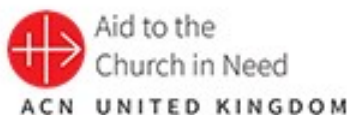


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***Week 18 (Chapters 86-90)***



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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 86:

In today's chapter we hear about Jesus' trial before the Roman Governor—Pontius Pilate. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXCLkNDZ3Wc>

For today's task, see how many of the words from the story you can find in the word search. Once you have completed it, why not have a go at making your own?

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JESUS	PILATE	KING
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BARABBAS	CRUCIFY	LAW



*Prayer for today: We pray today for all those people who are experiencing deep sadness following the loss of someone they love. Please take care of them today, Jesus.*

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### Chapter 87:

In today's chapter we hear the story of Good Friday. You can see today's video here >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WikzMJ4Hvs>

In the story, we hear that at the foot of the cross of Jesus, there were four women and the disciple whom Jesus loved. In today's chapter, Clair asked us to imagine ourselves in the place of Jesus' beloved disciple. Jesus told the disciple '*from now on, she is your mother*', referring to his mother, Mary—Our Lady.

This story is probably the saddest story we hear in the Child's Bible, but within this sadness, there is still love and goodness. When Jesus asked his beloved disciple to take his mum into his heart, he was doing the same thing to us. He was asking us if we, too, would welcome Mary into our lives.

Your task today is to write your own prayer to Our Lady. We have written one which you can see below. You can use this one as a guide if you like or you may make something completely unique!

Our Lady,  
we thank you that you are always  
close to us. Thank you for taking  
on our worries, and taking them  
to your son, Jesus.  
We pray for all those that don't  
know you, that they may discover  
your love and friendship.  
Amen.



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*Prayer for today: Take a few quiet minutes to pray the prayer above or your own prayer.*



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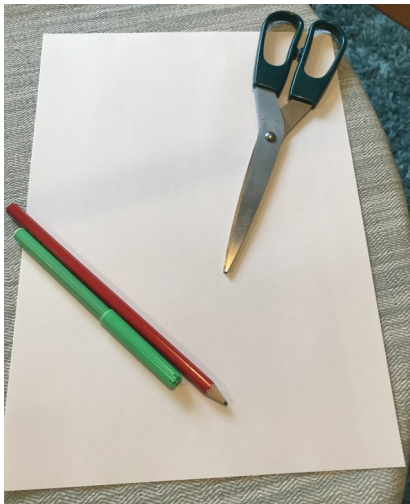
### *Chapter 88:*

In today's chapter we hear about what happens when Jesus' body is taken down off the cross. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVv8pbCdRQE>

In today's video, Elizabeth spoke about the loneliness that Jesus' mother and companions must have felt when they laid him in the tomb. They didn't know what we know—that on Easter Sunday, Jesus would rise again! They had to have faith and trust in God that everything would be ok.

We are so lucky to know that Jesus will never abandon us. We don't need to feel lonely, or far apart from him. He gives us the gift of himself, and also the gift of family, friends and loved ones to care for us here on earth.

Your task for today is to create something to remind you of how close Jesus is to you.



### *You will need:*

A piece of a4 paper—plain or coloured

A pencil

A felt tip pen

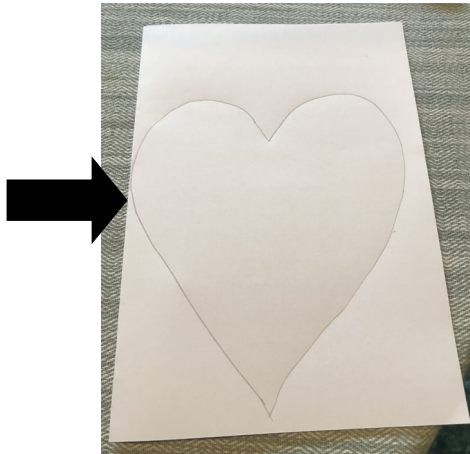
A pair of scissors

1. Fold your paper in half, leaving it like the second picture



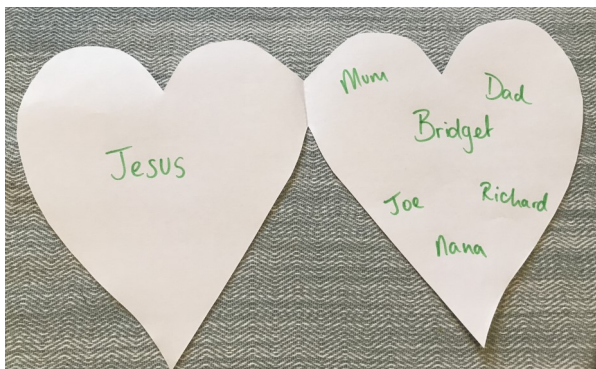
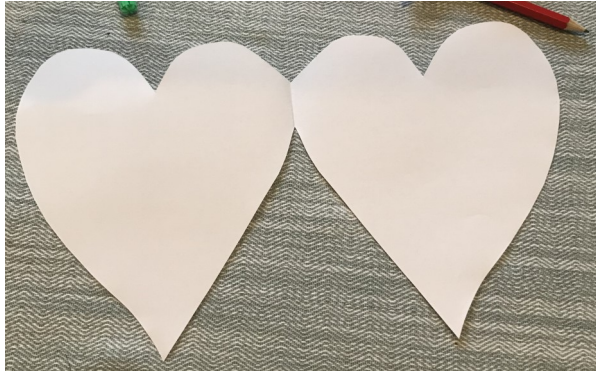
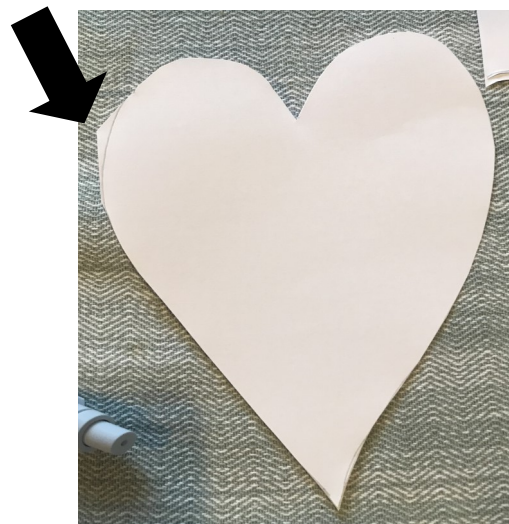
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3. (With the help of an adult) cut around your outline. Make sure that you leave a little connection between the two sides of paper, as shown by the arrow.

2. Draw the outline of a heart shape on your paper. Make sure that one side of the heart is close to the fold in your paper.



4. Unfold your heart—there should be 2 sides that are connected!

Use your coloured pen to write Jesus on one side of the heart. Write your own name on the other side of the heart, and you can write the names of some of the special people in your life on there, too. Decorate however you would like to!

This is to remind us that we are always connected to Jesus, and he loves us so much that he gives us people in our life who love us, too!



*Prayer for today: Jesus, today we say thank you for all the people who love and care for us. Thank you that you show your love for us, through them, too.*

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### Chapter 89:

In today's chapter we learn about what happened after Jesus had been laid in the tomb. You can watch today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBu5zDDdw1E>

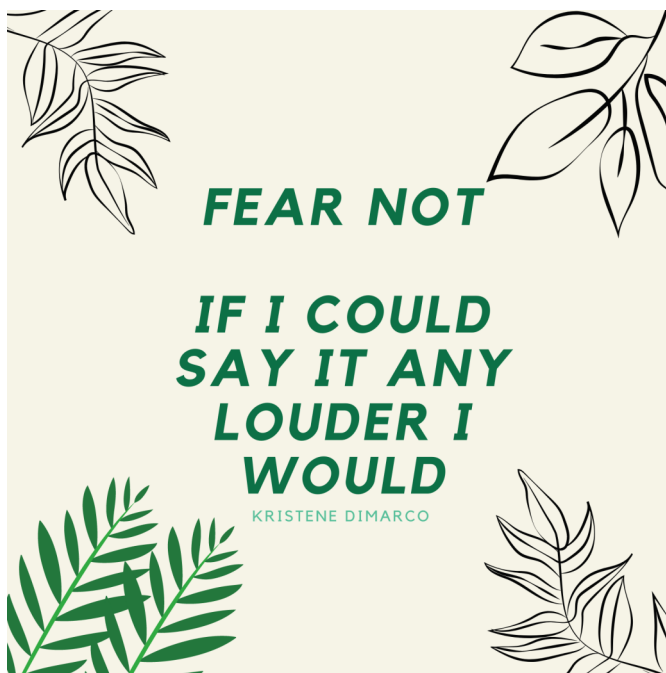
We've just heard about how some of the women closest to Jesus were making their way to anoint his body with special oils, herbs, spices and ointments—this was the tradition at the time of Jesus. They receive quite a shock! Jesus is not there in the tomb, and instead there is an angel.

The angel speaks the words that we have heard many times in our journey through the Child's Bible:

***"Do not be afraid!"***

We have heard these words many times, but they still have so much meaning. Through the voice of the angel, God is reminding us that, through whatever is going on in our lives, he will be there with us.

Your task for today is very simple—take a couple of minutes to be quiet and reflect, and listen to this song > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0GQp-vTqOw>



*This song is called 'Fear Not', and the artist is called Kristene DiMarco.*

*The song is written as though it is God speaking the words to us, so pay special attention to what is being said in the song.*

*Through Kristene's music, we each receive a message from God.*



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*Prayer for today: Today we pray for all those Christians around the world who live in scary places. We ask you, Lord, to take care of them, and to let them know you are with them.*

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### Chapter 90:

In today's chapter, Jesus meets some of his disciples on the road traveling to Emmaus.

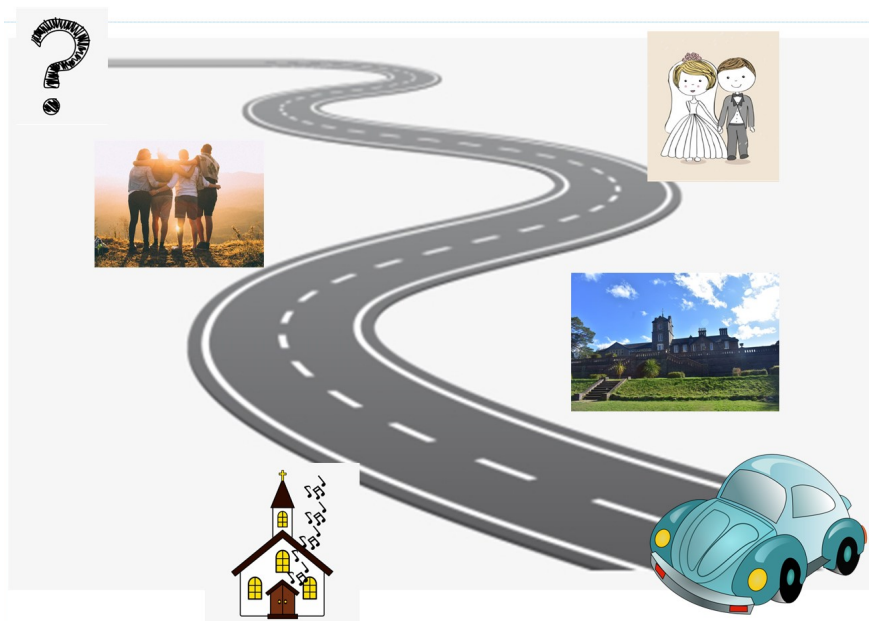
You can see today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NW1Mau40AZ0>

There are lots of things going on in this story, but it led us to reflect on our road to knowing Jesus.

We all come to know God in lots of different ways, and, on our way, we encounter people, places and things which help us to grow in our faith.

Your challenge for today is to create your own 'Road to Faith'. You can draw it, paint it, make a collage, or make it on the computer—whatever you like! Choose a vehicle at the start to use for your journey. Try to think about some of the people and places that have helped you on your faith journey.

Bridget from Aid to the Church in Need has made one to give you some ideas. Some of things that have helped her are Church community, going on retreats, friendships and much more. There is a question mark at the end, marking the future. None of us knows fully what will happen next in our life, but we can always be sure that Jesus will be with us on our journey.



*Prayer for today: Jesus, we pray that we may always seek you out on our journey through life. We say thank you for walking with us and guiding us through it all.*



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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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