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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 31:

In today's chapter we hear more about the brave prophet Elijah. He once again finds himself having to address King Ahab. Towards the end of the chapter, Elijah builds an altar to God. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u64k-ubhR8w&t=190s>

Earlier in the Child's Bible we heard about another prophet who built an altar to honour God...Abraham! Do you remember, all the way back in chapter 6?



Your challenge for today is very simple. If you have already created your own altar, then take some time to sit and say some prayers, using the altar as your focus. Read through today's chapter, think about the main message, and use that inspiration to write your own prayer. The words that it makes us think about are bravery, courage, faithfulness and trust. What about you?

If you did not create a home altar yet, then head back to workbook 2, and complete the activity for chapter 6. Then you can take part in the rest of the challenge as written above.



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Prayer for today: Lord, let us not forget that you are our one true God. Help us not to be so proud that we forget all you have done for us and all you have given us.

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Chapter 32:

In today's chapter Elijah leaves this world to be with God. It is something which can be hard to understand, but God promises us, that one day when we are able to see Him face to face, we will understand everything.

You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URZkqPtXV78>

Today's chapter ends with this sentence, "Since then the people of Israel believe that at the end of time God will send his messenger Elijah back to earth again."

The word *messenger* really made us think about the idea of sending a message to God. Elijah is God's messenger, bringing God's message to people on earth. But we too can give a message to God. Of course, we do this every time we pray, but for today's activity you are going to complete a different method of sending a message.

You will have a chance to write a letter to God! Although we can't send our letters through the post to deliver to heaven, God definitely still receives our message. Writing is just another way of praying!

You will need:

A piece of paper or notebook

A pen or pencil

That's it!



Spend a little bit of time thinking about what you might like to write (or draw if you prefer!) What would you like to say to God today? What message would you like to deliver? It might be saying thank you for something, asking for help, or asking God to look after someone who is unwell. You can write your letter out just like you would to a friend or family member. When you have written out your letter you can put it on your home altar or place it somewhere safe.



Prayer for today: Thank you God for all the people who lead good and holy lives and who can pray for us from heaven. Thank you for all the saints who show us examples of how to live a good life.

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Chapter 33:

In today's chapter we hear about the work that had been started by Elijah, being continued by Elisha. Elisha was given some food to share out, but his servant didn't think that the food would feed everyone.

You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bofk3Oz44k>

We hear at the end of the chapter that there was plenty of food for everyone, and even some left over!

In our world there are many people who do not have enough to eat, but here in the UK around 9.5 million tons of food is thrown away each year. It is a shocking figure, but also may help to motivate us to share some of what we have with people who don't have as much.

Your challenge today is to think of a way (or multiple ways!) to share what you have with people around you. This could be sharing with people who are less fortunate, or simply sharing with friends and family.

You can find some ideas here!



Cook or bake something to share with family or friends.
Always cook or bake with an adult.



Ask whoever does the food shopping to pick up an extra item or two, to donate to a food bank.



Say a special prayer today for all those people around the world who won't have enough to eat today.



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Prayer for today: God you show us that even with very little you still take care of us and provide us with everything we need. Help us to trust that you always take care of us, even when it is hard to tell.

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Chapter 34:

In today's chapter the prophet Isaiah speaks to King Ahaz. Isaiah tells the King to 'stay calm, do not fear'. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70zI5YNbx8o>

We have heard these words before, to 'not be afraid' and to trust in God, earlier in the Child's Bible. Do you remember?

In chapter 7, we hear God telling Abraham to not be afraid.

We actually hear those words 'Do not be afraid' **365** times in the Bible— one for each day of the year!



*Today, think about God saying
those words to you now.*

*Spend some time telling God your
fears and thinking of those words,
"Do not be afraid."*

On the next page, you will find a colouring page. If you would like to print it out and colour in, this can also be a part of today's activity and reflection. You could also create your own version of the picture if you like!

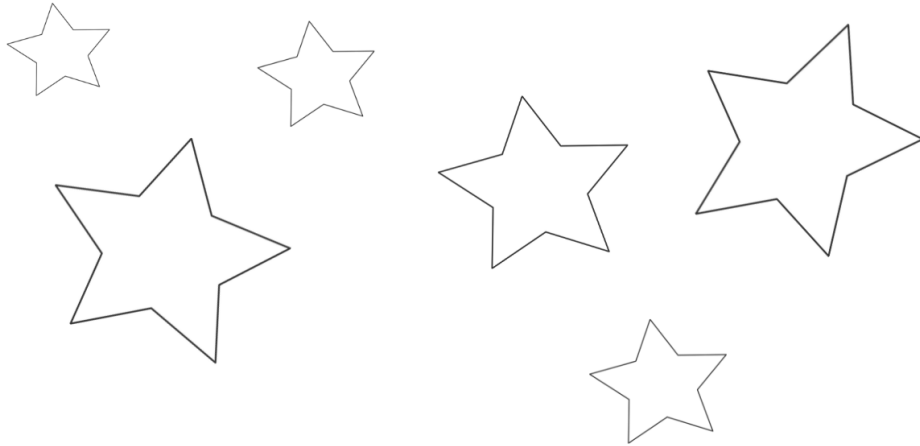


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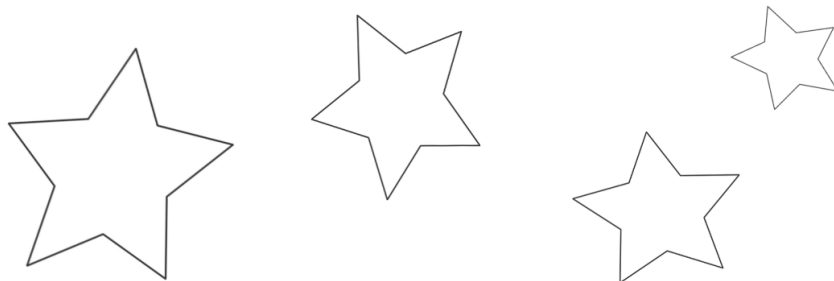
Prayer for today: Thank you God for always have a good plan for our lives, even by preparing things years in advance for us. Thank you for always being loyal to us.

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Chapter 35:

In today's chapter, God is very unhappy with his chosen people. He sets out the punishment he has planned in a vision to the prophet Amos. You can watch today's video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdmXQt_cbml

Today's activity: Thinking caps on, everyone—it's time to play

Words within Words!

The rules are simple: set a timer to two minutes and see how many words you can find within a long word from today's chapter.

Ready?

Here's the first word:

COMMANDMENT

What other words can you find?



Ready for another one?



HARVEST-WAGON

What words can you find?

Enjoying this? You can keep playing using other long words or groups of words. Why not write out your whole name and see how many words you can find in it?



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Prayer for today: Lord help me to be kind and compassionate to those who are smaller than me, or those who might be shy or lonely at school. Help me to look after those who are sad or upset.

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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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