

DRAWN TO THE Word OF THE NEW TESTAMENT



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Introduction

The *Drawn to the Word* series of colouring book CDs aims to explore the Old Testament, New Testament and the Word of Mary through eye-catching, accessible and child-friendly illustrations. The images appeal to children and can be used in RE lessons, whole class prayer, group prayer and individual prayer with school children or with children's liturgy groups.

The images inspire children to create their own illustrations in response to passages from scripture or events during the liturgical year.

Alternatively they can be simply used for mindful colouring where the children meditate on the Word of God as they colour the image. *Drawn to the Word* is designed to give children a sense of prayerful peace as they reflect on what God is telling them through the pages of the Bible, through the life of His Son Jesus and through the life of Mary.

All the resources have been tried and tested with primary school children and children's liturgy groups.

Using the program

You can use *Drawn to the Word* by dipping in and out of it at certain points during the liturgical year, or perhaps to explore the Sunday's Gospel reading in more depth in a child-friendly way.

You may want to focus on a certain book of the Bible, or a part of Jesus' or Mary's life that is linked to the RE topic that you are covering in class or in your liturgy session.

When you have chosen which piece of scripture

you would like to focus on, set the scene with the children by reading the scripture together, if you have Bibles to hand, they could locate the passage for themselves.

Next talk around the text, asking the children; 'What is happening here?' 'What is God saying to us through the passage of scripture, or through the life of Jesus, or the life of Mary' Listen to the children's ideas, then ask them the very personal question, which they don't have to answer out loud – 'What is God saying to you in your heart?'

The children then decorate the illustration using ink, paint, coloured pencils, felt tips or crayons. It's a good idea to play some quiet music while they are colouring and light a candle to remind them that Jesus is with us.

Encourage them to take their time and tell them that this is a way to pray, that they can reflect and meditate on the Word of God while they are colouring.

Some children like to create their own artwork inspired by the images or by the Scripture itself.

There is no right or wrong way to do this.

The important thing is that the children become familiar with the Word of God and they take the time to listen to God speaking to them through His Words in Scripture and His Words as He speaks to them in their hearts in this time of peaceful prayerful reflection.

I hope you experience as much enjoyment with your children as I have creating this resource for you.

Dr Clare Campbell

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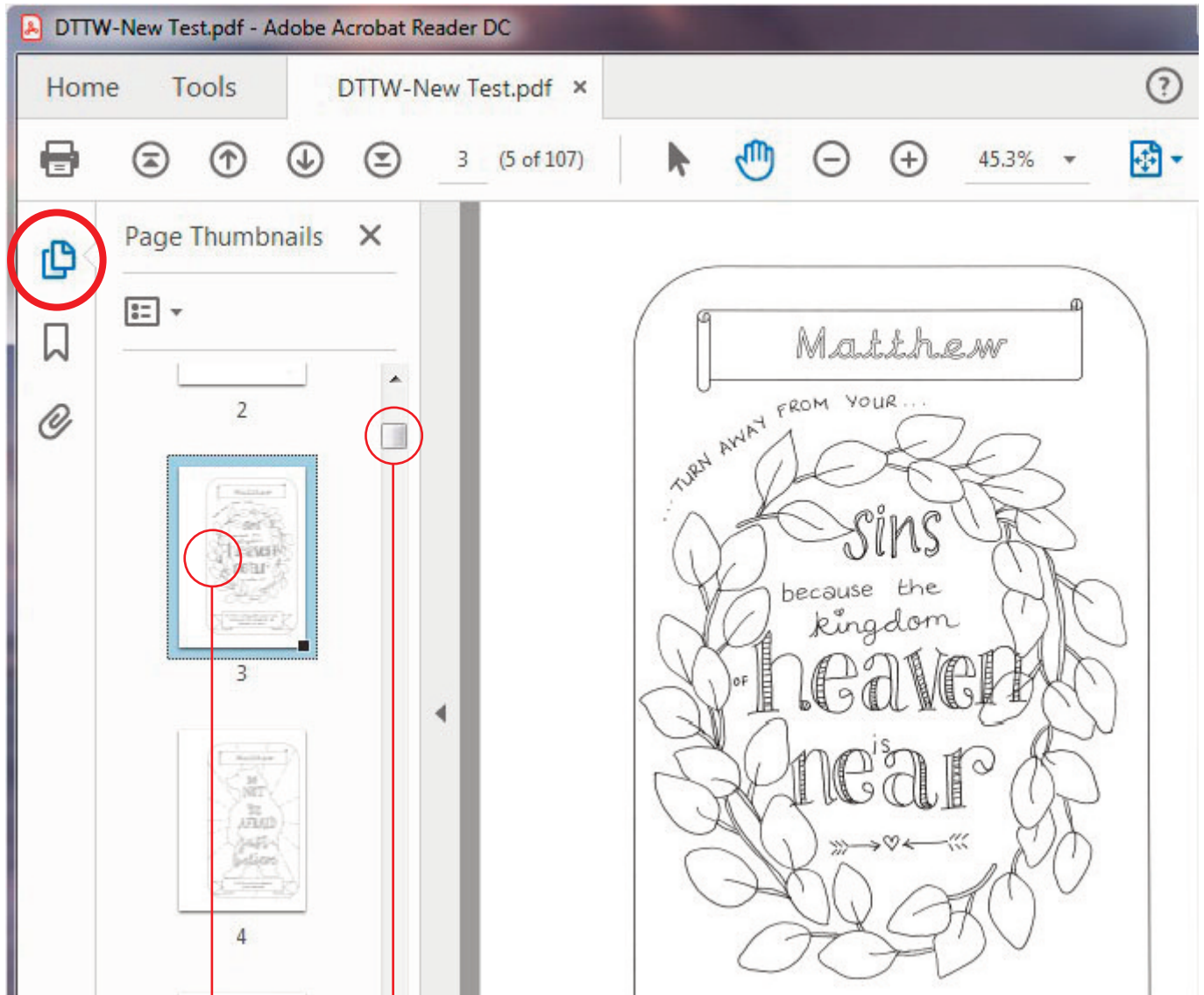
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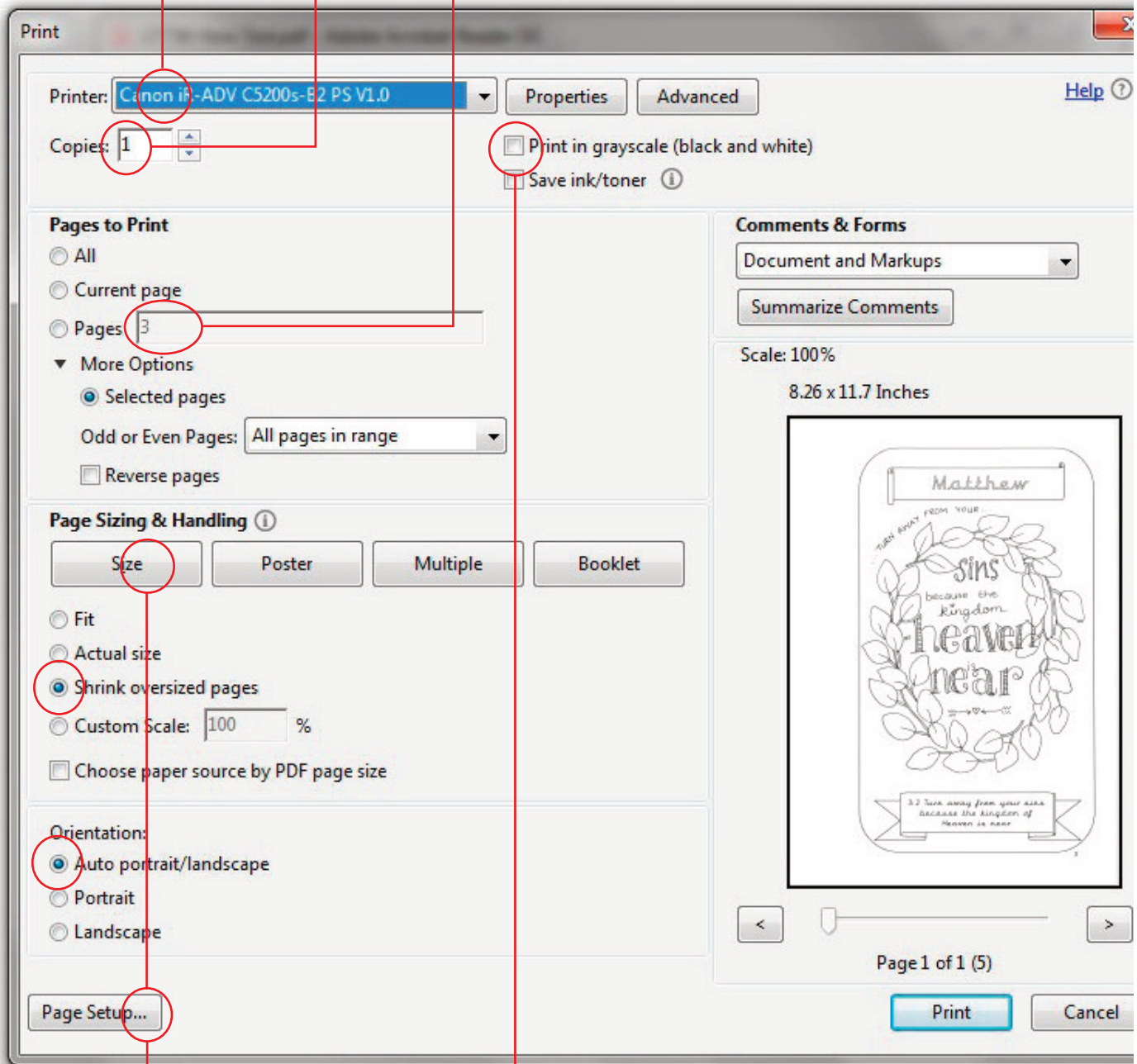
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Preface

Dear Reader,

Welcome to *Drawn to the Word: New Testament*. I have enjoyed bible journalling for years and would like to share my experiences of bible journalling with you. I am a Catholic headteacher in a primary school and I wanted to find a way to combine my love of scripture with my love of art and to inspire that love of the Word of God with the children that I teach. All the illustrations of the Word of God have been used with children in my school and tried and tested.

In my school I set up a *Drawn to the Word* club, where children can illustrate their favourite bible passages. I have compiled some of my favourites for you, for each of the books of the New Testament. The children have responded really well to learning about the Word of God in this way. Through the therapeutic act of drawing and colouring, it gives them a different way to pray, where they can ruminate on the Word of God. The children love hearing stories about Jesus. Sometimes I will use the words from the readings or the gospel on Sunday, and the children delight in hearing that these words will have been spoken at masses in churches all over the world. I hope you enjoy *Drawn to the Word: New Testament*.

God bless, Clare Campbell

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Matthew

... TURN AWAY FROM YOUR ...



3:2 Turn away from your sins
because the kingdom of
Heaven is near

Mark

SITTING DOWN THE TWELVE JESUS CALLED AND SAID
SIMON PETER ANDREW JAMES JOHN
ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE FIRST

PHILIP BARTHOLOMEW THOMAS MATTHEW
MUST BE THE VERY LAST AND THE

JAMES THADDEUS SIMON JUDAS

Servant of all

9:35 Sitting down, Jesus called the twelve and said "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Luke



POSSIBLE

1:37 Faith does not make
things easy, it makes them
possible

John

and
the
Word
was
God

1:1 In the beginning was the
Word and the Word was with
God and the Word was God