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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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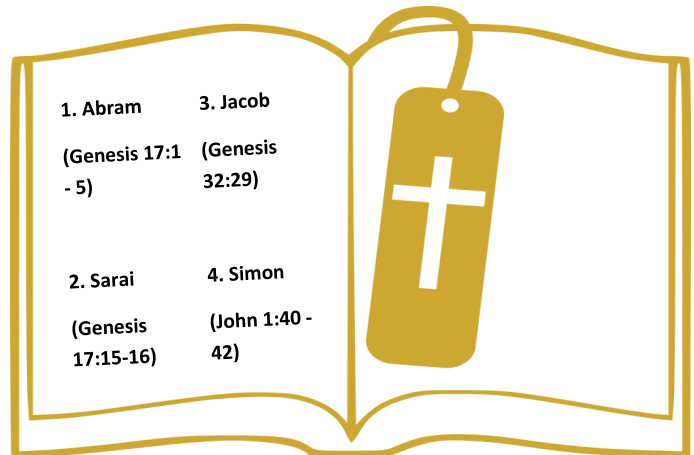


### Chapter 96:

In today's chapter we hear all about the conversion of St Paul. You can see today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGYbOq10P44>

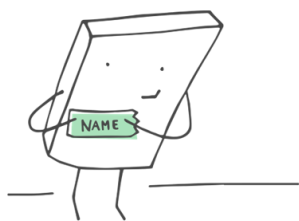
Before Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus, he was called Saul. Once he became a Christian, after that amazing experience, God gave him a new name: 'Paul'.

- Can you think of any other people in the Bible who were given new names after an encounter with God?
- Why do you think God gave them new names?
- Why are names important?



### ACTIVITY 1: FIND THE NEW NAMES

Above are the names of 4 people from the Bible who were given new names by God. Your task is to find the new names they were given! You may know some already. If not, you can look them up in the Bible to find out (the answers are on the next page). In the Bible, those who were given new names were called to do something special. The new name showed that they had left their old selves behind and now were set apart for God.



1. A B R A M

A B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

2. S A R A I

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3. J A C O B

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4. S I M O N

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The word below is Abraham in Hebrew, which is the language the Old Testament was mostly written in. It is read from right to left.

אַבְרָהָם

The word below is Paul in Greek, which is the language the New Testament was mostly written in. It is read left to right like English.

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### ACTIVITY 2: DISCUSS

Ask your parents or care-givers about your name. At Baptism, we are also given a name and this means that you too have been chosen by God and have a purpose as his beloved son or daughter. Discuss some of these questions:



*Why did they choose that particular name for you?*

*Are there any important names in your family?*

*Do you have a middle name? Who chose it?*

If you get Confirmed, you will be able to choose a name for yourself to show that you want to be part of God's family. Ask your parents or older siblings what name they chose for their Confirmation and why they chose it.

### ACTIVITY 3: YOUR NAME IN BIBLICAL LANGUAGES:

Click in the pictures below to open the hyperlinks (right click—open hyperlink)

1



Look up the Greek alphabet and write your name in Greek.

2



Translate your name into Greek or Hebrew and press the sound button to hear the pronunciation.

#### \*Answers from Activity 1

- Abram becomes Abraham (Genesis 17:1 - 5) It means 'father of many nations.'
- Sarai becomes Sarah (Genesis 17:15-16) Sarah was Abraham's wife and her new name means 'mother of many nations'.
- Jacob becomes Israel. (Genesis 32:29) This means "God is strong, God is victorious".
- Simon becomes Peter (John 1:40 - 42) This means 'rock': "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).



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*Prayer for today: God, today we pray for all those people who are too stubborn to pray or get to know you. Please open up their hearts, so they can know you better.*



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**Chapter 97:** In today's chapter we hear about some of the most important messages of St Paul. You can see today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXwD00dUBNg>

St Paul travelled around the world telling people about Jesus and baptising them. You can see his journeys here > <https://viz.bible/journeys/> (remember there were no aeroplanes or cars in those days, so these journeys were very dangerous and long).

Paul was so keen to pass on the message about Jesus that he went through many hardships. Many people didn't want him to preach the truth about Jesus and some made his life very difficult. At different times on his journeys, St Paul was:

*beaten, arrested, imprisoned lots of times (and for two years after his arrest in Jerusalem!), punched, accused of starting a riot because of the hatred people felt towards him, whipped, beaten with rods, shipwrecked three times, stoned, robbed, trapped deep out at sea for a whole night and a whole day, stuck out in the wilderness, often starving, thirsty, cold and rejected.*

In a way St Paul was a little bit like a superhero. Despite all of his sufferings, he founded lots of churches in the places he visited. He also wrote to them to encourage them and to teach them about the faith. In the video you have just watched, you have heard about some of the beautiful things he wrote. They are important for us today because they help us learn how we should live as Christians. St Paul died in Rome sometime around 67 A.D. He was beheaded because he wouldn't believe in the Roman gods.



### ACTIVITY 1: St Paul—God's Superhero

On the next page you will see some pictures which represent some of the difficulties St Paul faced on his travels preaching the Word of God. Can you identify the suffering/hardship (listed above) from each picture?



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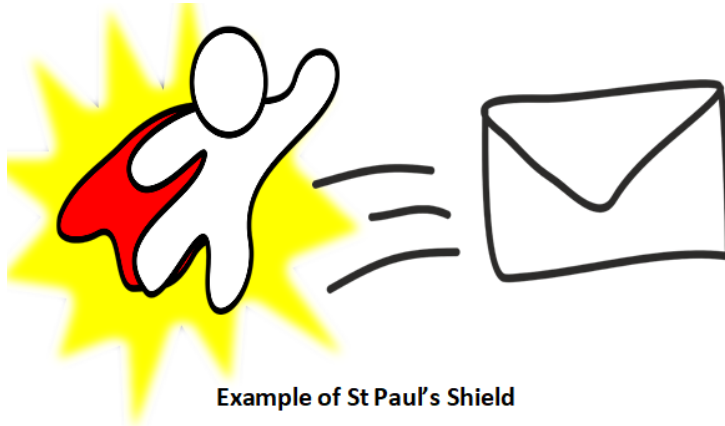
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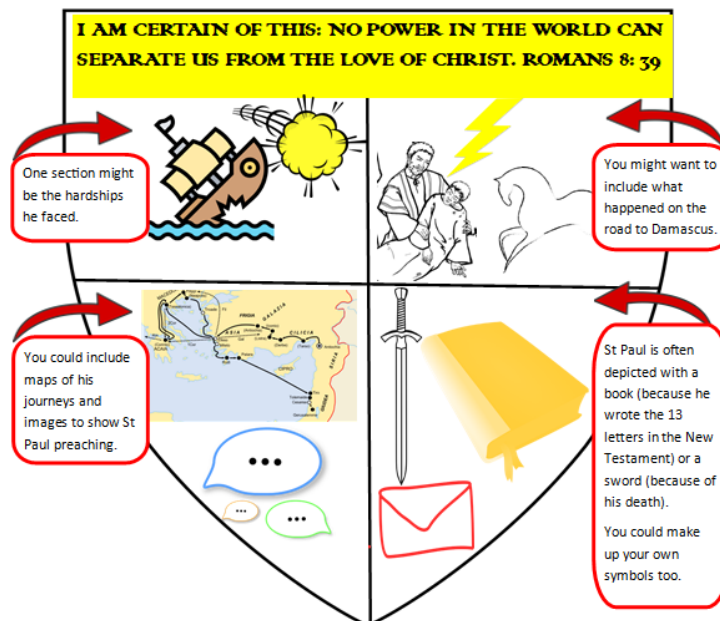
### ACTIVITY 2: St Paul's Shield

Create a shield for St Paul (ideas for content and instructions)

1. Cut out a shield shape on a piece of paper or card (or print one [here](#)).
2. Listen to today's reading again and pick out a line to put on your shield as St Paul's motto.
3. Look again at the map of his journeys to include some of the names of places he visited.
4. Look in your bible to find out where he started churches e.g. Paul's letter to the Romans = Rome, Paul's letter to the Corinthians = Corinth etc.)
5. Use images to show the hardships he faced.



Example of St Paul's Shield



*Prayer for today: Thank you, Jesus, for the people who take your message to far flung places around the world. Take care of them as they spread your love and peace.*

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### Chapter 98:

Today's chapter tells us more about the important messages that St Paul wrote in his many letters. You can see today's video here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtphWoKWGT4>

There is so much to absorb in today's chapter! To take in every single bit, we would probably need to read and listen to it many times!

We think that Lucy's drawing is great! It helps us to pick out the main bits of what St Paul is saying to us in this piece of scripture.



Your challenge for today is to create your own collage picture! All you need is a piece of plain paper and some felt tips/coloured pencils. Start off with the words 'God Gives Us' in the centre, and then around that, write and/or draw some of the things which God gives to us. You could listen to the reading again. Maybe close your eyes, and see which words stand out to you. This is God speaking to you! Here are some of the words that stood out to us:

Life Joy Faith  
Goodness Love



*Prayer for today: Thank you, God, for filling our lives with so many good things. We pray for those who can't see your goodness.*

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### Chapter 99:

Today's chapter tells us about God's vision for the world, now that we have experienced Jesus in it. You can see today's extra special videos here > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udcoLv74968> , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xV7jHLHmxYc>

We have journeyed through the whole Bible together in this project, and we hope that you have learnt lots! We have also provided you with moments to think, create and pray. It is so important to take time to do these things—this is how we grow in our faith, and get to know God more!

Your final challenge as part of the Child's Bible project is a little bit practical—you might not be able to do it straight away, but you can definitely start thinking about it.

1. Watch the following video > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrRCLfX358Q>. In the video Lillian tells us about how the Child's Bible is helping children in Kenya, just one of the many countries to which ACN sends Child's Bibles.



2. Pick out some of the key points of the video—what are the ways the Bible helps Lillian's community?

3. Create a resource to tell other people about the ways the Child's Bible helps out. You could make a PowerPoint presentation, posters, ask to do a school assembly or create a drama performance! You could do this in school or share it with family and friends via email or social media (with help from your parents or carers).

4. You might want to make a plan with your classmates, friends or family, to fundraise and/or raise awareness for ACN's Child's Bible. Just £3 will buy one copy for you or your school AND send out 3 more copies to children around the world who really need them.

***A huge thank you for taking part in our project! Thank you also to all our contributors. Please share this resource with friends, family and colleagues.***



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*Prayer for today: Lord, we pray for all children. We thank you for our friends and family. Please be with those children whom we do not know, in countries around the world, who have need of love, help and aid. Strengthen their faith and let them know you are with them.*



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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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