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwQFKnABmfk&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=22)

The title of today's chapter is 'Rules of Life'. For our activity today, we would like you to think about some of your own rules for life!

Try and come up with a list of things you think are important. You can write it roughly, type it out or use your creative skills to create your list in an artistic way. Your rules can be whatever you like, but try and put some serious ones in there too, e.g. always try and see the best in people or always make up with your friends or family after you have an argument.



**Prayer for today:** Help us Lord not to be selfish but to put other people first. Help us always to care about those who are suffering or hurt. Let us welcome those who are different to us, remembering how we ourselves would like to be treated.



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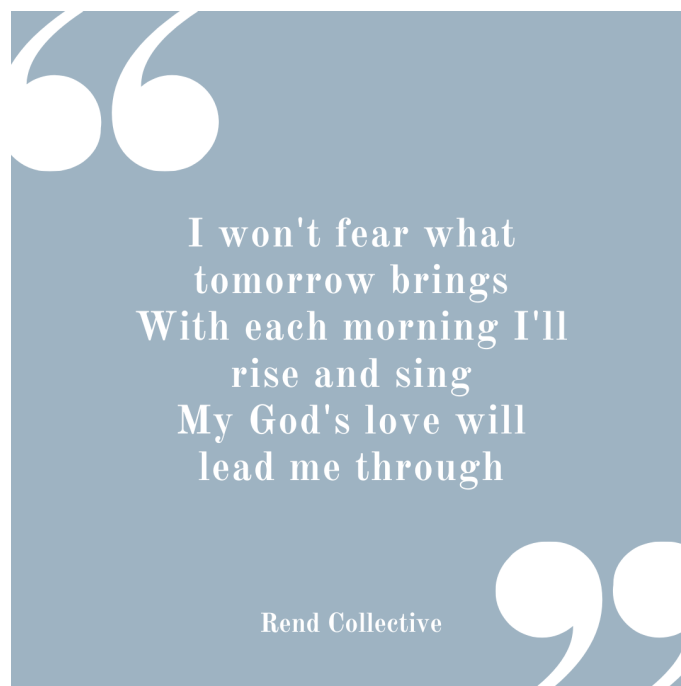


### Chapter 20:

Today's chapter describes a little about what God's people did in the 40 years after they were freed from slavery in Egypt. Many of these people passed away, as they grew old, and we hear too that Moses died. You can watch today's video here > [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2Zzc\\_3L7-g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2Zzc_3L7-g)

Although these events are sad, there is also joy to be found in this chapter. We hear that "the Israelites learnt that they could trust God", amongst other things.

Thinking about trusting in God, made us think about the song 'My Lighthouse' by the band Rend Collective. It's a really great song, that helps us to reflect on trusting God and learning to rely on Him—just like the Israelites had to.



The challenge for today is simple—take a couple of minutes to listen to this song > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJKv7ptU> You can just listen, or you could do an Internet search for the lyrics and read them as you listen. Take a little bit of time afterwards to say a prayer and thank God for always being there for us, and providing people that help us to know Him better.



*Prayer for today: God, we thank you for all the people who lead us, who inspire us, and who teach us about you. Thank you for their lives of service, and for the ways they have used their gifts to help us.*



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#### Maisy Milk Rosary Pledge

School Name \*

Full School Address \*

Name (Teacher Contact)

First

Last

Email (Teacher Contact)

School Pledge \*

Example: "Our school pledge is 1,500 decades of the Rosary. Our students will also hold a May Crowning Procession with their families, tweet their completed activities." If you school has 300 children saying 5 decades during Rosary week that equals 1,500 decade pledge (300 x 5 = 1,500 decades)

**Head to the website to  
make your pledge and  
check out the resources!**

**Thank you for keeping  
those who are persecuted  
for their faith in your  
prayers.**



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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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