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Go Deep  
80's Retro Movie Wisdom  
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*As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?  
Do you remember a time when you were too young or small to do something?  
Do you ever wish you were a kid again? Why or why not?*

In Jesus' day, kids had no rights and were considered unfinished human beings. At 7 years old they were no longer considered innocent. Fathers had the right to abandon newborn babies. Kids were at the bottom of the social ladder. This is the context for this story:

**Read Mark 10:13-16**

Why would Jesus say we need to become someone society deems as having little importance? What qualities does a child have that God values?

**Read Ephesians 5:1-2**

Kids are the best imitators. Psychologist, Albert Bandura, said, "Most human behavior is learned observationally through modeling others."

*What kind of behavior/attitudes are kids in our society learning from us?  
As children of God, what behavior/attitudes of God should we be mimicking?  
Studies are finding hate, discrimination, and prejudice toward outsiders are attitudes we are taught. Do you agree or disagree?*

**Read Matthew 18:1-7**

*Where in your life do you try to come across as important? What would it look like if we followed Jesus' words in Matthew?*

One of the harshest judgements Jesus ever gave is toward those who mistreat kids.  
*Where in our society are we mistreating or ignoring kids?*

**Read Luke 9:46-48**

Every time we spend time loving and caring for children, we are loving and caring for Jesus. Does that mean every time we mistreat and ignore a child, we mistreat and ignore Jesus?

Our Kids Venue has many opportunities for you to love kids! Contact Whitney Esquibel for more info - whitneyesquibel@thevenues.org

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:27**

In Jesus' treatment of kids, women, lepers, and sinners he challenged people to change how they think about who has power and importance in our world.

*Who does our society say has influence and importance? Who does our society say has little importance?  
Would Jesus flip scales?*

What are some values and attitudes kids have that we need to go back to as adults in order to enter the kingdom? In what ways do we need to act childish?

What is one thing you will do today to be childish? To show humility? To ask questions? To experience wonder like a child?

Prayer: God, thank you for loving us as your children. Help us imitate you by showing love to others. Show us the kids in our community who need our love and care, for by loving them we are loving Christ. Amen.