



Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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“God created cheese!” But “where does evil come from?”

Welcome to the range of comments and questions we get as youth workers as we share Jesus with young people.

We are seeing young people who are open to spirituality and who are curious about what we believe as Christians, but what they know about Jesus can often be shaped more by social media than the Bible and people who follow Him. One young person in my after-school club wanted us to talk about where evil came from, and their answer to the question was that “God created it to keep balance.” Hearing this broke my heart.

I tried my best to explain that the Bible shows God is good, faithful, gracious, kind, and merciful. Despite there being sin and evil in the world, God had a plan before the foundation of the world to rescue us from sin and death through Jesus.

But attempting to explain such a mystery like “why is there evil?” is pretty much impossible - we need our young people to meet Jesus and in Him they will find answers to their questions. I can't describe how much I pray and hope in my heart for young people to see Jesus rightly; to know Him closely and to know they can trust Him.

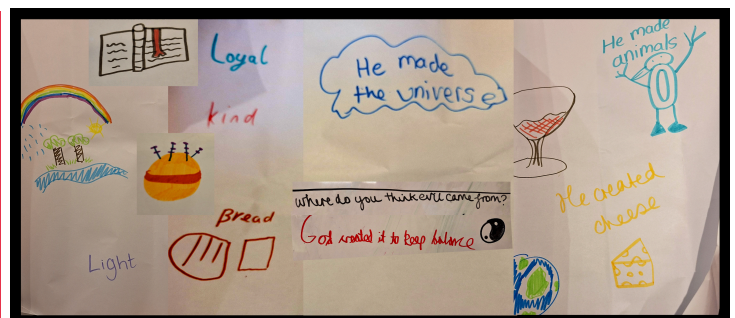
At my lunchtime prayer space in school, I hosted two prayer stations. The first asked the question “What comes to mind when you think of God?” One young person reached for a youth Bible, looked up Isaiah 9:6-7, and wrote “Prince of Peace.”

The second invited young people to write a letter to God and post it anonymously into a mini postbox. I was amazed to see five young people sit down and take time to write a letter. Two of these only usually engage on a surface level, so it was wonderful to see them take this step in talking to God for themselves. More of this please Lord!

Please pray that God will help these young people to see Him rightly, that He will remove the scales from their eyes and pull out any lies in their hearts about Him. That He will help them to wade through the misinformation, see the truth and feel their way towards Him, and that we as youth workers can walk alongside them and guide them along their way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for the young person questioning where evil comes from. That he would have a revelation of the goodness of God.
2. Pray for Rachel and all the youth ministry in Birchwood - for young people to see Jesus rightly and know Him closely.
3. Please pray for our upcoming mission week in March. For open doors in schools and that we'd see many young people at Fuse!



FRIDAY 6TH MARCH, 7-9PM
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We're excited to announce our next schools tour, from 2nd-6th March. We'll be touring the high schools of Warrington, delivering sessions on self-esteem and self-worth, helping young people to see themselves through the eyes of their Creator. The week will culminate with Fuse, an evangelistic gig where young people will hear the gospel and be given the opportunity to respond.

Please share with your churches and youth groups - Fuse is for all high-school age young people and is not to be missed!