

Week 4 The Honeypot Children's Charity

Date	Childhood	
21	Read Luke 8: 20 Jesus is 12 and is receiving education. Read Mark 6: 1-4 which mentions his brothers and sisters.	
22	We don't know much about Jesus's childhood but did he have to help care for his brothers and sisters? What effect did this have on him? Think about the effect this would have on child-carers today who live in a very different culture.	
23	The children we are raising money for miss out on some of their education. Jesus' family brought him up to know the scriptures - the Messiah was promised and in Jesus fulfilled. Give 50p for every school you attended.	
24	Jesus knew when He needed a rest. He would go away into the hills to pray. We know the benefits of relaxing. Give £1 for every holiday you've had this year.	

Total for Week 4.....

"I find school difficult as I can't concentrate but at Honeypot I can relax and everyone was so nice to me" Aiyden. 10

MWiB Advent Calendar 2025

Week 1 The Honeypot Children's Charity

Date	Nazareth - the home	
Nov 30	Read Luke 2: 1- 5 Do child-carers count? Often they are hidden much of the time in their homes and also from the consciousness of society.	
	December	
01	Nazareth was Mary's home, probably from birth. Think of your birth-place and give £1 in thanks.	
02	Give 10p for each relative or friend who still lives in that area. If no-one, give 20p.	
03	Think of the last time you went there. Give 50p if it was still the same as you remembered it or 20p if it had changed significantly.	
04	Give £1 if you are still living in the area where you were born.	
05	Mary and Joseph had to leave home because of the census required by the Emperor Augustus. Give 20p if you have moved since the last census.	
06	Give 50p if you have ever been to Nazareth	

Total for Week 1.....

There are 1 million young carers in the UK. 1 in 3 suffer with mental health issues. Their GCSE grades are 9 below their peers.

Week 2 The Honeypot Children's Charity

Date	Mary, the mother	
07	Read Luke 2: 6-7. We are told how Mary cared for her baby. For mothers cared for by a child this is often reversed. Not what they would have wanted.	
08	Imagine Mary's feelings when she received the Angel Gabriel's message. Give 50p in thanks for our ability to imagine.	
09	We believe Mary had her mother's support as she is known as St. Anne and didn't shut Mary out of her home. Give £1 for a loving mother.	
10	The other support Mary had was from Elizabeth. Give 20p each in thanks for sisters, aunts and female cousins you have.	
11	Joseph, too, was told to care for Mary. Give 20p each for your brothers, uncles and male cousins.	
12	Give £1 in thanks for friends who would support you in time of need.	
13	Mary and Joseph eventually return to Nazareth. Did they have elderly family members to care for? Give 50p for every person to whom you have given care. Pray for all carers and yourself if this is ongoing	

Total for Week 2.....

"Honeypot gives you a chance to stop worrying. A stay makes me feel I belong to something bigger" Holly, 10
(Holly's brother has leukaemia and she helps her parents look after him.)

Week 3 The Honeypot Children's Charity

Date	Visitors	
14	Read Luke 2: 8-20 and Matt. 2: 7-12 So often child-carers cannot invite friends home nor have time to visit other homes. When they go to Honeypot they are treasured in a homely place and can enjoy experiences they will treasure forever.	
15	The Inn-keeper's wife probably helped Mary during Jesus' birth and in the early days of motherhood. Thank God and pray for midwives working in hospitals and mother's homes. Give £1 in thanks for the care they give.	
16	The shepherds were outcasts in their community. Remember women giving birth without the high standards we expect. Remember those in war-torn countries, those travelling as refugees and asylum seekers with no decent home for their child	
17	"If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb" Give thanks and pray for shepherds caring for their flocks in all weathers. Give £1 for all the products that come from sheep.	
18	The Wise Men bring gold, frankincense and myrrh. All precious gifts but Jesus' self-sacrifice was the greatest present for us. Remember child-carers who sacrifice much of their childhood to caring for members of their family. Give £1 for those who love and care for you.	
19	Traditionally Joseph, Jesus' human father, was old. Did Jesus have to care for him? Did he have to take over the carpentry business until his brothers were old enough? Give 50p for those who use their hands at Honeypot to look after the children.	
20	Give thanks for the fun visits the children have at Honeypot. Give £1 for visitors you've had this week.	

Total for Week 3.....

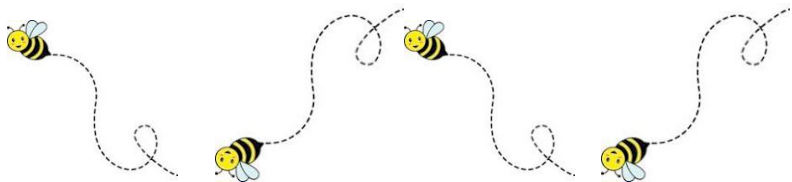
The Honeypot Children's Charity supports disadvantaged children between the ages of 5 and 12 who are bearing the heavy load of caring for a parent or sibling, often single-handedly.

Many of these children look after a loved one for over 30 hours a week. Their childhoods are very different to those of their peers at school and the pressure of responsibility can affect their school grades, social opportunities and the chance to make happy childhood memories and build brighter futures.

Honeypot gives children who are referred to them Respite Breaks (weekends in school terms and weeks in school holidays). They have a large house with extensive grounds in the New Forest. Care is put in place while the child is away.

All this costs money so our Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey Methodist Women in Britain team have chosen this as our charity for the year. One way we have raised money for charities is through the Advent Calendar so this is it for 2025.

Look out for other fundraisers during the coming year. We do hope you will support this deserving charity.



Grand Total

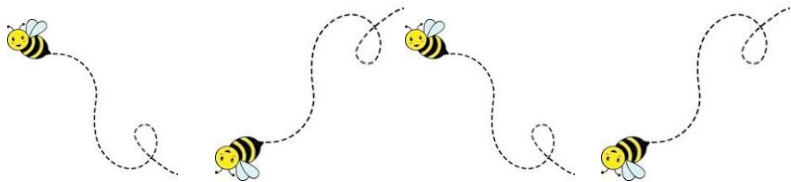
Please put cash in envelopes marked The Honeypot Charity and cheques should be made payable to The Honeypot Children's Charity.

Then please give your envelopes to your Church Methodist Women in Britain reps.

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or to your Church Treasurer

May you have a Peaceful and Joyful CHRISTMAS



When Viv Carter, Honeypot's Engagement Manager, goes out to groups and schools to give talks she takes with her some small hand-knitted or crocheted bees to raise awareness and funds, suggesting a donation of £1 for one.

The children like the bright yellow or orange ones with black stripes and white wings. Smiley faces are popular and with a loop they can be hung easily at home to help them smile and remember Honeypot when they are looking after someone they love.

The bees are placed in the children's memory bags which they take home at the end of their annual residential respite break.

If you would like to help knit or crochet a bee let a member of the Methodist Women in Britain team know and they will provide you with a pattern.

"Having that space and the opportunity to go outdoors whenever they want, this safe and nurturing environment, that alone is an amazing experience for them. Just being able to be carefree for a little while, because many of the children we care for are not. From a very young age, they have the world on their shoulders."

From a Referral Lead at a Primary School in Southampton.

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The Winchester, Eastleigh and
Romsey Methodist Circuit Project
to support young child-carers

