

MINE YOUTH FAMILIES GETAWAY

NOVEMBER 2019



WHAT

A two night retreat

WHERE

The Emmaus Youth Village, County Durham

WHO

Families from Byker and MINE Youth team
13 adults and 10 children



ST SILAS' CLUB

In March 2018 we launched a new club at St Silas' Church, creatively named "St Silas' Club". Our hope was to provide a space where families from Byker, not just children, could have a safe space, to relax, spend time together, do some craft, share some stories (life stories and Bible stories) and, of course, eat. A number of families have made this their weekly Wednesday afternoon home and it has been wonderful to get to know them more.

TIME TO GET AWAY

These families expressed an interest in going away together, in particular motivated by the fact that existing youth work residentials only really cater for children over 8 who are confident to go away from home for a few nights. We were able to book a half term retreat with financial help from the Mothers' Union and a couple of nearby churches. The photos, quotes and captions below should give a good picture of how the retreat went.



1 We took the opportunity of being close to Beamish Museum to have an excellent day out



2 We made the most of one of the parents being a Beavers' leader with an extensive knowledge of parachute games



3 Each day we had some family challenges, fun competitions for all ages



4 And of course, as with all good retreats, there was plenty of time to relax, chat, eat (amazing food), and play board games

"Thank you for the two days away, I loved every minute of it! It was just a nice group. It was lovely. We need to do it again - I would definitely go again. The people in that place, they were outstanding" – Shelly

"It was enjoyable, peaceful, (everybody got to sleep!), would definitely go again." - Scott