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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.



Chapter 56:

In this chapter we hear about the first of Jesus' miracles—the wedding at Cana! You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYJt8rM0618&feature=youtu.be>

This is a very famous story that tells us about the start of Jesus' work. There are many miracles that we hear about, but this is the first one. It makes us think about how AMAZING Jesus is—about all the incredible things he did, and still does for us.

Your task for today is to listen to the song 'Our God' by Chris Tomlin > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-JZ9Ksl7YI>

Listen carefully to the words—what amazing things do you want to say thank you to Jesus for in your life?

Water you turned into
wine.
Opened the eyes of the
blind.
There's no-one like
you. None like you.

Chris Tomlin



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Prayer for today:

Thank you, God, for the amazing things in our lives. We pray that we never lose sight of all the good things you do for us.

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Chapter 57:

In today's chapter we hear about another of Jesus' miracles—he cures a man who is paralysed! You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkwYRIOrt3o&t=26s>

This story has many great aspects, including showing us the love that the man's friends had for him, the trust that he had in them and the goodness & forgiveness that Jesus gives to all of us.

We thought that today's story would work great as a drama!

Activity - Curing of the paralysed man 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?

Where does the story take place?

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 have multiple characters?

Step 2: Write out the Cast of Characters.

Step 3: Gather some props.

Step 4: Now you'll need to get writing! Try not to include too many lines, as they can be hard to remember sometimes and this can distract from the drama!

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!



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Prayer for today:

God, today we thank you for our friends, family and all those who support us. We pray especially for those people who don't have anyone to look out for them or care for them.

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Chapter 58:

In today's chapter we hear about Jesus calling the tax collector, Levi. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byazptui93U>

In the other stories we have heard this week, Jesus is the one being called upon by people, but in this story, we hear that Jesus calls Levi to come and follow him. Because Levi was a tax collector, he had a bad reputation. Many people would have thought it strange that Jesus had chosen this man to speak with and share a meal with. But this is when we begin to see that Jesus is someone who seeks to find people whom others might consider 'outsiders'.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) does amazing work to support those people around the world who are considered 'outsiders'. In many countries, those who are Christians are treated differently because of these beliefs. It happens in many other religions too, but the greatest number of people who suffer are Christians. We would like to invite you to watch this short video > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWB8Ts8Zl3s&t=2s> which tells the story of a young girl in the Middle East. She and her family have faced many difficulties and forced out of their home—because some people think they don't belong there as they are Christians.

After watching the video, take a little bit of time to think about what YOU can do to be a welcoming person to those who feel like outsiders. This could be a new person at school, or maybe someone who doesn't have many friends. Then you can write your own short prayer—asking Jesus to help you to be kind and welcoming, just as he is.



Here is our prayer:

Lord, we ask that you give us the courage to be kind and welcoming to everyone we meet, especially those who have suffered people being cruel or unkind to them. Amen.



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Prayer for today:

Lord, today we pray for those people who have been pushed out of their homes or communities, especially in the Middle East. Please be with them and show them how much you love them.



Chapter 59:

In today's chapter we get to hear more about the men which Jesus called to be his disciples. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0pBI2eMpow>

For today's activity you need to find all the names of the disciples in the word search below! (There are 2 disciples named James, so there are just 11 names to find!)

Chapter 59

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M	O	I	T	L	T	J	H	R	X
Z	A	H	W	H	N	I	A	Q	E
I	D	N	N	V	O	H	D	A	M
L	J	U	D	A	S	M	D	R	A
R	N	T	I	R	V	T	A	R	T
Y	D	A	Y	P	E	B	E	S	T
P	H	I	L	I	P	W	U	N	H
F	P	E	T	E	R	G	S	S	E
A	E	P	J	A	M	E	S	Q	W
SIMON			PETER			JAMES			
JOHN			ANDREW			PHILIP			
MATTHEW			THOMAS			THADDAEUS			
JUDAS									



Prayer for today:

God, please help us to be a follower of Jesus—in our words, actions and in all parts of our lives.

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Chapter 60:

In today's chapter we hear about an important speech that Jesus made—the sermon on the Mount. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkS0c9RReHo>

A large crowd had gathered to hear what Jesus had to say. The words that Jesus shared are very important for Christians. We can be comforted by the things that Jesus said, as they still apply to us here in the 21st century. When we struggle or when things are difficult, we can always remember that Jesus is with us through it all.

All those who know they are poor in the eyes of God can rejoice, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

All those who are in sorrow can rejoice, for God will comfort them.

All those who do not resort to violence can rejoice, for God will give them possession of the earth.

All those who yearn that God's will be done can rejoice, for God will fulfil their longing.

All those who are merciful can rejoice, for God will have mercy on them.

All those who have a pure heart can rejoice, for they will see God.

All those who create peace can rejoice, for God will make them his children.

All those who are persecuted because they do God's will can rejoice, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

On the left you can see those words that Jesus said—we call them 'The Beatitudes'.

Your task for today is to read through them carefully, or ask a grown up to read them to you/with you.

Choose one or two of the statements which you think are most important or mean the most to you.

Ask God to help you to follow that statement in your life!

You could say or write out a prayer, create a painting or drawing, or investigate some more practical ways to help people in need.

There are lots of ways to communicate with God!



Prayer for today:

Lord, we pray for all the people around the world who are doing amazing things to support people in need.

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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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