

## Unleashed Special Edition Newsflash !!

The children and young people who attended Unleashed from the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 wrote their personal stories: like a testimony including their thoughts about God and themselves in their lives 😊

Isn't it amazing if we return to the simplicity of children's thoughts how we could start to write our own personal testimonies?

We have not included names for confidentiality reasons.

This is my story.

I am.....

and I am wonderfully made

God is with me all the time,

but I notice God's presence most when I am....

Or when I am...

Loving and caring	kind and funny
Smart and happy	caring and loving
Weird and sporty	smart and cute
Kind and loving and loyal	funny and kind
A girl and I love animals	Quirky, creative and caring

Alone	At the cinema
Hugging someone	Helping people
Calm	With my friends
Performing in a show	In church
Praying to him and maybe Jesus too	Feeling calm
Out walking	Thanking him, praying
At peace	Competing
Calm	Reading the Bible
Relaxed	Alone
In church	Sad

Sometimes life gets in the way of me noticing God, because...

I may be busy	I love him
I am busy doing things like swimming	A loved one has passed away
People are annoying me!	When I am scared
Some time I get worried	He might still be exhausted!
We have too many things to do	I feel cross

...But even when I don't notice, God is with me and God is...

All loving and all caring	There and beautiful
Holy and peaceful	Everywhere and he loves me
Loving and kind	Kind and helpful      Kind and understanding
King and loving	Caring and loving
Seeing me as I am and still loving me	

Today, here in worship, God is telling me:

That he is supporting me	He loves everyone	To love everyone
To not worry so I can live life and enjoy my time	To believe in myself and friends too	
Well done at swimming you did so well	to have fun	to give what I have
Don't worry it is going to be ok	"You are special"	
Come with me my child you can trust me		

The children were asked to think of words that Jesus would use to describe them

This is a word cloud of their answers



These are some words that the children were asked to describe Jesus



The children were asked to think of a time when it can be difficult to meet with Jesus in everyday life, and reasons why it might be difficult.

Because I'm busy	
Because people are busy and don't have time for things	
Because some times I can be worried	When a loved one passes away
Because people are annoying	When I am scared
I don't know	I need to focus and not let things distract
Because I'm distracted	Sometimes I feel cross and that makes it hard

The last question was, remembering the voice of Jesus: what is Jesus saying to you today?

Don't worry!	"You are special"
Don't worry it is going to be ok	Love everyone
He was (is) supporting me	Have fun
Don't worry about a thing	Love yourself and he loves all of us
Well done for swimming!	Be still and know that I am God.