



# LITTLE AMAL VISITS WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL



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HYMN  
'EVERYDAY GOD'



On a sunny Autumn day a very special girl visited Westminster Cathedral.

The girl's name was Little Amal, and she was on a long, long journey.

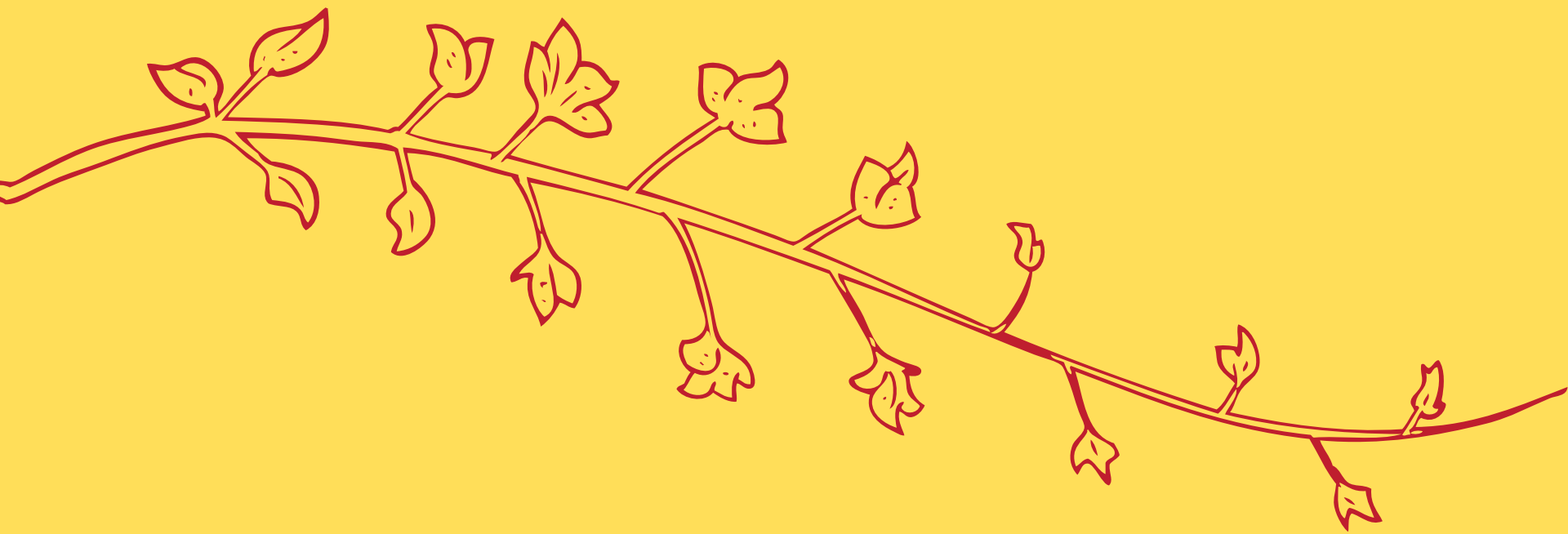
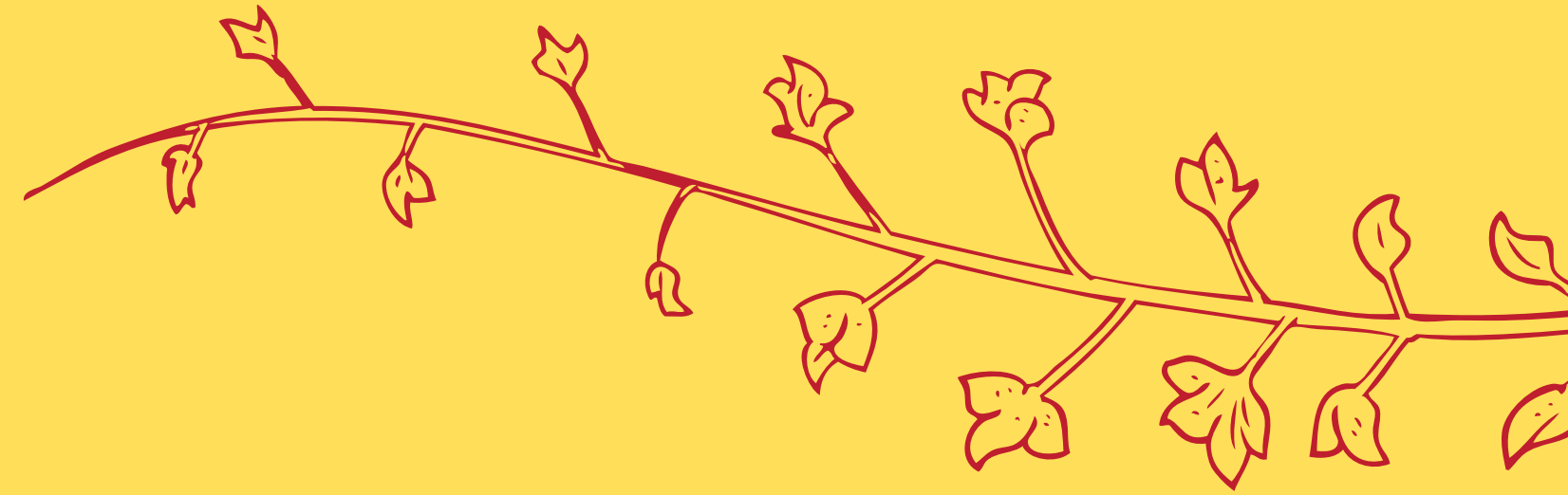
She had travelled all the way from Syria, seeing many places along the way. She was in search of her mother and an education.





She had walked through Turkey, Greece, Switzerland, France, Germany and Belgium before coming to the United Kingdom.

Amal had even met Pope Francis on her travels!







**It was also an important day because it was Amal's birthday. She was turning 10!**

**Many people had come to the Cathedral.  
There were people young and old.**

**Everybody was there to welcome HER!**





Everybody was so happy to welcome Amal,  
and show her the Cathedral.

There was music played for her - with  
singing and drums. She even danced with  
other children.





**Cardinal Vincent gave a special welcome to Amal, and everybody sang 'Happy Birthday'.**





**Amal made everybody laugh by looking at  
Cardinal Nichols' notes.**







Other young people showed Amal around the Cathedral, and prayed for her safe journey.







In the Lady Chapel, everybody prayed the  
Hail Mary to Mother Mary.  
Perhaps you would like to say it now...







Before she left the Cathedral, Amal was given a birthday present and a beautiful card.

The card was made in London by students at a school like yours.



For her present, she received a yellow, green and blue guardian angel.

Cardinal Nichols said:

"God gives every one of us an angel to protect us and keep us safe, so Amal this is your angel that God will always bless and protect and keep you safe".





The name Amal means *hope* in Arabic.

On her long journey Amal has given people hope. She shows us how to welcome and be kind.

If Little Amal was coming to your school how would you welcome her? How would you make her feel included?





Access the Nationality and Borders Bill Campaign Toolkit [here](#).

The Toolkit contains information about the impact of this Bill as well as ways in which you can advocate.

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Photos from Little Amal's visit to Westminster Cathedral on  
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