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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 46:

This chapter is the start of the New Testament, and the first thing we hear about is the Angel Gabriel coming to visit Mary to reveal to her that she will be the Mother of Jesus. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmC5ABK7j9Q>

Our reader today is Amy, who teaches children in Year 1. In the video she tells us about some of the things the children in her class had to say about this story. She was surprised that one of the children described Mary as **lucky**.

There are so many things in our lives to feel lucky about. But it's not enough to just enjoy these things or feelings—we *need to thank God for the good things in our lives*. Even when we might be having a bad day or feel like things aren't going quite right at the moment—we still need to look for the good things around us.

Today's challenge is to write a list throughout the day of the things that you want to say 'thank you' to God for!

You might want to write your list all in one go, or spread it out throughout the day as things come to you. You can choose things that are quite serious or meaningful, or even just little simple things—it's up to you! Here are some examples:

thank
you!

Your pet, your friends, playing outside, good food, video games, having someone who loves you and takes care of you, your faith, playing football, speaking to a family member on a video call—there are many possibilities!

I am thankful for...



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Prayer for today:

Jesus, today we say thank you for all that you give us. Remind us to be thankful, even when things might be a bit difficult for us.

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Chapter 47:

In this chapter we hear about Joseph, whom Mary was preparing to marry. Joseph was worried when Mary told him that she was going to have a baby, but an angel visited Joseph and told him that he didn't need to be afraid.

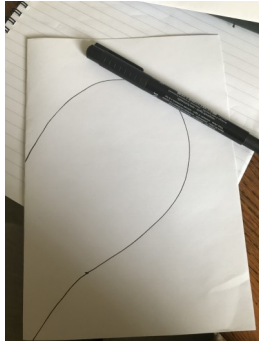
You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AY7nm7Wveiw>

The angel also tells Joseph that the baby is to be named Immanuel—a name that means 'God is with us'. Because Jesus is so special, we have a number of different names for Him. Immanuel might sound like quite a strange name! We may not be familiar with it, but when we hear it we can be reminded of that message from the angel to Joseph—that it means that God is always with us.

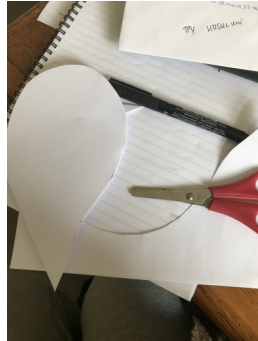
Our challenge today is to make our own little reminder that God is with us!

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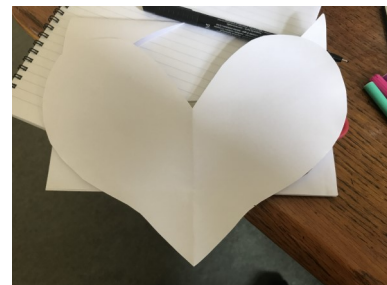
A piece of paper or card—whatever colour you like, a pair of scissors, a pen/pencil and some felt tip pens/colouring pencils.



1. Position your paper in landscape position and fold in half. Draw the outline of half a heart along the fold.

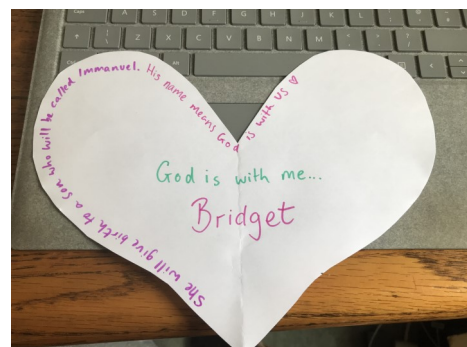


2. Carefully cut around your outline or ask an adult to help you.



3. You will end up with a heart shape!

4. Use your coloured pens or pencils to write the angel's message to Joseph on your heart—you can find the full text here > <https://issuu.com/aidtothechurchinneed/docs/god-speaks-to-his-children> Write your name in the middle as a reminder that God is with you! You might like to do this activity with your whole family as a reminder of this important message.



Prayer for today:

God, we ask that you give us the courage to let all people know that you are with them—especially those who don't know you.

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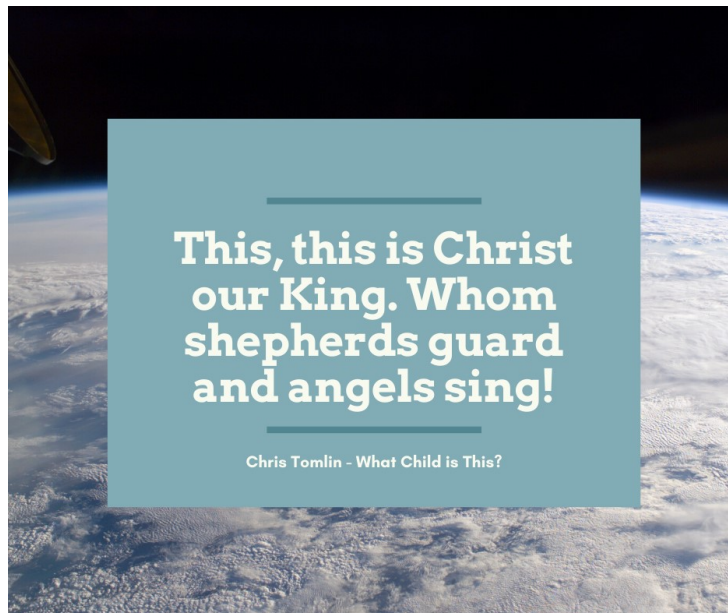


Chapter 48:

Today's chapter will be very familiar to all of us—it is the story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UArep-r96ak>

Many of us will have heard this story lots of times. It can be tempting to think that because we know this story so well, we don't really need to think too hard, as we know it already! But God always wants to surprise us with new things when we read scripture from the Bible! Make sure you listen really carefully to this story—go back and listen again, or read the story (you can read the passage from 'God speaks to His children' here > https://issuu.com/aidtothechurchinneed/docs/god_speaks_to_his_children)

We usually hear this story at Christmas time—life can be very busy at this time and we don't always have the opportunity to stop and think about what God is teaching us in this story. In addition to spending some time reflecting on this reading, we would like to invite you to listen to this song > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jroBAI3WW8> It is a recording of the song 'What child is this?' by Chris Tomlin. Listen carefully to the words. The line in the image below stood out to us—and we spent some time reflecting on the idea of Jesus as our King...Our King who was born into such simple surroundings. What does it make you think about?



Prayer for today:

God, we thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus, and for Mary, his Mother. We pray that we may be willing to welcome Jesus into our lives as generously as Mary did.



Chapter 49:

In this chapter, we are introduced to King Herod. Three Wise men from the East come to King Herod looking for the new King—Jesus. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfteReZgKTw>

King Herod sends the Wise men to find the new baby. They follow the star from the East, to where it stops—over the stable where Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are.

Your challenge today is to create your own colouring page with these main components:

- The guiding star
- The stable
- The manger where Jesus lay
- A line of scripture from the reading

There is a simple outline on the next page. If you like, you can use this as a guide to help you create your own picture of what the Wise Men would have seen .



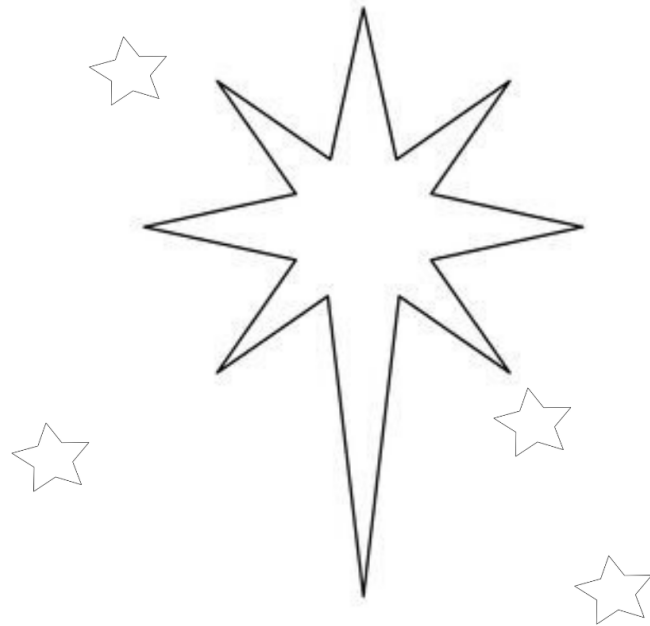
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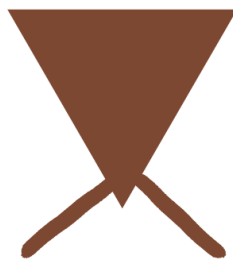
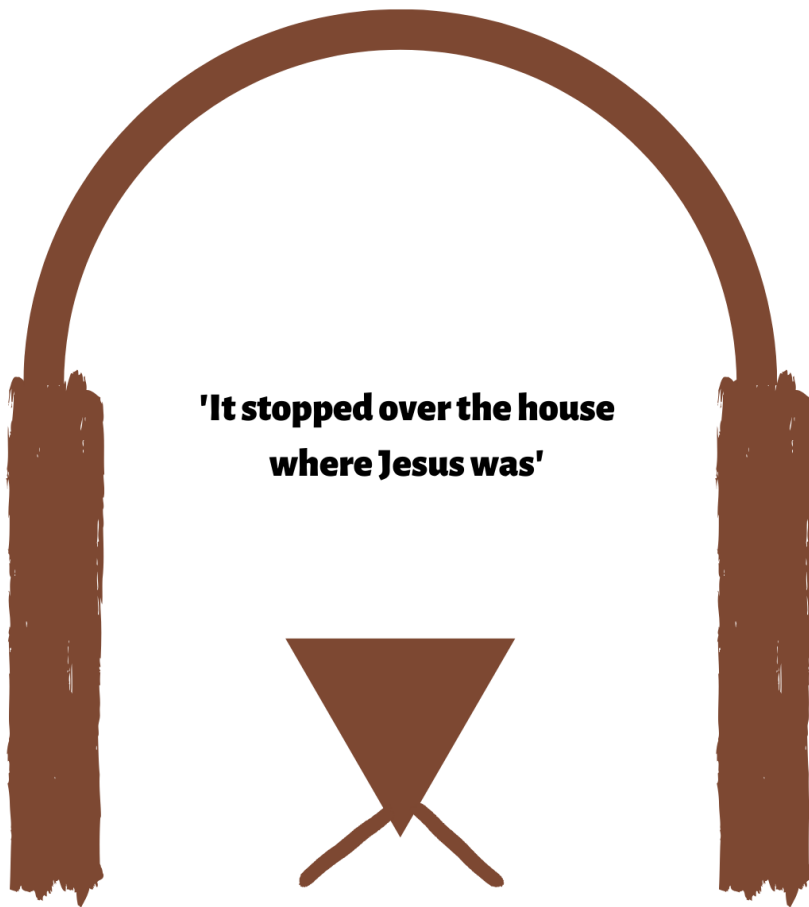
God, today we pray that we may be willing to follow the signs and directions you give us in our lives, as the Wise Men did.

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**'It stopped over the house
where Jesus was'**



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Chapter 50:

In today's chapter we hear about King Herod's anger when the Wise Men did not return to him to tell him about the new king. He felt threatened by the possibility of a new King, and Jesus, Mary and Joseph had to escape to Egypt to hide.

You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQmg46Fx8W4&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=56&t=0s

Your challenge today is to find the key words from our story in the word search below!

Chapter 50

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S	O	H	C	D	A	E	J	R	L
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DREAM
JESUS
ANGEL

JOSEPH
HEROD

MARY
EGYPT



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Prayer for today:

Today we pray for all people across the world who have been forced out of their homes. We ask that you protect them and keep them safe. Help us to open our hearts to those 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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