

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

25th October 2020 - Trinity 20

Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.



This is the last Sunday after Trinity, before we turn in the Church Year to thinking about first remembrance and then the time before Advent.

Soon there will be Halloween and Bonfire Night, though this year they will be a bit different because of all the restrictions.

Today is also called Bible Sunday and the story today is a famous story in Wales about a little girl whose determination inspired the setting up of the Bible Society, which produces bibles in many languages so everyone can read the word of God for themselves

Story – the story of Mary Jones and her Bible.

About 200 years ago a little girl called Mary Jones lived with her parents in the middle of Wales, in a little village called Llanfihangel-y-Pennant in the shadow of a mountain called Cader Idris. They were poor folk, with little money to spare. They couldn't afford shoes for the children. They all spoke Welsh, and Mary knew very little English, for no one spoke it in that part of Wales.

They went to church every Sunday, and Mary loved to hear the stories from the Bible and Mary's father would tell her stories from the Bible as well, but they had no copy of the Bible in the house, for Bibles in Welsh were expensive books and there were not many to buy. The nearest family who owned one lived two miles away from Mary's home.



Mary longed and longed to be able to read and have a Bible of her own. One day a school opened up in the local village and Mary's parents were able to let her go there and she learned to read. She began to save up pennies, half-pennies and farthings whenever she could earn them so that she could have a Bible of her own. It took her six years to save up the three shillings and sixpence (which is 42 pennies) that she would need to get a Bible.

But there were no bookshops near her home. How was she going to buy one? Then her father heard that a clergyman, Thomas Charles, who lived in Bala, which was 25 miles away from her home, had a few Welsh Bibles for sale. Mary was

absolutely determined that she would go to see him and buy one. She tied up her pennies in a handkerchief and set off from her home and walked all the way over the hills in her bare feet to Bala – imagine walking all the way to Doncaster! When she got there she found Mr Charles and asked him to sell her a Bible and told him that she had saved up all this time, and walked 25 miles to find him. Mr Charles was astonished at her story and very moved at her perseverance. But He had sold all the Welsh Bibles that he had brought back to Bala. He wasn't going to let her be disappointed though, and he arranged for her to stay there with some friends while he got some more sent to him. Then he sold Mary three copies for the price of one, so that she could take them back to her village. And he was so impressed with her that when he was next in London, he told her story to a meeting and the British and Foreign Bible Society was founded. It's aim was to make sure that the Bible was translated into every language and printed in copies that everyone could afford.

WORD SEARCH

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MARY
JONES
BIBLE
VILLAGE
SHOES
SHILLINGS
POOR
WELSH
CHARLES
BALA
WALKED
BARE
SAVED
PENNIES
STORIES
READ
SCHOOL
MOUNTAIN

Things to do this Sunday

Before all the autumn things disappear

Make an autumn collage

Go out in the garden or out for a walk and collect all sorts of autumn things:

- Acorns
- Autumn leaves in lovely colours
- Conkers and conker shells
- Berries – be careful not to eat them
- Seed heads and pods
- Dried up flowers and grasses
- Feathers

How many different sorts of things can you find?

Bring them home and arrange them on a piece of paper.

You might like to put them in a spiral.

Or line them up as though they are in a queue.

Or try to make a symmetrical pattern so that they mirror each other

You could fix them with glue, or blu-tack.

On the next page is an old fashioned Welsh paper dolly you can print on card and cut out and dress.

Mary Jones may have had clothes like these which were traditional in Wales, but this little girl has shoes.

