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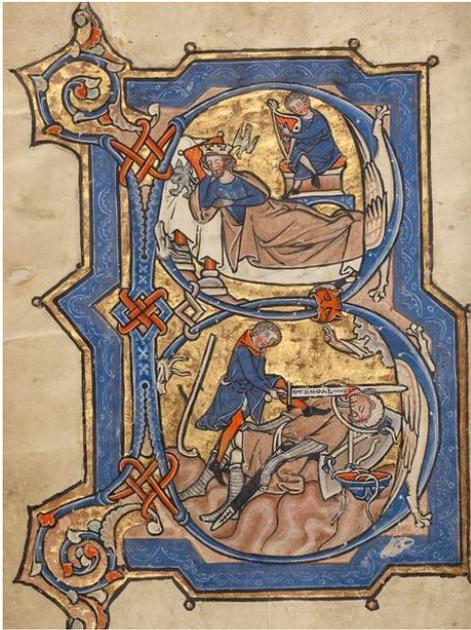
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LORY TO GOD



I wonder if you have been doing lots of reading during those weeks when you were not able to go to school. Lots of books have some wonderful pictures in them to illustrate the story and bring it to life. But I wonder if you have a book with such beautiful pictures as this:



And do you have one with a cover as wonderful as this one on the right? See the gold and jewels on it.

These are from very special, and very old, Bibles



In the days before printing was invented, all books had to be written out by hand, so as you might guess, there were not very many of them. Also, very few people could read or write anyway. These early Bibles were written by monks who lived in monasteries. The cover is from one called the Lindisfarne Gospels (the first four books of the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke & John), written by monks on the island of Lindisfarne in about 720. They are called "illuminated manuscripts" because of the jewel like coloured inks they used, and for the gold leaf that was added to many of the pictures. They were written in Latin, the language of the church in those days. They were made so beautiful because it was thought that the "Word of God" (the Bible) was so very special it should be shown to be so.

These beautiful books were a way of showing praise to God, and in the story of the Exodus in the Bible, Moses sister Miriam, praised God for saving them at the Red Sea by singing, dancing and playing the tambourine. (*Exodus 15:19-21*)



Make yourself a PAPER PLATE TAMBOURINE to praise God. Lay a paper plate face down and decorate it with lots of lovely colours. You could add a picture in the centre. This one is of Miriam and her sister dancing but you could draw whatever you like. Then punch about 8 holes round the edge and thread 3 or 4 strands of wool through each one. If you have some bells you could thread one on to one strand in each group, and tie it in when you knot each group of strands together, close to the edge of the plate. To create more noise, turn your plate over and place a hand full of rice or dried beans in the hollow of the plate, place another paper plate over it, front to front. Staple the plates together round the edge. Now it shake like a tambourine!



Those beautiful Gospel Bibles were all about the life of Jesus. The words in the box below can be found in those stories. Can you find them in the wordsearch?

T B F B R R T L D W N F L N Z P
 R N O C D K N O S S O R C X K R
 K S R Y K O G C P N I L D R T P
 P U G T R S G G L X L K K G T Z
 J S I L T E A F C M E S S I A H
 M E V L W X S L O L G N T M Q H
 H J E T F M B U V N M L Q H N T
 E N N Q D M C J R A O T R Y L E
 A B E N A A K S E R T S W K L R
 V D S L L V E L H R E I V H C A
 E Y S V Q L C Q X M U C O R H Z
 N C A R C R L B D T N S T N L A
 L R A A M O R L V X K K A I L N
 Y T R E V L O R D Y N L T L O Z
 B I Y E P B T H E A L I N G E N
 M N H D E I F I C U R C P J R M

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| Calvary | Lion |
| Cross | Lord |
| Crucified | Love |
| Forgiveness | Messiah |
| God | Miracles |
| Healing | Nazareth |
| Heaven | Peace |
| Jerusalem | Resurrection |
| Jesus | Salvation |
| Lamb | Son of God |

The letter below is in the Celtic style of the decorations in the illuminated Gospels. Colour it in with your best colours. Can you see the eagle on top of the letter. They often included weird and wonderful animals in the pattern. You could also draw out your own initial and design a pattern around it.

