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## A Message from Daniel...

I write to you having just finished filming & editing Virtual Mini Mix #37 The Fruits of the Spirit. It's been a strange & unpredictable 18 months that has seen my work change dramatically; from bouncing around in school halls full of children in early 2020, to hardly seeing any young people from one week to the next. That said, more recently, when I have had the opportunity to speak to children and staff in schools, they are always full of excitement and praise for the work that I've been doing.

Less than 2 years ago, the Trustees and I were wrestling with how to grow the ministry with just one 'Daniel' and limited finances. Due to the pandemic I was faced with not being able to visit schools at all, and was forced to completely rethink how the ministry could still be effective.

Not knowing how long restrictions would be in place I started by loading a handful of songs onto YouTube for the children to sing along with in their classroom bubbles. This then led to me filming my first online assembly in May 2020 with some equipment cobbled together at home. Since then we have now produced 37 online assemblies, provided original songs, bible story videos and craft worksheets, completely free of charge, to any person, school or organisation that finds us on the internet. In the past 18 months **we have been viewed over 18,000 times!** and we are continuing to produce 10 online assemblies each term. This has allowed us to cover lots of bible stories and themes that were simply not possible when I only had capacity to visit each school once a month. The children now get the opportunity to hear the good news 30+ times a year at a time convenient to the teachers within their own classroom or at home. Moving online has meant that the ministry is growing and reaching more young people than we ever dreamed possible. It also has the capacity to grow exponentially as the internet is available in most classrooms throughout the country, and even the world!

Towards the end of the summer term we asked the schools for their thoughts about what they would like this term. We had a mixed response with some school wanting face to face assemblies, some wanting to remain online, and some asking about a mixture of the two.

Having discussed the different options with the Trustees, we realised that as well as all of the unknowns around the pandemic, we wouldn't be able to visit all of the schools because of a shortage of 'Daniel', and that it would also mean that we would be back to only once a month visits. Subsequently, we decided that remaining online was currently the best decision and that we would review it again in the new year.

I always hoped and prayed that my ministry would be far reaching & produce much fruit, and although I couldn't have predicted the direction it has taken, I thank God that I have been able to share the Good News with so many young people, and support schools through the use of the internet and using the gifts and talents He has given me.

We now face the challenge of continuing to grow the ministry, reaching more young people with Jesus' love, and pray for your continued prayerful and financial support.

Thank you and blessings,

Daniel x

### Virtual Mini Mix Themes - Autumn 2021

No.	Theme / Title	Bible Reference	Release Date
36	Thankfulness – 10 Lepers	Luke 17 : 11 - 19	15th Sept
37	Fruits of the Spirit	Galatians 5 : 22 - 23	23rd Sept
38	Harvest – Parable of the Sower	Mark 4 : 1 - 20	30th Sept
39	Good Samaritan	Luke 10 : 25 - 37	7th Oct
40	All Saints Day (Light) – Salt & Light	Matthew 5 : 13 - 16	14th Oct
41	Remembrance – The Beatitudes	Matthew 5 : 1 - 11	11th Nov
42	The Lost Sheep	Luke 15 : 1 - 7	18th Nov
43	Advent – The Great Banquet	Luke 14 : 15 - 24	25th Nov
44	Christingle – Light in the Darkness	John 1 : 5 - 9	2nd Dec
45	Christmas Special	Luke 2 : 1 - 7	9th Dec

## VYM Mission Statement

**“Working with young people to help them realise that God loves each one of them.”**