



JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE."

MATTHEW 19:14

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

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

Pebbles - 1-4 Year Olds

Groundbreakers - School years 1-5



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. Groundbreakers and Pebbles children will need stickers printed. Hold onto these until later in the service - please don't put these on your children at this point, for safeguarding purposes, we wouldn't want the whole congregation to be able to see your children's names!

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 labelled bottle of drink but no milk please, due to allergies.



BEFORE HEADING TO GROUPS



Groundbreakers & Pebbles stay in the church during the first slot of worship. Please ensure that your children have been to the toilet by this point to save our leaders having to take them.

Please do help your children to engage in worship in whichever way they feel comfortable e.g. using the carpeted spaces to move their bodies, using a scarf etc. Our Kids' team are not responsible for your children during this time of worship and you will need to stay close to them, worshipping with them.

HEADING OUT TO GROUPS

The worship leader will encourage adults to bring children onto the carpet at the front to be prayed for before they head out. This is the time to put stickers onto your children's backs (to stop them fiddling with and losing their stickers). Keep hold of your sticker. **Pebbles** children will need to be walked around to their room in the King's Centre (follow the leaders in the Yellow t-shirts, towards the toilets). Please feel free to settle your children as best as you can, but also to leave them in the capable care of the leaders, who will call for you (via the Kids' Registration leader) if there are any problems. If you feel the need to stay with your child for the first 2 sessions, that's fine, but by the 3rd session, they will need to try being left, as we have found that this is often the only way that they will be comfortable with being in the group.

Groundbreakers children need to be handed over to the leaders at the Groundbreakers Collection & Pickup Point along the right-hand wall (near to the door which leads through to the toilets & children's groups rooms), they will line up quietly and be led out by their leaders.

GROUNDBREAKERS

In Groundbreakers, children are broken into groups (usually Infants & Juniors) where we work through some team activities, worship time, memory verse learning & bible reading, a main message (usually accompanied by some video content) followed by some response time - usually based around discussion questions, soaking, prayer time or hands-on responses.

We believe that there is no junior Jesus, or baby Holy Spirit and are passionate about providing our primary aged children foundational discipleship opportunities, to help our kids to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus; facilitate their own, tangible, experiences of the Holy Spirit and to develop a deep knowledge of who they are and how they are found in their loving, Father God

PEBBLES

In Pebbles, we start with lots of free play before moving onto a short Bible Story Time with our hand puppet - Jack the dog. This is really interactive, accessible and based around repetition and song. We often have some time for craft/ colouring before finishing with some fun worship.

GROUNDBREAKERS BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Rewards - At the end of each session, one or two people per team can be nominated by the leader (or by others in the group) to win a ping-pong ball if they have stuck to the rules. We work towards filling our pot with ping-pong balls to earn a Groundbreakers Party at the end of the term!

GROUNDBREAKERS RULES:

LISTEN
BE KIND & HONEST
HELP
JOIN IN
HAVE FUN!

Groundbreakers behaviour plan

BEHAVIOUR PLAN

We will constantly praise good effort & behaviour, remind children that we are looking out to see who should win a ping pong ball.

1st stage: Verbal warning - we will remind children that they need to be obeying the rules. Talking calmly to them and physically getting down to their level. We will sit close to the child in question (move them/ ourselves). We will separate any children who are not concentrating well together.

2nd stage: If children continue to be unable to meet the expected rules, we will tell the child that they will need to sit out for 5 minutes and will not be in with a chance of winning a ping pong ball, unless they turn their behaviour around.

3rd stage: The child will need to return to sit with their adult in the main service, for the remainder of the morning. The Kids' Registration leader will ask the adult to come to the Groundbreakers room to collect the child and return them to the main church.

Any subsequent Sunday is a fresh start and they are welcome to come back and try again, but if there is repeat behaviour, they will have to spend one week with their adult in the main church before they can return to Groundbreakers. Our Children's Pastor, Kate, will contact the adult to work out the best plan for success.

4th stage As above, if there are behaviour issues on two visits to GB, the child will spend a week in the main church with their adult, before returning to try again - their adult will need to stay with them on their first visit back. If their behaviour continues to be unsatisfactory, Kate will meet again with the adults, but it may be that the child is unable to come to Groundbreakers anymore.

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.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD

Around midday, a reminder will track along the main screen asking parents & carers to collect Pebbles children from their room in the King's Centre. Around this time, the Groundbreakers group will be brought back into the main church, to be sat along the wall by their Pick-up Point. Please take your sticker with you, the leader will check the numbers on the stickers match, to ensure that children go home with the correct adult, and remove the child's sticker before releasing them back to you. Leaders will also take this opportunity to let you know how the session has been and communicate any praise points or any concerns. Sometimes, your child will come home with a take-home sheet/ activity sheet - as you head off from church/ around the lunch table, do ask them about their session, about what they learnt/ experienced of God, you can use these sheets to help with this!

UNDER ONES

We want parents, and little ones, to feel comfortable at King's! There is a sofa area at the back of church, with a trunk full of toys to help keep your little one entertained throughout the service. We also aim to stream the service, with some comfortable seats & toys, in the lobby area by the toilets, for anyone needing some separate space.

HELPING WITH KIDS' WORK

Our Kids' work is only able to run thanks to our amazing team of volunteers. Once you have embedded here at King's, we would really appreciate you considering a team you could serve on during Sunday mornings to help our meetings to run smoothly. Please talk to Kate or the Kids' Registration leader about helping on Kids' teams. This will require a DBS check & some training.

DURING THE WEEK

Visit thekings.church to find out about our Tiny Treasures, Prayer & Play (Under 5s) & King's Kids (Primary School) groups, our various Youth activities and our Raising Faith sessions for those building faith in our kids.