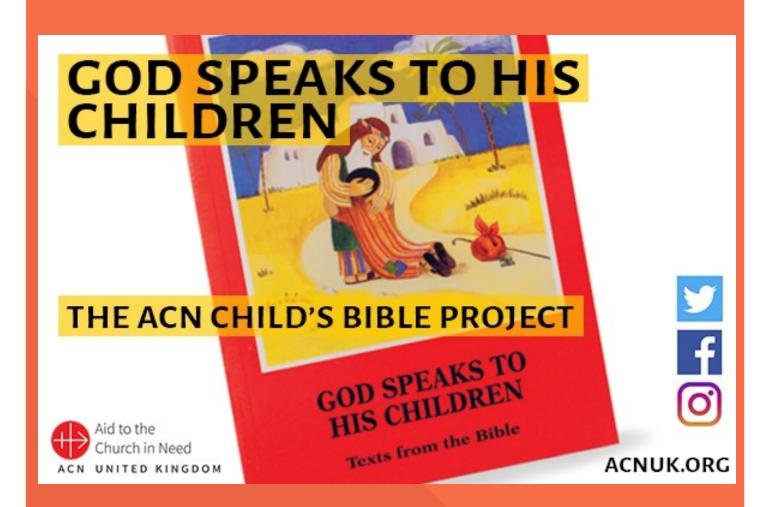
# God Speaks to His Children

The ACN Child's Bible Project



Week 19 (Chapters 91-95)



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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.





## Chapter 91:

In today's chapter we hear about an incredible encounter between Jesus and the disciples. You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ae4SiLqQTU

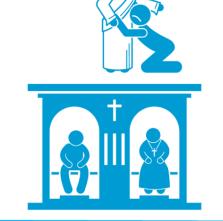


The doors were locked. Remember that the disciples had seen Jesus being put to death, and they, as his followers, were afraid that they would be put to death, too.

Jesus came and stood among the disciples and, when they recognised him, they were full of joy. He gave them his peace and said something to them which must have shocked them. Only God could forgive sins—but now Jesus was telling them that he was giving them the same power he had to forgive sins... "For those whose sins you remit, they are remitted by God: for those whose sins you do not remit, they are not remitted." (John 20:19-23)

Remit means to forgive, cancel, set aside. Imagine how they felt knowing that they could literally forgive sins! Their successors (inheritors, descendants, next-in-line) today still have the power!

This means that that same power to forgive sins is passed down through the Church to every priest today.
The power to do so comes from God, but he shares it with his priests.



So every time we go to
Confession (the
Sacrament of
Reconciliation) and
confess our sins
honestly, Jesus himself
forgives our sins,
through the words of
the priest. That's what
this bible passage
teaches us!





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**Activity: MAKE A MOOD BOARD** 

- 1. **THINK:** Think about how the disciples felt before and after Jesus stood in the room with them. They were at their lowest and then they were filled with joy.
- 2. **CREATE:** One or two mood boards.

A mood board is a visual representation or an idea, a plan or some ideas that depicts an emotion or feeling. It communicates something about you and something about the subject you are bringing to life.

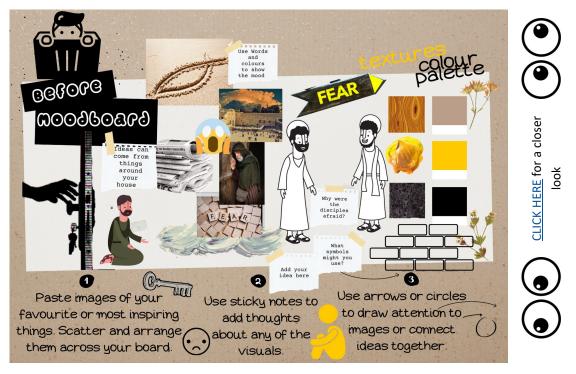
You can use objects, text, pictures (drawn, printed and/or cut out from newspapers and magazines), fabric, items from nature or anything that can be arranged on a large piece of paper or cardboard.

Everything about your mood board should show how the disciples felt. Here are your options:

**OPTION A:** Create one mood board to show how the disciples felt before Jesus appeared in the room with them.

**OPTION B:** Create two mood boards to show (i) before felt before Jesus appeared in the room with them and (ii) during or after he appeared, to show the contrast. (This may be easier if more than one of you are doing this activity together).

**OPTION C:** Create one mood board with half showing the disciples' feelings before and half showing them after.





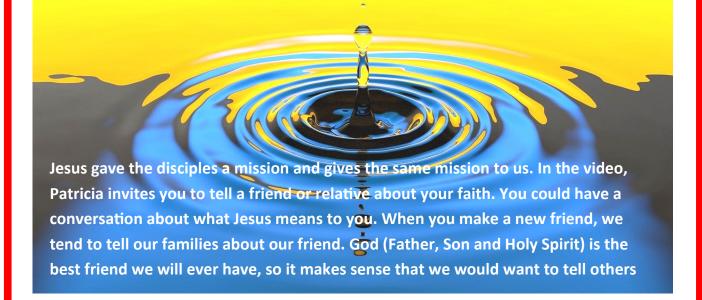
Prayer for today: Help us, Jesus, to recognise when we have done something wrong, and give us the courage to seek forgiveness.





## Chapter 92:

In today's chapter, we hear about a special mission that Jesus gives each of the disciples—and us, too! You can see today's video here > <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a> v=NFmzm2DZ1TM

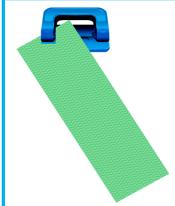


## Today's activity has three parts:

- 1. Action: making a bookmark.
- 2. Giving: giving the bookmark to a friend or relative and telling them about Jesus.
  - 3. Prayer: praying for that person—ask for God to bless them.



Take some paper or card and cut out the shape of your bookmark



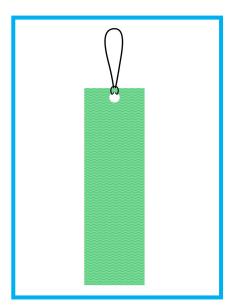
Insert the top of it into one side of a hole punch to make the hole



Find some ribbon or string to thread through the hole







Thread the ribbon or string through and make a bow or a knot



On a separate piece of paper write the quote from the reading



Arrange the elements on your bookmark

**ACTION**: Once you have made your bookmark, write on the back the name of the person you are going to give it to.

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**GIVING**: Give it to the friend or relative and tell them about Jesus. You could talk about the ACN Child's Bible and what you have learned about God—especially how much he loves us.

PRAYER: Pray for that person and their family.

Below and on the next page are some ideas for your design.

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Prayer for today: Jesus, we thank you that you never abandon us.

Teach us to share this message with everyone we meet!

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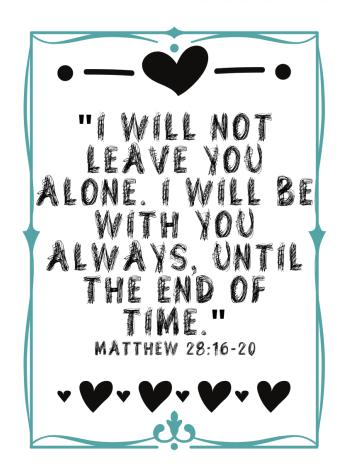




"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ALONE

# I will be with you always UNTIL THE END OF TIME"













Chapter 93: In today's chapter, we hear about Jesus' farewell to his disciples. You can watch today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyZvdSzY-gc



Jesus' Ascension was 40 days after Easter. Pentecost was 50 days after Easter. The number 40 appears in lots of places in the Bible.

In some parts of the Bible it is meant as a literal timescale (like the days between the Resurrection and the Ascension) and in other places it is symbolic. In these instances, it represents an important period of time during which an individual's faith is tested. Here are some examples:

- Forty days and nights of rain during the flood
  - Moses lived forty years in Egypt
  - Moses spent forty days on Mount Sinai
- The Jews journeyed through the desert for forty years to the Promised Land
  - Jonah preached for forty days to Nineveh
- The prophet Ezekiel lay on his right side for forty days to symbolize the sins of Judah
  - Elijah fasted for forty days on Mount Horeb
    - Goliath taunted Israel for forty days
    - Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days



There are other numbers in the bible which are important. Can you think of any?







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## Activity:

Link all three columns. Read out each of the clues in the middle column and see if you can guess the number and picture it corresponds to.

50	This number relates to God's authority, perfection and completeness. There were this many disciples and tribes of Israel.	God
3	God rested on this day of the week. It also symbolises perfection, charity, grace, and the Holy Spirit. There are this number of: sacraments, gifts the Holy Spirit and deadly sins.	
12	The number of Commandments. In the bible, this number relates to human governments and law.	
	This three-letter number is about God's nature which is even though there are three persons. There is also Church and baptism.	AR THE WALLES AND A STATE OF THE STATE OF TH
10	This number is important in terms of feasts, celebrations and ceremonies.  When this number of years pass, it is a jubilee and the fulfilment of a divine promise.	
•• )	There are this number of Gospels. In the Old Testament is refers to the earth - the seasons and the primary di- rections: north, south, east and west.	
	This is the number of persons in the Trinity. It is also the number of days Jonah spent in the belly of the fish and Jesus spent in the tomb.	

With thanks to https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/aindex.cfm?id=35179 and https://www.learnreligions.com/biblicalnumerology-700168 for some of the information above



Prayer for today: Thank you, Jesus, for all the gifts you give to us, especially in the Bible and the stories which we can learn from.





## Chapter 94:

In today's chapter, we hear the story of Pentecost. You can see today's video here > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UuE4kaCXLk

The day of Pentecost is when the Catholic Church began! The Holy Spirit gave the disciples the power and strength they needed to bring the news of Jesus to all people. Today Christianity is the largest religion in the world! Two thousand years later—from eleven men and Our Lady who were present on that day—with no TV, internet, radio or printing press, they managed to pass on the faith we have today. All this happened because the power of the Holy Spirit came upon them, the same Holy Spirit that lives in us.

Activity: Think about the bible passage you have just heard from the perspective of sights and sounds. For each, think about: from inside the room, from outside the room and from the people involved. Play the slides and listen to the sounds to help you: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Look at the chart below and write down or discuss the sights and sounds for each 'scene'.

EVENTS OF PENTECOST	SCENE	SIGHTS	SOUNDS
	Disciples are gathered waiting for the Helper whom Jesus had promised them. Listen to the 3 sounds on the slide.		
	Then suddenly there came from heaven a roaring sound like a mighty wind. Listen to the 3 sounds on the slide.		
	Tongues of fire appeared and descended on each. Listen to the 3 sounds on the slide.		
Account storage  Stope Coor  Single Coor  Si	They praised God. Imagine what that praise sounded like. There are some examples of praise for you to listen.		
N N	The people who had gathered heard the disciples speak and then Peter addressed the crowd. 3,000 people became Christians.		





## The Hug from Heaven

When the Holy Spirit comes down on us in a special way he helps us become better Christians. We have all received the Holy Spirit at Baptism and at Confirmation (something to look forward to if you have not yet been Confirmed).

At Pentecost the disciples devoted themselves to constant prayer. Their lives were filled with God's love and joy, and ours can be, too. Let us learn some prayers to the Holy Spirit and say them every day. We, too, can experience the power of the Holy Spirit, which some people call 'the Hug from Heaven.'

Below are some examples of prayers to the Holy Spirit:



### Prayer of St. Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.



## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth. Amen



### One-line prayers to the Holy Spirit:

- Holy Spirit, I invite you into my heart.
- Holy Spirit of God, keep me close to Jesus always and watch over me tonight.
- Holy Spirit, help me to be more loving, kind and forgiving.
- I ask you Holy Spirit to make me a saint. I chose Jesus as Lord
  of my life and I want to make the world better with your help.

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Prayer for today: Jesus, we pray you send your Holy Spirit to us, that we may feel inspired to share your love with the world.







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Chapter 95: In today's chapter we hear about the disciples doing very important things—continuing the work of Jesus. You can see today's video here > <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-W73tTFMkp8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-W73tTFMkp8</a>

The teaching of the faith is at the heart of Christianity and at the heart of ACN's work—just as it was for the first apostles of Jesus. It is because of their preaching that we have the great gift of knowing Jesus, but just like in their day, there are people today who want the world to forget about Jesus. We need to be brave, just like St Stephen, and show the world why knowing Jesus is worth living and dying for.

Aid to the Church in Need works with thousands of Christians all across the world who live for Jesus. Many of them teach the faith just like the first apostles. Some of them are persecuted (treated badly by others) because of their faith in Jesus.

- Watch the following videos, and then discuss: How these Christians show their love of Jesus and ways you could try to be like them.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LT077bDCUuU&feature=youtu.be
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMbwdpLqrAA&feature=youtu.be





1. Take two straws or ice-lolly sticks and wash them.



2. Take a piece of paper and decorate it to make it look ancient.



- 3. Work out what you are going to write on your scroll (see next page) and write it in nice letters.
- 4. Lay the straws flat on a table (cover the table with newspaper to keep it clean) and wrap your paper around the straws. Secure with tape or glue.



Today's activity.



5. When it is dry, you can roll it up and tie it with string or ribbon.







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Your scroll will contain five things you are going to try to do to be brave like the apostles. It will be called "My Charter for Following Jesus". In it you will write the five ways in which you will try to: witness to your belief in God, show your love of Jesus by your actions, spend more time with Jesus in prayer or any other ways you would like to be make sure others receive the great gift of the faith. There are some ideas below to help get you started. Use this mind-map to help you organise your ideas.





Prayer for today: Lord, we pray for all those people who struggle, especially those treated badly for their faith. Give us wisdom, so that we may be the ones to stand up for those who are hurting.





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 (<a href="www.acnuk.org/shop/">www.acnuk.org/shop/</a>) 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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