

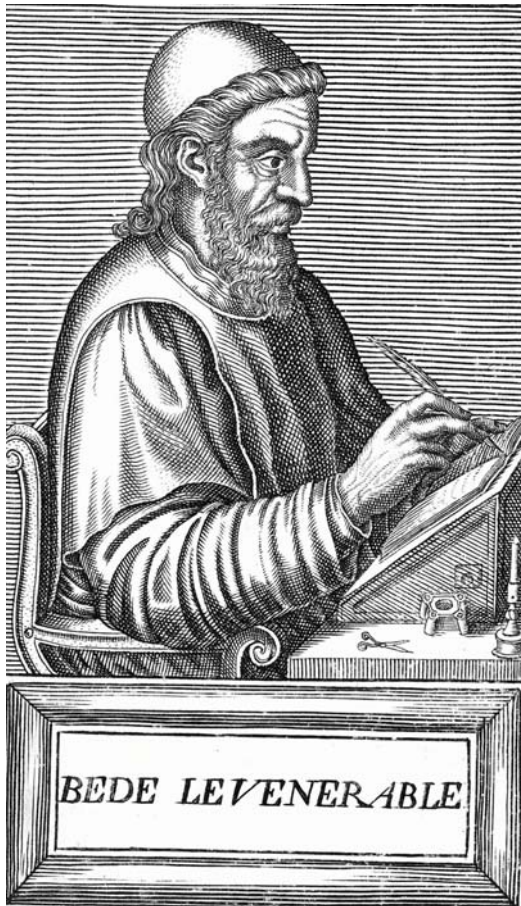
St Bede

The Venerable Bede has often been described as the Father of English learning. He was born near Sunderland in 673 AD, was orphaned and sent to the monastery at Wearmouth, taught by Benedict Biscop. Later Bede was transferred to Biscop's other foundation at Jarrow, where as a monk and priest, he was to spend the remainder of his life. He made occasional journeys to Lindisfarne and York.



- ① Sit down with the children and show them the series of pictures overleaf. You may wish to lay the sheets out either on a table or the floor, and then read the story.
- ② Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-
Do you like the story of Bede?
What special stories do you like?
Who explains them to you?
What special time in history do you know about (maybe the Romans or the Vikings)?
How did you find out about them?
When Bede grew old he could not see. What would you miss being able to see?
- ③ Ask the children to draw what they would miss being able to see. They can use the blank drawing template provided on iChild.

The Story of St Bede



Bede was sent to a monastery when he was 7 years old.

He loved to learn all he could about Jesus. He loved to write about Jesus and explain the meanings of the stories told about Jesus.



He also liked history and he wrote a special history of the English people. This is one of the oldest accounts in our past. It is called The Ecclesiastical History of the English People, which gained him the title 'The father of English History'. The writing looks very different from our English writing today.



When Bede grew old he became blind. He could no longer see anything and the jesters played a trick on him. They sent him into an empty Church to preach.

The story says that even though no human heard him, Bede heard the angels saying 'Holy Father Bede pray for us'.



**When he died he was
buried in Durham
Cathedral and we can
still visit his tomb today.**