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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 76:

In today's chapter we hear about the differences between a tax collector and a Pharisee.

You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCI44X8Qa6A>

We hear in the chapter about two different types of people—a Pharisee, whom people consider to be very honest, proper and prayerful, and a tax collector, whom people would consider dishonest and generally to be not a very good person.

In this chapter, we learn about the Pharisee praying publically at the front of the temple, so that everybody can see him praying. The tax collector prays quietly at the back of the temple. He admits that he has done things wrong in his life, but he takes the time to truly say sorry to God for all these things. The Pharisee might *appear* to be all good, but he doesn't pray truthfully and honestly.

Your task for today is to write your own prayer to say sorry to God.

Try and think about what you might have done wrong in the last few weeks or months, or maybe you know that there is something that you often do wrong. If you're not too sure what to write in your own prayer, you can use the prayer below for inspiration, or simply pray it yourself.

Dear Jesus,  
I'm sorry for the times I made  
bad choices  
Sometimes I say unkind things  
which hurt other people  
Sometimes I argue and fight with  
my friends and family  
Sometimes I choose to do the  
wrong thing when I know I  
shouldn't  
Please forgive me and help me to  
choose to follow you every day



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*Prayer for today: Pray your own 'I'm sorry prayer' or pray the prayer in the image above.*

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### Chapter 77:

In today's chapter we hear about another of Jesus' miracles—the healing of a blind man.

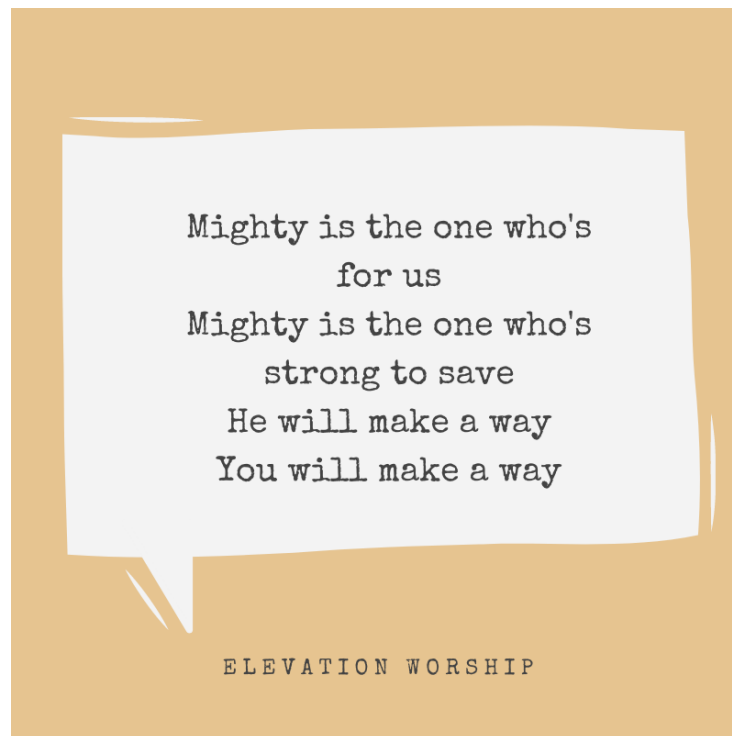
You can watch today's video here > [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC7XVkJbwwg&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2\\_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=83&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC7XVkJbwwg&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwIKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=83&t=0s)

Today's chapter shows us what can happen when we trust Jesus. The man who is blind is sitting at the side of the road and doesn't know what is happening. When he hears that Jesus is coming, he calls out:

***“Jesus, son of David! Have pity on me!”***

The man in the story teaches us a lot—that we don't always need to come to Jesus when we are perfect and feel worthy of his love. We need to come to him for help when we are feeling low and lost, just like this man did.

Your task for today is to listen to the song 'Open up our eyes' by Elevation Worship. You can find it here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJ2VkJPr1tnw>. Take some time to listen to the words, and ask God to open up your eyes to his love, just like the blind man did to Jesus.



*Prayer for today: Jesus, teach us always to reach out to you when we are feeling lost, lonely or sad. Thank you for always taking care of us.*



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### Chapter 78:

In today's chapter, we hear about another unlikely person who meets Jesus and whose heart is moved. You can watch the video here > [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFAVxpXbifE&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwlKdcx2\\_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=84&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFAVxpXbifE&list=PLNkX7y32cCjYZwlKdcx2_Nc1Mn3TqprfF&index=84&t=0s)

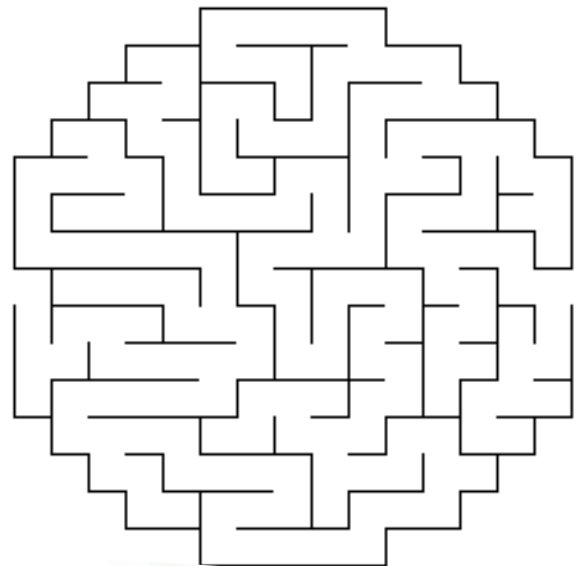


Zacchaeus was a tax collector— a person disliked by many people. When he heard that Jesus was in town, he climbed a tree because he was too small to see. Everyone was shocked when Jesus stopped to talk to Zacchaeus—this interaction would change his life!

**The tree which Zacchaeus climbed helped to lead him to Jesus.**

**Your task for today is to find a path through the maze at the top of this tree—just like Zacchaeus had to find his way to Jesus.**

**Good luck!**



*Prayer for today: Jesus, teach us to look for the people on the edges of society—never let us forget about those who are pushed to the outskirts.*



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### Chapter 79:

God saved the first-born sons of the Israelites in Egypt by ensuring that their houses were 'passed over'. To this day, Jewish families retell this story every year as part of their Passover celebration. Special prayers and traditional foods are also part of this ritual story-telling. We hear about Jesus coming to Jerusalem for the Passover in today's chapter. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idMcOUl0AcA>

Today you are going to think about how you mark important events in your life. You might also want to try baking a few small pieces of Matzoh for you and your family to taste. You will definitely need an adult to help you with this activity because it involves baking in a hot oven.

After you've listened to today's reading and reflection, take a bit of time to think about important things that have happened in your life or in your family. Make a list. Remember they could be happy things like birthdays or sad things like a good friend moving away. Does your family have special ways of marking these events each year? Do you eat certain foods or get dressed up? Maybe you decorate your house or exchange gifts...maybe you spend a bit of quiet time thinking about someone who is no longer with you or saying some special prayers. Ask the other people in your house to add to your list of family traditions.

### How to make Matzoh:

*Matzoh is the name of the special unleavened (flat) bread that is eaten at the Passover meal. Jewish families make Matzoh their own way; it's a family tradition!*

*This flat, crispy bread doesn't take long to make and has only a few basic ingredients.*

*To make four or five cracker-sized pieces of Matzoh, you'll need:*

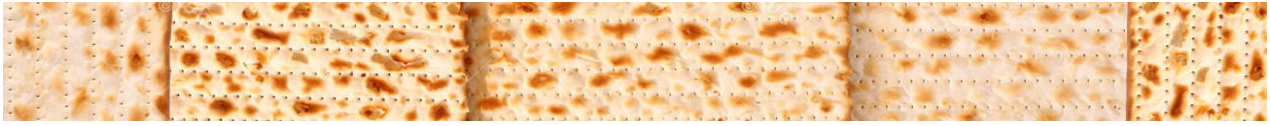
- *50 grams plain flour*
- *4-5 tablespoons water*
- *Olive oil for brushing*
- *Salt for sprinkling*



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### Method:

1. Ask a grown up to preheat your oven to gas mark 7 (about 450°). **This is very, very hot so definitely do NOT do this yourself. Your grown-up helper needs to place a baking sheet into the oven to heat up as well.**
2. WASH YOUR HANDS! (Clean hands are super important when you're cooking.)
3. Measure the flour into a mixing bowl.
4. Add the water a little at a time and stir with a fork. Keep going until the dough forms a ball. You may not need all of the water.
5. (This part is fun!) Stick your hands in the dough and knead it for about one minute. It should stop sticking to your hands and go a bit stretchy. You can add a tiny bit more flour if it stays too sticky.
6. Divide your dough ball into four pieces. Roll each ball gently into a little more flour to keep it from sticking.
7. Now you need to roll out the dough. It's easiest to do this by squashing one ball of dough between two pieces of baking parchment. Then use a rolling pin to roll out the ball as thinly as you can. Do this for each of your balls of dough. You can use a cylindrical bottle to do this if you don't have a rolling pin.
8. Carefully peel off the top piece of baking parchment and use a fork to make a bunch of tiny holes in the dough. This will keep your matzoh extra flat. Repeat this for each flattened disc.
9. Ask your grown-up helper to remove the (**super hot**) baking sheet from the oven and to place your flat discs on to it. Set a timer for 2 minutes. Check when the timer goes off—it the discs are starting to turn a bit brown, ask your grown-up helper to turn them over and repeat on the second side. If they aren't turning brown yet, wait another two minutes and check again before turning them over.
10. When both side are browned and crisp, remove from the oven to cool.
11. Brush with a tiny bit of olive oil and sprinkle a bit of salt on top.
12. Eat! What do you think?



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*Prayer for today: Thank you Jesus for the gift of faith and tradition. We pray for protection for all those who want to practise their faith in peace—especially those who live in places where it is very dangerous for people to have a certain faith.*

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### Chapter 80:

In today's chapter we hear about the start of the plan for Judas the disciple to betray Jesus. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mV7AvYX9ZA>

Your task for today is to find some of the key words from this chapter in the word search below. When you have completed this one, why not have a go at making your own?

## Chapter 80

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Y	S	G	F	D	W	V	O	C	E
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PASSOVER	PRIESTS	SCRIBES
JESUS	JUDAS	SILVER
BETRAY		



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*Prayer for today: Thank you, Jesus, for our friends. We pray that we always love and care for those around us.*



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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/](http://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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