

# Austria

"I only have one saviour," my little neighbour, Shayla, randomly comments to me. "My saviour is Allah," she adds proudly. I think for a moment and then answer: "I also have only one Saviour and that is Jesus." Questioningly, Shayla looks up, "Who is Jesus?" And so a long conversation follows about who Jesus is.

Many children have migrated from Muslim-majority nations to live in Austria. Many of them have had traumatic experiences in their home countries and during their journey. They often do not fit into the school system and have had few educational opportunities. But they love it when someone takes time to get to know

them and play games with them. In the process, they always ask questions about what Christians believe and love to talk about God.

Shayla and many other Muslim children think about God and about their Muslim faith. "Praying is so exhausting," says one girl, for example. "You always have to wash, change and say the right thing and I don't even know what to say. How do you pray?" she asked a co-worker who follows Jesus. It is incredible to see the hunger with which the children listen to the stories of Jesus and how they want to know more about who Jesus is and how He loves them.

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*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—*  
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JOHN 1:12

## *How can we pray?*

**Pray for refugee children in Austria to recover from their trauma, and find peace and security in their new home.**

**Pray for them to have the resources they need to learn new languages, cultures and ideas, and for those who work with them to have patience and compassion.**

**Pray for refugee families to find Jesus as their Saviour.**