

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 holiday club, JAM club at school and the Christmas puppet shows. 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 –and we don't even have jam sandwiches for snack (we have biscuits instead). It stands for Jesus And Me and that is really important because, yes we learn about the stories Jesus told and go into a lot of detail that helps me understand them better, but we also learn 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. And JAM club teaches other children about this too, and that will help them.

JAM club is fun and we have lots of games and it also gives me space to be myself, ask questions and pray. We learn from each other and the adults set us an example of how to be and how to pray, and I think that is important. 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 also helps learning about the miracles God has done. 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, do different things throughout the year 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