



From the lips of children...

This article from 8 year old Benjamin says it all, what we do, what we need, how you can join in.

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My name is Benjamin, I am 8 years old and in Year 4 at school. I go to church regularly and have enjoyed lots of events NISCU have done, such as JAM club at school and the Christmas puppet shows and also holiday club at Lancaster Baptist Church. I think NISCU do great work and are very good in how they teach things to children. Let me tell you about JAM club.

JAM club is not about jam -we learn about the stories Jesus told and about how WE are important to God and how to pray to Him and how I can develop my relationship with Jesus. It's about Jesus and Me. So when other things are feeling rubbish or when I've had a bad day at school, I still know that God loves me and that feels good.

JAM club is fun and we have lots of games and it also gives me space to be myself, ask questions and pray. I want other children to know about God and Jesus and think it's a good age to learn it. It helps me knowing that God is here and it is important for everyone to know about God.

If I were an adult, I would volunteer for NISCU. Then I could keep going to JAM club even after I've left school! You would get to work with some really lovely people and help children learn more. With more volunteers NISCU events can continue and maybe become bigger and more frequent.

NISCU come into our schools for free because it is so important that children find out about Christianity, but it isn't free for NISCU. Giving money to NISCU, if you can, is important because they help children understand why they should pray, and money helps NISCU to become bigger and help more children learn education about God.

I've learnt about praying to God and know that he always listens to us. I think adults need to think about praying for NISCU and just adding a little sentence to their prayers. It wouldn't take long, but God would hear it. Some of the children that go to JAM club don't go to church, some of them are having a hard time and all of us need God. The volunteers and people in charge of NISCU need praying for too, because they do such good work and we need to thank God for them.

If you think about it, it's us children that are going to grow up and tell our children about God and be the next teachers, so we need to learn how to be good at that too. That's why NISCU is so important.

From Benjamin

Post Script...

On the 14th September we found out our club at Benjamin's school had to stop (due to a request from another faith group). The school are looking for ways to help us restart. Diana will be there doing lessons as usual. Pray that Benjamin and children like him will be witnesses in their schools. God bless him - our youngest ambassador.

Our New Intern...

I am Sarah M, I am currently taking a gap year before heading off to uni next year. I have been doing children's work at St Thomas' church for 7 years, and am now a New Wine intern there for the year, specialising in youth. However, I am also working part time for NISCU. I am based in Garstang and will be helping with a JAM club at Garstang St Thomas with Andrew Tissingh, as well as working in other schools in the area. I'll also be helping with the puppets this year- busy year ahead!



News from JAM Clubs

We recently read the Bible story of the woman at the well in Samaria and heard how she went to tell all her friends about Jesus after she had met Him. The children then drew pictures or wrote down what they could tell their friends about Jesus. This is what some of them wrote:

- Did you know that Jesus is the best person ever? He helps us with everything.
- Did you know Jesus died on the cross for us?
- Jesus can always help you when you are struggling or upset. He will give you the strength to do it.
- Jesus helps us whenever you feel sad.
- He died so we can live a happy life.
- He never wants to hurt people. When people are hurt he heals them.
- Jesus is very kind and he spends a lot of time with people.

It is so very encouraging to see how much they know.

Diana

A Personal Discovery

John chapter 1 (paraphrased): The word was with God and was God, existing in the beginning.

Everything was created through him, the word giving life that brought light in the darkness.

"So," said a year 9 lad, during my lesson on the Incarnation, "that's the same as in Genesis when God speaks words and the first thing he creates is light. Jesus was there at the beginning of the world and then came to earth to bring light to people."

Boom! That's what it looks like when God reveals something, when he takes our words and does far more than we can possibly imagine.

Jonny

Can you knit? We have lots of community schools wanting knitted nativity scenes, we had four to give away, but demand outstrips supply!

Get in touch if you are a fast knitter!

Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge

This resource, with maps, stickers, puzzles, testimonies and information, written by NISCU in conjunction with Blackburn Diocese helps children to explore

Treasures in the New Testament. Pray for the 6,000 children in Lancashire taking part.



This term has started so well and by Christmas we will have visited at least 54 schools with our lessons, assemblies or clubs. Praise God for the lovely welcome we receive. If your church would like to know more please contact Jonny :-)

Christmas Puppet Roadshow

Schools have begun to book for our special puppet assembly. So far St Lukes Slyne, St Mary's, Mossgate, Trumacar, Moorside, West End, Quernmore, Christ Church Lancaster, Dolphinholme, Ryelands, Torrisholme, Ridge, St Joseph's, Grosvenor Park, Christ Church Carnforth, Dallas Rd and Wilson's Endowed Over Kellet are in the diary. Pray for strong arm muscles and a clear Christmas message as the team deliver 4 presentations a day for 3 weeks. Please also pray that those schools wanting to book can find an appropriate time slot.

Debbie

Regular CUs

Mon	Skerton (Diana & Sarah F) Wray (Margaret Wright) Halton (Amy) St Tees Pre-School (Jessica) Caton St Paul's (Julie) Christ Church Lanc (Sallie & Lauren)
Tues	Hornby (Jane) West End (Ruth) Grosvenor Park (Diana & John W) Ripley Yr9-11 (Ellie & Becky B)
Wed	Our Lady's CC Yr 7 Drop In (Jonny) Halton Prayer Club (Amy Peatman)
Thu	Caton Community (Suzanne & Julie) Ripley Yr7-8 (Jonny & Ellie) Ridge (LBC & Diana) LRGS (Jonny & staff)
Fri	Trumacar (Diana & Rebecca) LGGS Drop In (Jonny & Debbie)

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