



Exalt His Name Together

Throughout the early chapters of Numbers, God gives instructions to the Israelites about how they are to pack up and move camp when he leads. Each tribe is given very specific tasks, and an order in which to do them. Each does their own job (not everyone else's!) to the best of their ability, and the result is a seamless operation. I'm not sure NISCU North Lancs would be described as seamless, but we have certainly seen this in action. Despite not being able to share any physical space we have enjoyed working closely to 'tell of the Lord's greatness' and 'exalt his name together' (Ps 34:3). We have played to our strengths and learnt new skills along the way, knowing that, whatever our gifts are, they glorify God most when we use them together. **Sarah**



Jonny

In a world of TikTok dance videos and professional YouTubers, a guy in a chicken onesie spouting facts doesn't sound so impressive but it has stuck and become another way to engage children and stir their minds towards Jesus. As ever it is a greater challenge to be original and creative for older students but it has been another reason to join with the wider niscu team, relying on each other for ideas and encouragement. It's awesome to be part of a team where I can step into the role of Area Manager and continue to share God's love and testimonies and silliness.



Debbie

My role has changed a bit this year and now I help the wider NISCU team produce resources for schools. In North Lancs I write the disassembly script each week, take turns editing this with Jonny, sometimes play with puppets and produce 2 activity sheets to go with each disassembly. I am so grateful for all those people praying, knitting, drawing, writing, filming, uploading, web-page making and giving. God loves it when we work together and serve Him.



Diana This year we have all adjusted to working during challenging circumstances. Since September I have been part of the weekly disassemblies and I also made some videos sharing 'Virtuous Verses' linked to these in the weeks after Christmas. I was involved in writing a Key Stage 2 Christmas lesson with Sarah which I really enjoyed, and it was just a shame we couldn't go in to schools and teach it too! I have also taken on a lot of the admin, including keeping track of contact from schools and churches, and



I helped make up 33 of the Easter packs for North Lancs and 40 packs for South Lakes! It was good to pray over the packs and also pray outside the schools as they were delivered.



Sarah

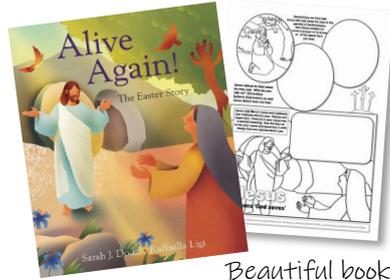
It has been lovely this year to contribute to the work of niscu with plenty of writing! I have written the Easter narratives for our resource pack and prayers/reflections for the disassemblies. I've also enjoyed reading my books aloud on video and editing the illustrations to go with them. It's wonderful to see them going out to so many schools, and hearing the positive responses from teachers. Meanwhile, it has also been great getting to know the LGGS girls in our weekly CU zoom meeting, all of us learning and growing in faith and unity together.



Easter Packs for every school



Knitted donkey, 3 worksheets and a video for aged 4 to 6.



Beautiful book, 2 worksheets and video link for aged 5 to 8.

3 commissioned cartoons by Steve English, stories, worksheets and videos for aged 8 to 11.



37 ladies from a dozen churches knitted over 170 donkeys which were delivered to over 150 schools in the North West to help tell the story of Palm Sunday. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



5 days of reflections from the wider NISCU team

Available to anyone 22nd to 26th March. See link below*



The Cross

Over 30 Disassemblies

Since last March every week the team have provided a video assembly for classrooms and homes. These have had hundreds of views each week. (See below for links to webpage). In the first half term of 2021 we went the extra mile providing a video for every day including **Fun Facts** with Jonny, **Silly Songs** with Debbie and Sheldon the snail, **Virtuous Verses** with Diana and **Simple Stuff** to do with Sarah.



Here Jonny teaches us about Palm trees -(which aren't all trees!) - as a link to Palm Sunday.

Just some of the lovely feedback we have had this term...

"Thank you so much for all your hard work. We are enjoying your assemblies and I'm very grateful for them as it saves me a lot of work!! "

"I'm trying to improve our resources so can't wait for the hand knitted donkey to arrive! Will be great for our teaching on The Triumphal Entry. Bless you and your team for all you are doing/have done and will do."

"Thank you again, all of you for all of your fab resources and hard work in supporting us all. We really appreciate it. Take care."

"I just wanted to say a big thank you. I did the Palm Sunday disassembly day and introduced Duncan the Donkey. He was a big hit! Even our KS2 children fell in love with him and is residing in their classroom. I am looking forward to sharing the lovely book with my class."

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Any cheques sent for North Lancs need to say "NISCU" on the front and "North Lancs" on the back. Thank you very much.

Link to our NISCU Easter resources:

<https://niscu.org.uk/easter-resources-2/>

Link to our North Lancs weekly webpage:

<https://niscu.org.uk/areas/north-lancs/north-lancs-media/>