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What's Your Talent? - The Parable of the Talents

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VYM Mission Statement

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



## A Message from Daniel

As some of you will know, I'd been wrestling with whether to go back to monthly face to face visits, or carry on producing online videos. But going back to only having monthly contact with a limited number of schools didn't really seem right. Schools and churches across the UK (and abroad) have been able to access the VYM resources on YouTube, and this has given us a real opportunity for the ministry to continue to grow in a way we never expected! ***So what should we do for the future?***

I decided to carry out a trial, a kind of hybrid model of doing some online videos and mixing that with some face to face visits.

In the first half of this term I continued making online content, including full length assemblies, short animated bible stories, bible quizzes and songs. Then during the main Virtual MiniMix assemblies I asked the children to send me a message if they'd like me to visit their school to do a "LIVE" MiniMix. I received messages from several schools and then arranged to visit them after half term.

### ***So what happened when I arrived at the first school?***

I've got to be honest, I was a little bit nervous as I hadn't done a live school assembly in over 2 years! My nerves soon disappeared as the children were so pleased to see me! The children in reception and year 1 classes had never actually met me in person before, and the older children that had, hadn't seen me for over 2 years. They were all so excited that I felt a bit like a celebrity! Some of the children found it hard to believe that I was actually real and that I'd come to their school, as they were so used to only seeing me on the big screen.

Several of the teachers and staff had changed over the past 2 years, and although I didn't recognise them, they knew exactly who I was, which was a little bit strange to say the least!

It quickly became clear the online videos had made a huge impact, as the children listened intently, engaged in the theme of talents and then sang so beautifully to the songs. I was humbled!

Over the next couple of weeks the excitement continued as I visited the other 9 schools that I'd been invited to.

I would never have dreamed that my ministry would look the way it does today. Clearly the pandemic was not of God's doing, but I believe that God equips us in whatever situation we find ourselves in, so that we can make the best of it, and with His help we often find that what we've achieved is far greater than we ever thought possible.

So what's next? Well I'd like to think that we will be able to continue making online videos whilst doing some face to face visits. And according to my boys, I need to start using 'Tik Tok' whatever that is? and start making really short videos, perhaps '60 second bible stories'?

I'll let you know how I get on! Blessings, Daniel :)

## A Message from the Treasurer

You may recall that Kate (our Chairperson) wrote in the spring newsletter how it's important that the resources the ministry produce are free to use by schools, children's clubs, and online by parents and grandparents via our YouTube channel. But in order for this free service to continue we need more sponsorship. We find ourselves in the difficult position where Daniel's workload is increasing, but due to lack of funding the work the ministry is doing will have to reduce at the start of 2023. If you can help and would like to support the ministry, then please download a sponsorship form from our website [www.vym.org.uk](http://www.vym.org.uk) and if you are a taxpayer please complete the Gift Aid form and return it to us. You can sponsor as little or as much as you want, monthly, yearly or a one off gift. We even have a 'Donate' button on our website where you can make a payment using Paypal. So if you are a parent or grandparent, aunty or friend wanting to see young people receive the gospel message in a fun and easy to understand way then please support us.

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Thank you, Richard.