

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

'Baby Thanksgiving'

1. What is your earliest memory?
2. What do you think was the most interesting/challenging thing Rich said? Why?
3. Read **Matthew 18v1-6**
 - a) Why do you think Jesus used a little child as an example of 'greatness'?
 - b) What qualities does Jesus especially refer to in little children?
 - c) What do you think Jesus means by telling us to 'change' and become like little children?
 - d) In what specific ways do you think you personally need to 'change' and learn from Jesus' message here?
 - e) What specifically would child-like humility look like in your life? (Think especially about your family, work, church and friends.)
4. In verse 5 Jesus says '*whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me*'.
 - a) What do you think Jesus means by this?
 - b) In what practical ways can you show Jesus' love and care towards children?
 - c) Are there specific children you regularly pray for or serve? What would you like God to do for them?
 - d) How can you help parents of young children? Are there practical things you could offer to do?
 - e) Why do you think Jesus is so strongly outspoken against people who leave children to sin in verse 6? What does this tell you about Jesus and about children?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Isaiah 7v10-17**

This was written about 700BC - Israel has split into two rival nations; 'Judah' in the south and 'Israel' in the north. God is challenging King Ahaz to trust him to save Israel from the kings of Aram and Israel.

- a) Why do you think that Isaiah is frustrated by Ahaz's refusal to ask for a sign?
- b) What sign does Isaiah prophesy?

Part of this prophesy is about the birth of a child in the next few years and part of it is about the birth of Jesus in 700 year's time.

- c) Which parts of the prophecy sound like they are about Jesus? Which sound like they are not?
- d) Why do you think that these two births are mixed together in this prophesy?
- e) What does the name 'Immanuel' mean?
- f) What do you think the meaning of the name Immanuel means for your life?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please pray for the **October Alpha Course**, invite people you know and pray for salvation. Pray for a good turnout at the introductory meal on the **7th October**.

Please pray for the **Gift Day** on **Sunday 14th October**. Ask God to speak to you about how much to give and pray that we will reach our target of £30,000.

Please use your **prayer card** and pray into the things highlighted for this Sunday. Why not use the card to pray through the week again? Keep it and continue to use it in your prayer for the church.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

The **Alpha Meal** is on **Sunday 7th October, 7pm** at Prezzo in Lewes. If you would like to come on Alpha or know someone who is coming to the meal, please book in via the website, the church office or speak to Jeff.

We are having a **Gift Day** on **Sunday 14th October**. Please prayerfully consider how much you can give.

Guest speaker Nigel Dutton will be preaching here on **Sunday 21st October**. Don't miss it!

Quiz Night is on **Saturday 17th November** at **7.15pm**. Tickets will be available soon.

Exploring Membership Day is on **Saturday 24th November** from **9.30am-5pm**. This is a day to help you find out more about King's Church, chat to the leaders and get to know others who are new here. The day includes lunch and refreshments. Please speak to Rich, Chris or contact the office for more details and to book a place.