



DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN LIFE, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY. 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

We're so pleased to have your young disciples joining us!

Here's a little about what to expect from Sunday youth work at King's.

**Rooted - School Years 6-9
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month**



CHECK IN & REGISTRATION 10-10.30am

When you arrive at King's on a Sunday morning, head to the Kids' Registration Desk at the back of church. If you've never registered before, the Kids' Registration Leader will ask you to complete a form on the tablet.

Once you have registered, all under 18s will need to be **checked in** on a laptop before the service starts. Our Rooted group are welcome to check themselves in and don't require a sticker.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Please ensure that you have spoken to the Kids' Registration leader, and filled in the registration form - in detail - about any additional needs your child may have. It may be deemed that the team is unable to accommodate those needs on that day and that a conversation with our Children's Worker (Kate), to create an Action Plan, is needed before they come along to group. We're sorry about this, but it will mean that your child will need to stay in the main service for that day, or it may be possible that they can join the group with you providing support.

Check-in closes by 10.30am.

Once the children's groups have been sent out, we will not be able to add any more children into the groups, and they will need to remain in the service with their adult.

Please encourage children not to run around whilst hot drinks are being served (there's more freedom to run and play at the end of the service!)



Please can we have no food sent into groups, you are welcome to send a bottle of drink but no energy/fizzy drinks or milk based drinks please, due to allergies.

BEFORE HEADING TO ROOTED



On the 2nd & 4th Sundays, our Rooted group will stay in the service right up until the preach, before heading out to their group. On the Sundays in-between, Rooted young people will stay in the main church for the whole of the service, this is to help their transition into main service beyond Year 9.

We encourage Rooted Young people to sit together on the 'Rooted Row' while in the main service, if they'd like to. There are notepads available to help concentration and engagement. Whilst in the main service, the Rooted Leaders are not responsible for your young people so please do sit near the Rooted Row. All parents & carers are encouraged to help the Rooted group to feel welcomed, cared for and to engage with the service. Please do encourage the young people to join in with worship as much as possible by putting phones away and engaging with the songs.

YOUNG LEADERS

Some young people will be invited to be Young Leaders, this will mean that they can serve on Sunday morning teams. They will only be able to be out of the main service, serving in younger kids' groups, once a month (the rota will be emailed and is on the registration table). They are taking on the responsibility to help where needed, to sign themselves in as leaders, to wear a Kids' Team t-shirt/ Young Leader lanyard and to lead by example. Not all young people will be young leaders (mostly because there are only a small number of extra helpers needed). Young people are welcome to speak to Abby/ Kate about this.

Year 5s will be invited up to Rooted at the end of the school year and celebrated by the rest of the church!

ROOTED SESSIONS

In Rooted, we have fun and make space to develop personal faiths that are deeply rooted in the truths that God speaks over each and every one of us.

We delve into meaty topics such as Evangelism, Apologetics, Emotionally Healthy Living etc. We explore these through discussion & bible study, finishing off by making time for prayer & creative responses. We aim to build relationship which will support each young person's journey of faith.

HEADING TO ROOTED

Just before the main talk begins, our Rooted Leaders will gather the group to head up to the Youth Room for the remainder of the service. The group will return to the main church at around midday and make their way back to you/ the Rooted Row.

Our Youth Worker, Abby, will aim to keep up regular communications with you and will often send you session topics and conversation starter prompts - as you head off from church/ around the lunch table, do ask your young people about their Rooted session, about what they learnt/ experienced of God, you can use Abby's emails to help!

OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

- We will provide a safe space where you feel welcome, comfortable and free to be yourself and share openly without fear of judgement or disapproval.
- We will listen with care and empathy to you.
- Provide quality teaching that points towards the cross, God's grace and relationship with Jesus.
- We will encourage you, pray for you and point you towards Jesus through each conversation.
- We will have fun, be joyful and celebrate each others unique God given talents



COMMITMENTS WE ASK OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

1. Arrive to Rooted with a great attitude, ready to engage, share, be curious and encourage one another.
2. Put phones away in the phone storage hanger as well as any sweets, snacks or fizzy/energy/sport drinks that you have brought with you.
3. Listen to the leaders. They are there to support you, listen to you and keep you safe. Not listening to an instruction a leader gives you will result in a strike.
4. Ask questions, be curious. We are here to help you with your faith and we would love to answer your questions and help you work out for yourself what you believe.
5. Be tidy, clear up after yourselves. Rubbish goes in the bin, craft supplies back in the cupboard
6. Be kind to one another with your words and actions. We are all human and can all feel hurt by unkind words, comments and actions.

COMMITMENTS WE ASK OF CARE-GIVERS

1. To support and reinforce the youth behaviour policy
2. Ensure that your young person is signed in for Rooted in a timely manner before the Sunday service starts.
3. To make sure that your young person is sticking to their serving/Rooted rota. This is to give the Young People an all-encompassing experience of church, of serving, Rooted and being in with the rest of the church family for the full service.
4. To encourage young people to sit together on the Rooted Row, encouraging them to engage.
5. To let the youth team know if there are any ongoing issues that may be affecting your young person's behaviour or attitude so that we best know, as a youth team, how to support them and come round them to encourage, understand and raise up.

BEHAVIOUR PLAN

We will constantly praise good effort & behaviour, but if young people aren't able to uphold the commitments, our policy is that they will have three strikes before they are sent back into the main service to sit with care-givers (Registration Team leaders may assist with this transition or ask you to come and assist).

Care-givers will then be contacted to discuss the best plan of action moving forward.

Usually, it will be that the young person has a fresh start at the next Rooted session, but if issues persist, the young person will need to miss a week of Rooted before trying again. An action plan will be created and the young person's care-giver will need to accompany them on their first visit back. If behaviour doesn't improve, it may be that the young person is unable to attend Rooted.

Obviously, we want to avoid this at all costs, but it is important to protect our volunteer team and the experience for other children within the group.

BEYOND SUNDAYS

Speak to our youth worker Abby Cole, email youth@thekings.church or visit thekings.church/youth to find out about Friday night Eden Youth group, Monday evening Go Deeper sessions, Youth Band, Youth Socials our Summer visit to Satellites Festival and our Raising Faith sessions, for those building faith in our young people.

