

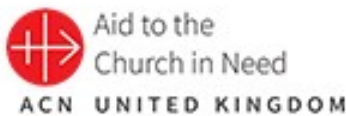
God Speaks to His Children

The ACN Child's Bible Project

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN

THE ACN CHILD'S BIBLE PROJECT

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN
Texts from the Bible



ACNUK.ORG

Week 14 (Chapters 66-70)



A registered charity in England and Wales (1097984) and Scotland (SC040748);
a Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales Company Number 4747666

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN

The ACN Child's Bible Project



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.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN

The ACN Child's Bible Project

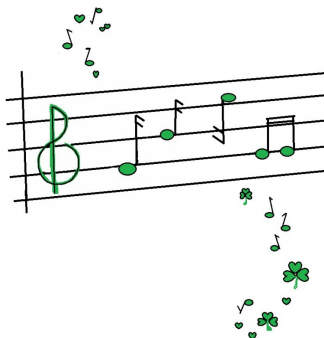


Chapter 66:

Today's chapter follows on from the feeding of the 5,000. Jesus tells the people that it is not only food we need to fill our tummies, but we need spiritual food too! You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JYi-sKw6e0>

In today's video reflection, Bishop Stephen invites us to think about First Holy Communion. Perhaps you have already made yours, you might be waiting to do it, you might still have a few years to wait, or maybe you're not sure if you will make your First Holy Communion. Wherever you may be in your faith and in life, there are special things you can take away from this chapter.

This chapter and Bishop Stephen's reflection made us think about a song called 'Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat'. It is a traditional Irish song, and is usually played or sung at the celebration of First Communion. You may be thinking what is that language?! It is GAELIC, the traditional Irish language.



*Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa, a Íosa
Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa
Céad míle fáilte romhat a Shlánaítheoir
Céad míle míle fáilte romhat, 'Íosa, a Íosa*

There are lots of videos online where you can listen to the song being sung, as it can be hard for us to imagine what these words might sound like! But the song really just means 'A thousand welcomes, Jesus'.

Your task for today is simply to think about those words 'Welcome Jesus'. What can we do today to welcome Jesus into our lives? There is no right or wrong answer—everyone will have different thoughts. For us, we want to make the effort to have some quiet time in order to have time to think, pray and talk to Jesus.

Prayer for today: Lord, today we pray for all those who do not feel welcome—especially those who are not welcome in their own country. We pray also for all people who don't get to receive Holy Communion because of difficult situations where they live.



GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN

The ACN Child's Bible Project



Chapter 68: In today's chapter we hear the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fBNNPaTGfo>

That long word, transfiguration, means to change either in appearance or a spiritual way. In this story, we hear that Jesus changes in both of these ways, and it helps his disciples to understand more about God's plan for Jesus' life on earth.

In today's video Susanne did a great job of showing us through her drawing, all the things going on in the story!



Today's story is a busy one! Your task for today is to create a drawing showing all the different elements of the story. Things to feature in your picture might be: Jesus, Peter, James, John, the mountain, Elijah, Moses, the clouds and God's message.

You can create your picture in any style you like—you can use colouring pencils, felt tips, crayons, pencil or paint—whatever you might have around at home.



Prayer for today: Lord, today we pray that we always accept your invitation. Help us to see when you are reaching out to us, and help us to call on you when we are afraid or worried.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN

The ACN Child's Bible Project



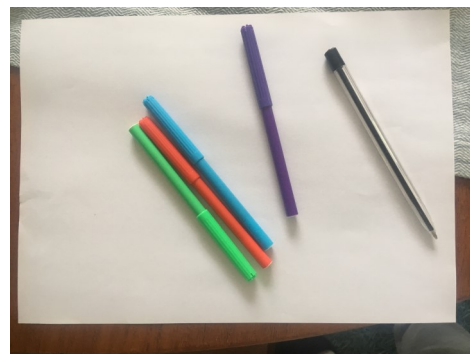
Chapter 69: In today's chapter Jesus tells a famous parable—the story of the Good Samaritan! You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsrvE0yKvZ4>

We're sure that many of you will have heard this story before. Jesus' parables help us to understand important issues better. One thing to remember from today's chapter is that Jesus is asking us always to be willing to help others—even if we don't really want to.

Your task today is to think about what you can do to help the people around you, using your helping hands!

You will need:

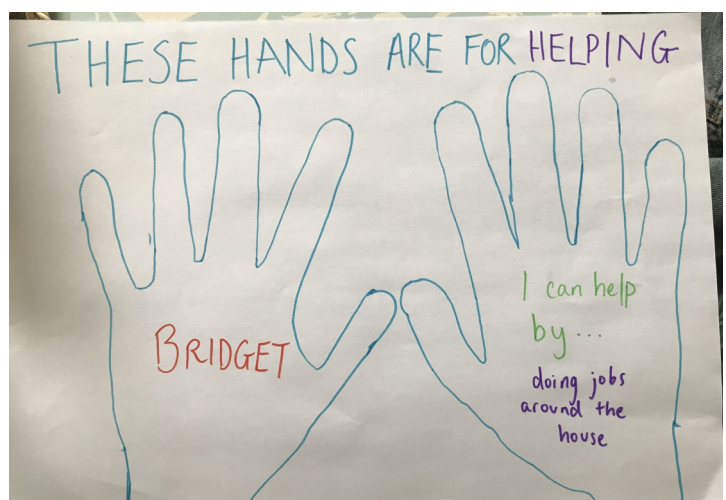
Blank piece of paper & some felt tips or colouring pencils—that's it!



Step 1: Trace around your hands to create an outline using your pen or pencil.

Step 2: Start by writing 'These hands are for helping' across the top of your page. Write your name in one of the hands, and in the other one write something which you are going to do to help the people around you.

And it's as simple as that!



ACN

Prayer for today: Lord, we pray for the courage to stand up for what is right in our world. Please give us the courage to always use our helping hands for good, and help us to look past differences we may have with people around us.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN

The ACN Child's Bible Project



Chapter 70: In today's chapter Jesus is calling on us to love one another in all areas of our lives. You can see today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOJJJaSZAVI>

Similarly to yesterday's chapter, we receive an invitation today from Jesus to reach out and help other people. Jesus gives us some practical ways to look out for people. These actions might sound familiar to you—they have a special name...the *Corporal Works of Mercy*.

**Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Shelter the homeless
Clothe the naked
Visit the sick &
imprisoned
Bury the dead
Give alms to the poor**

Some of these actions may sound quite strange. You may not be able to help with all of these things, but today we'd like you to look at these acts of mercy and choose one or two that you think you can do. You can be creative with your acts of mercy—there are lots of small things that we can do to help others. You could donate to a charity, buy some extra food in the weekly shop for the food bank or call an elderly relative or friend who might be feeling lonely. Let us know what you decide to do!



ACN

Prayer for today: We pray today for all those people in the world who need help. Whether they are sick, in poverty, lonely, hungry—whatever it may be. We pray that all people will open their eyes to the suffering going on around them.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN

The ACN Child's Bible Project



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!

Contact details for the National office:

Tel: 020 8661 5154

Email: schools@acnuk.org

Facebook: @acnuk

Twitter: @acn_uk

Instagram: [aidtothechurchinneed_uk](https://www.instagram.com/aidtothechurchinneed_uk)

Contact details for the Scottish office:

Tel: 01698 337 470

Email: acn.scotland.office@acnuk.org

Facebook: @acn.scotland.office

Twitter: @ACN_Scotland

Contact details for the North West office:

Tel: 01524 388 739

Email: nw.office@acnuk.org

Facebook: @acnuk.northwest

Twitter: @ACNUK_NW

Instagram: [acnuknw](https://www.instagram.com/acnuknw)



ACN

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church and a registered charity in England and Wales (1097984) and in Scotland (SC040748);

A Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England & Wales company number 4747666