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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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Chapter 26:

Solomon's reign was peaceful. Solomon made a lot of wise decisions, but he broke trust with God by worshipping the gods of others. You can watch today's video here >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQeCIYRh568>

Today's activity—Solomon the Builder

Solomon built a temple for the Ark of the Covenant and also a royal palace. He hired famous builders and artists from other places and used only the finest materials. His palace was very important, because here is where he met with important guests from other parts of the world.

King Solomon needs help, though—his interior designer has forgotten to furnish and decorate his throne room! This is where he holds his most important meetings, so it needs to be very impressive.

Luckily YOU are here to sort this out—King Solomon will pay you a HUGE amount of gold if you can design just the right thing...

Designing a throne room for King Solomon :

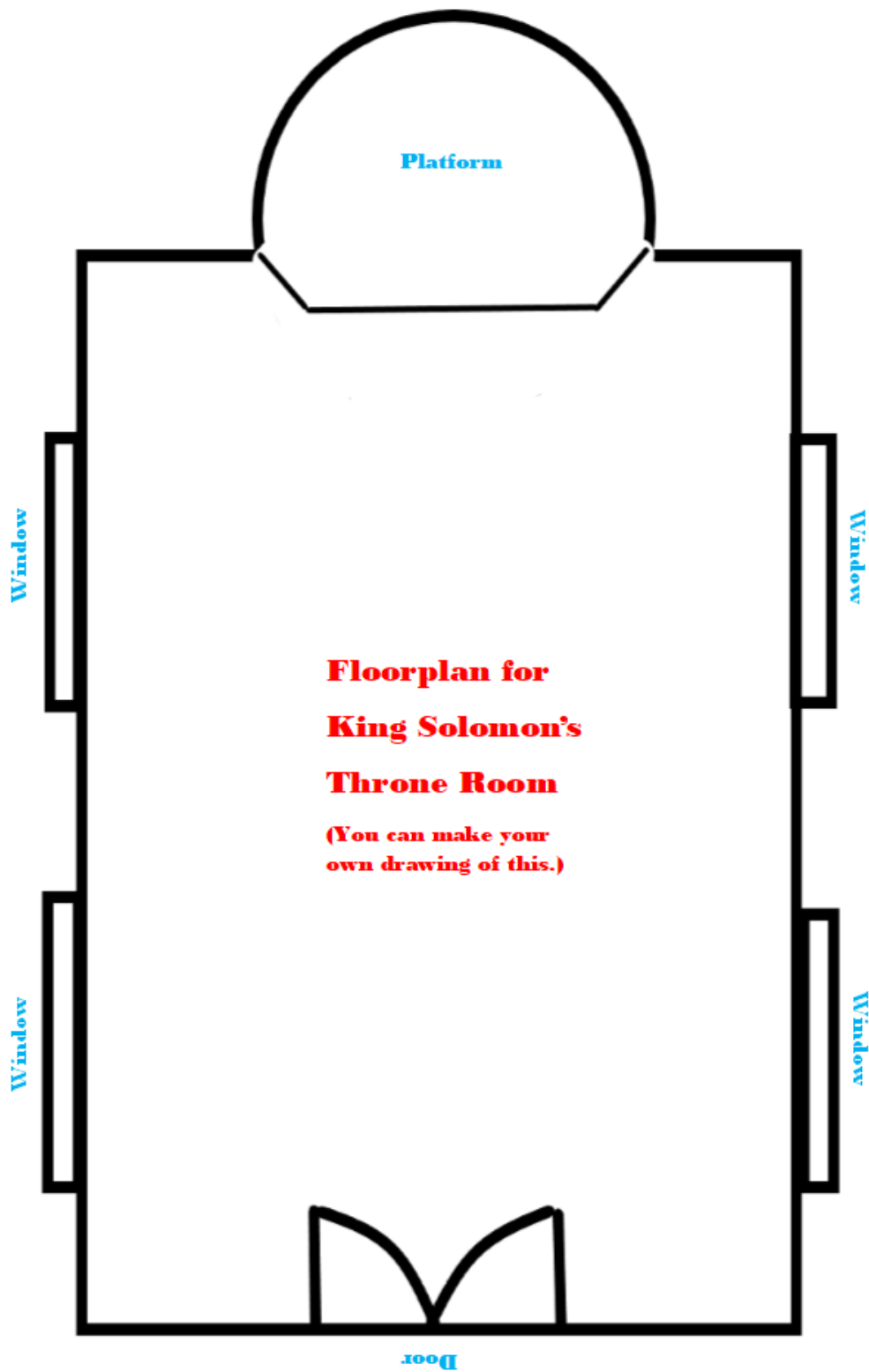
- You've got some serious thinking to do... King Solomon's architect has left you a floorplan of the throne room and one drawing of each of the four walls (elevations). (See the next two pages). Use the floor plan to show where the furniture will go and the elevations to show how you will decorate the walls.
- Top tips for the floor plan: Think about what kind of furniture Solomon will need in his THRONE room (that's a hint...). Sometimes there will lots of people there—do they stand or sit? Will there be carpets? Tables to hold food or gifts? Decide where everything should go in the room so that it functions properly—where will the king sit? What about his guards? His visitors? His family?
- And now the really fun part... What colours will the walls be? With there be paintings hung on them? What about the windows? Curtains? Blinds? Are there sculptures around the room? What about lights—candle sticks? Lanterns? Will you use gold or silver or glass or fabric?



Whatever you come up with, King Solomon will LOVE it! When you've finished his throne room, maybe have a go at designing your own dream room...

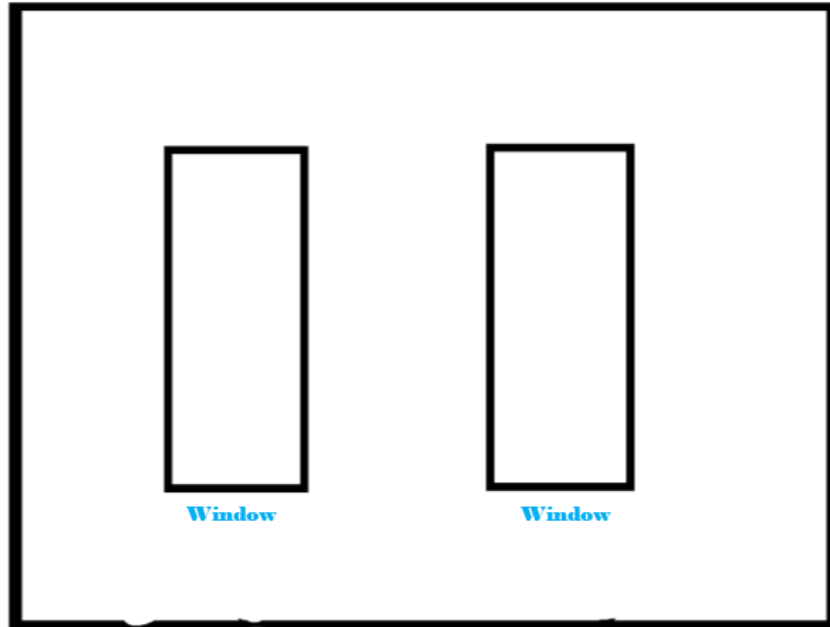
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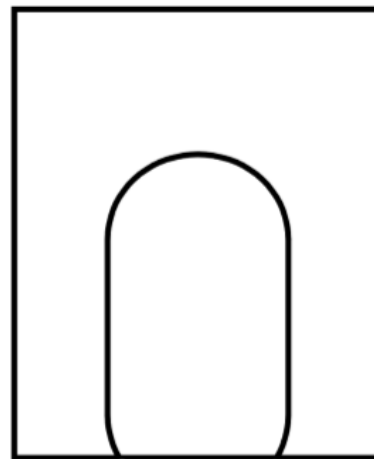
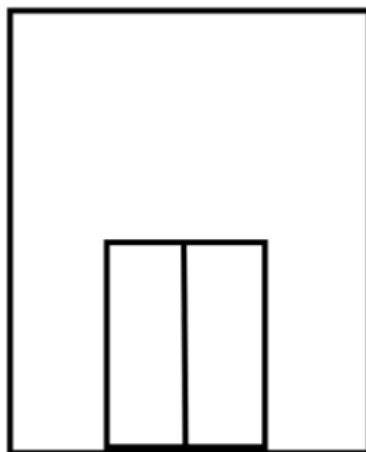


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Elevation for Side Wall
(You can make your own drawing of this.)



Elevations for End Walls



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Prayer for today: Thank you, God, for all the buildings we have where we can pray to you and be with you. Thank you for my church and all the beautiful churches there are around the world. Please look after those who cannot visit their church, or countries where it is too dangerous to go to Mass.

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Chapter 27:

When King Solomon wasn't building temples and palaces or making treaties with neighbouring peoples or encouraging international trade, he spent a fair amount of time being pretty wise. Today's chapter lists some of his proverbs, which are short pieces of advice about how to live a good life.

You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZI_kDC5KP4

Fun with OPPOSITES

One way Solomon explains how to live well is by using opposites. By telling us what to do and what not to do, he helps us to understand the right way to treat others. Below are two columns of words from today's chapter. Start with the left column and draw a line from each word to its opposite in the column to the right. Good luck!

willing

sinful

joy

grief

hatred

respectful

harmony

love

honest

strife

scornful

stubborn

blessed

crooked



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Now that you are all warmed up, it's time to come up with some opposites of your own.

All players should sit in a circle. The youngest goes first: choose a word and say it out loud. The person sitting to the right has five seconds to come up with the opposite of the first word and to say another word OR to pass to the next person if there is no opposite.

The next person has five seconds to say the opposite and add another word or pass.

See how long you can keep going around the circle before no one can think of an opposite to the last word chosen.

Will it be a LONG time or a SHORT time?

Will your next turn come around QUICKLY or SLOWLY?

Is thinking of opposites EASY or HARD?



Prayer for today: God, help me to listen to these wise words and act on them.

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Chapter 28:

In today's chapter we hear about the death of Solomon, and his son Rehoboam wanting to take the throne following his father's death. You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhjGTmxt4GE&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=32&t=0s

For today's activity, you're going to be in charge!

Everybody wants to be king! Being a King or Queen is a big job! There are lots of things to think about. A King or Queen has lots of power, but also has to make sure that everyone is looked after and doing the right thing.

First, write your name down. Remember to put "King" or "Queen" before it!

Next, we want you to come up with TEN RULES that everyone in your kingdom has to follow.

What would you like everyone to do? Maybe they are funny rules, like everyone has to do eight star jumps each day or make ice cream on Sundays.

But it's also important to include some rules that look after each other.

How do you think people should treat each other?

Maybe you want a rule that tells everyone to be kind to each other.

What about a rule saying that people should help each other?

Will you have a rule that asks people to share?

Once you have written your ten rules, you can show them to an adult at home. Do they think you'd make a good King or Queen? Do you think you would make a good King or Queen?!



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Prayer for today: Today we pray for all governments around the world. Lord, help them to always look after the poor and needy, and to always chose peace instead of war.

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Chapter 29:

In today's chapter we learn that it is important to worship God, not idols.

You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=486OWT2Oill&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwlKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=32

We don't worship idols in the same way that the people in the story did, but we might have things in our lives that we spend too much time doing. Instead, we could be using our time to help other people or give some of our time to God.

Today's activity:

Write a list of some of the things you did yesterday. What did you do?

Pick one activity that you want to swap.

Here are some good swap ideas:

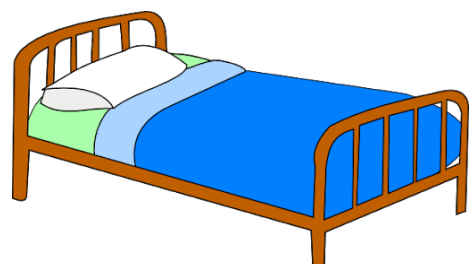
Played on phone →

Watched Netflix/YouTube Kids →

Had a big lie in →

Played a game by myself →

Watched a film before bedtime →



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None of these are bad things! But sometimes it is good to change things up a bit and spend some time doing something else.

Decide what you are going to swap to

Here are some more ideas:

Played on phone —————> phone a friend, or elderly relative who might be lonely

Watched Netflix/YouTube Kids —————> ask someone at home if they need any help, or if there are any jobs you can do

Had a big lie in —————> Get up earlier and tidy my room

Played a game by myself —————> Invite someone to play a game with me, if possible. Maybe a new person at school who might be lonely, or my little sibling who is bored?

Watched a film before bedtime —————> Write my own bedtime prayers, pray for people who need help.

Be as imaginative as you like! Today your challenge is to see if you can swap **ONE THING** that you do for yourself, into something that you do for someone else. Can you do it?!



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Prayer for today: There are lots of things in my life that can be distracting. Help me to remember that you, God, should be the first priority in my life. Help me to say a prayer to you each day so that I can stay close to you, the living God.

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Chapter 30:

God's prophet Elijah challenges King Ahab, flees across the border to Phoenicia and performs a miracle in the house of a poor woman. Quite a lot of action for just one chapter! You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xkyMu-1ln4&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=33

When he upsets King Ahab, Elijah flees from his home in Israel into Phoenicia. Phoenicia doesn't exist anymore but a long time ago it was a very wealthy nation known especially for its excellent boats, expensive purple dye (used by kings and queens!) and its brave sailors. Phoenicia is also remembered for something else...the written version of the Phoenician language made use of special symbols. They weren't quite letters, but they did provide the basis for what would eventually become our alphabet today.

FUN FACT: It was the ancient Greeks who really got our alphabet going. In fact, the word alphabet comes from the first two Greek letters—Alpha (A) and Beta (B).



Your Bible Alphabet

Today let's start a project that you can keep adding to as we move through the rest of the Child's Bible...and you can even go back to earlier chapters as well....

We're going to hunt for words that start with each letter of our alphabet. You can just make a list or maybe turn them into an artwork.



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First things first...

- * Decide how you are going to write your letters. Will you use different colours and styles? This is a great time to check out different fonts on a computer or in story books you have at home, but feel free to be creative and just make things up as you go!
- * Use two sheets of paper (any kind will do). On the first sheet, all the way down the left side, list the letters A to M . On your second sheet, do the same for N to Z.



- * Get out your paints, crayons or felt tips and decorate your letters.
- * Now it's time to start filling in your words. There are lots of good words in today's chapter, so listen again and jot them down so you can add them to your list. We found good ones for A, B, C and E in just the first few lines.
- * Here's a couple of hard ones that you might not find: **'Zipporah'** was the wife of Moses ; the **Kidron** Valley is near Jerusalem and separates the Mount of Olives from the Temple Mount; the **Queen** of Sheba brought lots of expensive gifts to King Solomon. You can fill in any blanks as you listen to more chapters!



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Prayer for today: God we praise you for all your power and might. Thank you for all the ways you heal us. Protect those who are sick and let your might be shown in the world today.

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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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