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Week 5 (Chapters 21– 25)

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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).



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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**This week we launch another amazing
ACN resource for children!**

**Maisy Milk's Rosary for Peace aims to engage children with
Our Lady and the Rosary, as well as to teach them about some
of the countries where ACN is helping people. Many children
across the UK are joining us in prayer this week...
will you join us too?**

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 -
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**49,587 Decades Pledged
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Chapter 21:

God's chosen people, the Israelites, have now moved into the land of Canaan, the Promised Land. The Canaanites taught the Israelites lots of helpful things—and also one or two things that God did not want them to do! You can watch today's video here >

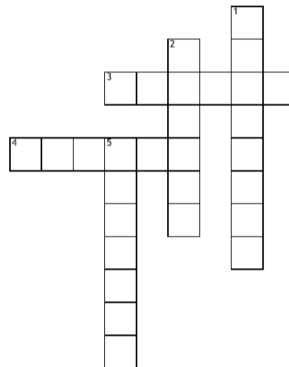
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ufwT18wUHM&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=25&t=17s

Let's see how well you listened to today's Chapter. Below is a crossword puzzle for you to complete. Think carefully about what you've heard today and you'll get it done in no time! After it's done, why not make a crossword puzzle about another story you love. You can read or tell it to someone in our house and ask them to solve your puzzle!

Name: _____

Date: _____

In the Promised Land



Across

3. The Canaanites taught the Israelites to harvest these.
4. Under this leader the Israelites kept God's promise.

Down

1. If the Israelites remained faithful, God would grant them this.
2. In which land did Abraham, Isaac and Jacob live?
5. The Canaanites prayed for rain and a good what?



Prayer for today: Lord, thank you for the way you always look after us. Please help us to always do the right thing, even when it is difficult. May we always remember you and never forget how you want what is best for us.

Answers: 1. Blessing 2. Canaan 3. Grapes 4. Joshua 5. Harvest

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Chapter 22:

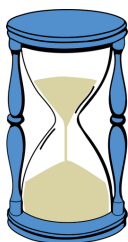
In today's chapter the Israelites stop trusting in God alone and decide they need a king. Saul is anointed king by Samuel, a judge sent by God. Saul thinks he doesn't need anyone's help—not even God's—to rule over Israel. You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-U_BeZ6On4

It's easy to find things that others are doing wrong, but it can be much harder to spot our own problems! Nobody gets things right all the time, but we can learn a lot from stories like this one about King Saul.



First, let's look at the Israelites.

- What was life like for them in the Promised Land? What did God promise them if they needed help?
- If they had everything that they needed, why do you think the Israelites wanted a king?
- Do you ever behave like an Israelite? Are you unhappy with what you have and in a hurry to have something better? Do you forget to trust that God is watching over you and not take time to notice all of the good things in your life?



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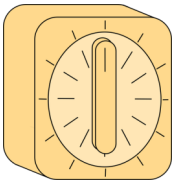
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After Samuel fails to convince the Israelites that trust in God is all they need to be happy, God has Samuel anoint Saul as King of Israel.

- What did God give to Saul when he was anointed by Samuel? What happened to Saul when he stopped putting all his trust in God?
- Can you think of any times when you have acted like Saul did? When you refused to accept help from God or from others and then found that you were lonely or sad or confused?



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Make a little list of the things that you can do now that you couldn't do without help when you were smaller. Your list will grow as you get older, but your list will get even longer if you remember always to ask for help from others—from your family, your friends, your teachers...and especially from God.



Prayer for today: God, help us to remember that it is better to work together with you and other people who help and care for us, than try to do everything on our own.

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Chapter 23:

Today's chapter is all about David—the shepherd, the underdog, the musician, the king! David is a true hero of the Old Testament; he wasn't perfect, but he did plenty of amazing things during his life. His rise to fame from a little shepherd boy to a mighty king makes him one of the most interesting figures in the Old Testament. David was famous when he lived, and he's still famous today! You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0jtngBsO8&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=27&t=0s



Today's chapter tells us a lot about David—it helps us to build up a picture of him as a person. This kind of picture is called a portrait. Portraits can be paintings or photos; they can be written in words or poems or songs.

If you were going to create a portrait of David, what would you include? Listen to the chapter again and make a list of what it tells about David: what did he look like? What did he do? What was he good at?

When you're finished with David, why not make a photo portrait of yourself?

- Take a bit of time to think about the things about you that you want your portrait to present to others.
- Will you take your portrait indoors or outside?
- What will you wear?
- What are the most important, most special things about you? Do you love sport or your pet or reading or playing a musical instrument?

When you're all set, take a selfie or ask an adult with you to take your picture. You can use this to explain your story just like your picture of David helps to tell his story. And remember...David's battle with Goliath lets us all know that small people can achieve BIG things!



Prayer for today: Lord God, I am young, but I know that like David, you still have big plans for me! Help me to be brave and know that I can do so many good things because you are with me.

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Chapter 24:

In today's chapter we hear about David becoming the King of Israel. We hear that he 'wanted Jerusalem to be the city of God'. He wanted to dedicate himself and his people to God, and we learned that David would say sorry to God when he had done something wrong. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICTb4O-W0oo>



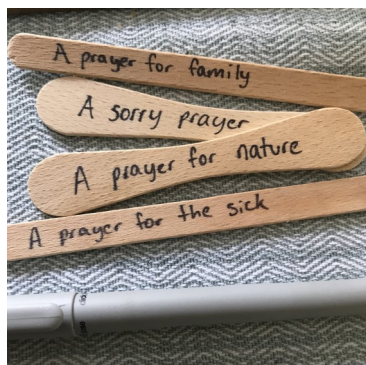
Saying sorry and learning when we have done something wrong is very important. It is important to do this with our friends and family, but we also need to remember to say sorry to God when we have done something wrong, too. We can also ask God for help when we need to say sorry—an easy way to do this is in prayer.

Often we find it easy to remember to say thank you or ask for some help whilst we are praying. It can be harder to remember to say sorry in our prayer time.

For today's activity we are going to make a 'Prayer prompt' jar! We can use these prompts when we come to pray, and it can be especially handy when we're not sure what to pray for.



Gather together a jar, some lolly sticks (you can use strips of paper if you don't have these), and a pen.



Write out some prompts for prayer time on your sticks or paper. There are some examples here, but you can use anything you like!



It's as simple as that! You can use your jar when you want to pray, and it can help you choose something or someone to pray for.



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Prayer for today: Help me, God, to remember that I am part of a big Church that worships you. I can praise you by making friends with those around me, my family and people at school. I can tell others who don't know you who you are. Thank you for giving me a community to be a part of.

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Chapter 25:

Today's chapter is very short and simple, but has a powerful message. It is one of the psalms or songs, which David wrote to praise God. In this psalm we are reminded that God is always with us, and that He walks alongside us when things are difficult.

You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NA7eqJh3V4A&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwlKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=27

Today's activity comes from our reader today—Alessandra Pompili. Alessandra is a concert pianist, which makes her a great person to tell us all about Psalm 23!

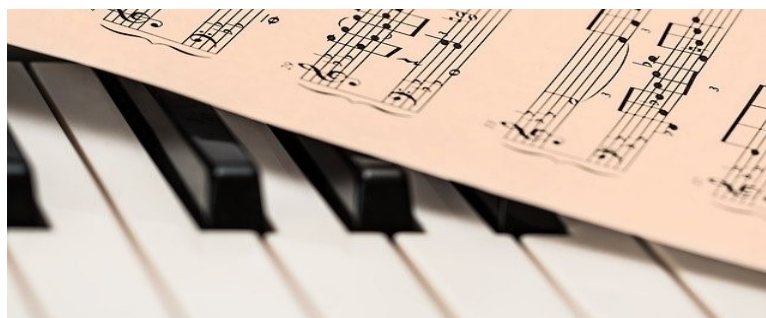
At the beginning of today's video, Alessandra said that Psalm 23 is a song written by king David. We have been reading the words of the song but....what about the music? David wrote many songs but we have no music at all – and music makes a huge difference to a poem. Words are words, but words and music are something very different.

So, because we have no music for Psalm 23 it could be fun to make some music of our own!

Your challenge for today is to do is to make a soundtrack for Psalm 23!

Before we start:

- 1) Understand the atmosphere and most important bits of the various parts of the psalm.
- 2) Choose our instruments. We do not need to have guitars or pianos (good if you do though!), we can use everyday sounds.



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We can read the Psalm (or have someone reading it for us) and make the soundtrack at the same time. Go through each of the lines, using the prompts below as a guide.

Lord you are my Shepherd:

You could look for a bell at the start of your soundtrack – when God is the shepherd and you are the sheep

You lead me to green pastures:

Here we may choose a marching rhythm – clapping hands or stepping on the spot to signal your journey

Even when I have to walk:

This is the right spot for frightening music, something that makes a loud noise. You may find good tools in the kitchen, especially among pots and pans

I am not afraid:

This can either mean that you are calm, so you may choose relaxing music.... something like this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=857bt64SomQ>

But “I am not afraid” can also mean “I feel brave, I have courage” and you may want something that makes a bold, big sound. Once again, it is time to experiment.

Whatever you choose, enjoy making your soundtrack following the text of Psalm 23!

Thank you to our guest activity writer Alessandra!



Prayer for today: God, we thank you that you are always with us. We pray that we never forget that you are there to protect us when we feel afraid or scared.

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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/) 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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