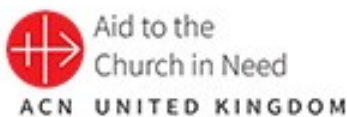


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Week 13 (Chapters 61-65)



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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 61:

In today's chapter, Jesus sets out some simple rules that he wants us to follow. It seems pretty straightforward, but we all know that sometimes it's not so easy to be good. You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vi_BvkM3qcg

It's amazing what you can do with a piece of string!

In today's video Mrs Bury used a piece of string to show us how our relationship to God gets closer each time we say we're sorry for something we've done wrong. Now we're going to use just our fingers and a bit of string or yarn to make a special reminder of this really important life lesson.



Finger knitting: a Child's Bible Cross

Finger knitting is super easy; anyone can do it with just a bit of practice. For this project, you'll need some string, twine or yarn (any colour, the thicker the better) and a pair of scissors. (Get an adult to help if they're sharp ones!)

Here's how to do it:

1. Find the end of a ball of string. Make a loop just a little bigger than your first finger.
2. Hold the loop in your writing hand and place the ball of string over by your other hand.
3. Take the string in your non-writing hand and push it through the front of loop you just made. Pull it gently from the back to form a second loop.
4. Next push your string through the front of the second loop and gently pull it from the back to form another new loop. Continue until you have the number of loops required. To tie it off at the end, simply cut the thread with a bit to spare, feed it through the front of your final loop, and pull it tight. Here's a short video to watch in case you need a little more help: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QV6VM0QgG9A>
5. To make your cross, finger knit one chain of 10 loops and one chain of 6 loops. Tie them together with a short piece of string to form a cross. Keep this in your pocket, under your pillow or someplace special to remind you of how close you are to God.



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Prayer for today: Lord, help us today to say sorry when we have done something wrong. Give us the courage to own up when we have done something that hurts someone else—our family, friends and most of all you, God.

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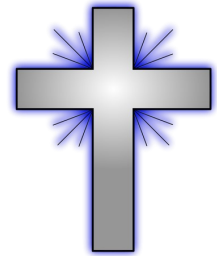


Chapter 62:

In today's chapter Jesus gives us our most special prayer, known as the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bFRn7niLLA>

Let's get to grips with the Lord's Prayer

This is the prayer that Jesus asked us all to use; Christians all over the world repeat it every day and it is a central part of our religious services.



If you already know the Lord's Prayer by heart, *the activity on the next page will be a great way for you to test yourself*. If you don't know it yet, take some time today to learn it—then you can use it to pray whenever you like! Listen again to today's video if you get stuck.

Many of us say the Lord's Prayer so often that we don't really stop to think about what we're saying. As you fill in the blanks in each line, take a minute to figure out exactly what it means. Are there any words you don't understand? How would you explain the line to someone using your own words? Talk it through with someone else in your house to make sure that you understand what you are asking when you use this prayer—you'll find that it means a lot more to you the next time you say it!

The Lord's Prayer binds together Christians from all over the world. We've collected a few short videos so you can listen to the Lord's Prayer in some other languages—the words may sound different, but they mean exactly the same thing!



Here is the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic. This is the language Jesus spoke and many Christians in Iraq, Syria and Turkey still use it today: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdPiRWIam0>

Here is the Lord's Prayer in Latin. This was the official language of the Roman Catholic Church for many centuries; sometimes you can still hear the Lord's Prayer in Latin today: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhZBj1Runp8>

Have you ever heard the Lord's Prayer in Chinese? Here's your chance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKK0ffCsljE>

This is the Lord's Prayer in Swahili; it is sung by children in Tanzania in Africa (this video is our favourite!): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFEEx0jY5emc>



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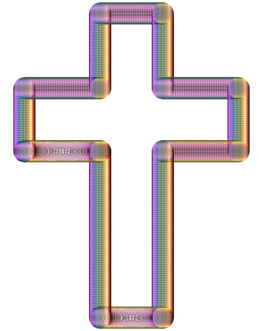
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Our Father,

who art in _____,

_____ be thy name;



Thy _____ come;

Thy _____ be done on _____,

as it is in _____.

Give us this day our daily _____;

And forgive us our _____,

As we forgive those

who trespass _____;

And lead us not into _____,

But deliver us from _____.



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Our prayer for today is to pray the prayer we have been thinking about—the Our Father.



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Chapter 63:

The news about Jesus and the amazing things he can do is spreading quickly. Today's chapter tells us of a truly amazing miracle! You can watch today's video

here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwDJq2RLyAo>



Today's activity - The Whispers Game

Stories about Jesus and his ministry are spreading quickly...but how? Jesus lived 2,000 years ago, so news couldn't travel as quickly as it can today.

How does information spread today? Can you make a list of the ways you and your family learn about what's happening in your school, your community and around the world?

Now make a list of the ways news would have travelled in the time of Jesus...it will be much shorter!

Let's conduct a little experiment to see how well a message travels by word of mouth.

First, write a really good sentence to spread around. Don't show it to anyone—it's top secret! It should be fairly long—maybe around ten words or so—and you'll need to be creative so it's not too easy! Something like:

Yesterday I saw three purple elephants waiting for a bus to Manchester.

Or maybe:

My granny flew to the moon last Wednesday to buy two bags of frozen jelly beans.



Now it's time to start **the Whispers Game!** Ask the other people with you to make some noise so they can't hear you very well. They could put on headphones or play loud music or even just put their hands over their ears and sing a song. Go to the first person and quietly whisper your message. That person then goes to the next person (who is also wearing headphones or making lots of noise) and passes on the new version of your message. Repeat this with each person and then ask the last person to give you the message.



How much has it changed?



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Prayer for today: Thank you, God, for showing us little miracles in our lives every day. We pray for all the people in the world who are hoping and praying for a miracle of some kind.

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Chapter 64:

Jesus sleeps through a really bad storm, while his disciples are terrified that their boat will sink. Jesus calms things down, and then asks why his disciples didn't trust that he would keep them safe. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yv05DSqKvn0>

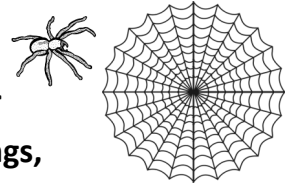
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Why are you afraid?



We've heard a bit about being afraid already (in chapters 7 and 34). Today let's think about what makes us feel scared or worried and what we can do to feel less frightened.

What makes you feel scared or anxious? Different things scare different people—you might be frightened by spiders or loud noises or visiting new places, while your friend might not mind any of those things, but might hate to touch slimy things or to climb up too high. Sometimes we are scared because of a bad experience we've had, but sometimes we just don't like certain things because they make us feel nervous. It's ok. These feelings are natural, and all people—children and adults—have them.



What does it feel like when we are frightened or worried? Here's a short video about how our bodies react when we're scared. See if the sorts of things it describes seem familiar to you (they certainly do to us!): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfSbWc3O_5M

Now that you understand how your body reacts to fear and what to expect when you are feeling frightened or anxious, it's time to ask the question that Jesus asked his disciples:

Why are you afraid?



Take sometime to think about this. There are lots of different reasons why you might be afraid of things.



Jesus provides a really simple answer to help us handle our fears and worries. Can you figure it out? He puts the answer in the form of a question towards the end of today's chapter. There's just one thing that you need to help you get through even the trickiest situations... It's free! Anyone can have it. It comes from within you. You can't buy it in a shop. Watch today's video again if you need help figuring it out.



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Prayer for today: Lord, please be with us when we feel afraid. We know that you are always with us, but sometimes we can lose sight of that. Help us to always trust in you and turn to you when we feel scared or afraid.

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Chapter 65:

The miracles just keep on coming... in this chapter Jesus makes sure that five loaves and two fish feed thousands of hungry people! You can watch today's video here >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tKty7ne1QI>

Today's activity—Logic for Lunch!

Three lunches have been delivered to the ACN Schools' office, but the team—**Bridget, Clair and Errol**—are in a meeting. They'll only get a short break for lunch, so we need to make sure that the right lunch is waiting on each desk. Can you help us figure it out?

There are three sandwiches:

Cheese & Onion

Chicken & Stuffing

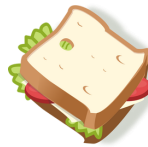
Egg Mayonnaise

There are three snacks:

Crisps

Fruit Salad

Chocolate Bar



There are three drinks:

Fizzy Water

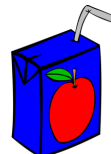
Apple Juice

Cup of Tea

Each person will get one sandwich, one snack and one drink.

Here are some clues:

1. Bridget and Errol don't eat meat.
2. Clair loves healthy snacks.
3. Bridget always has a hot drink with her lunch.
4. The person who has the cheese and onion sandwich also has the crisps.
5. Errol doesn't like sweet snacks.
6. Clair's drink has lots of bubbles in it.



Use the grid on the next page to help you work it out!



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Prayer for today: Today we pray for all those in our world who are hungry and don't have enough to eat. Please help us to share what we have with those who are in need.

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Answers: Bridget: Egg Mayo Sandwich, Chocolate Bar, Cup of Tea; Clair: Chicken & Stuffing Sandwich, Fruit Salad, Fizzy Water; Errol: Cheese & Onion Sandwich, Crisps, Apple Juice

LOGIC FOR	Bridget			Clair			Errol		
	Sandwich	Cheese & Onion							
		Chicken Stuffing							
		Egg Mayonnaise							
Snack									
Drink									

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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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