

## WEEK 2 - KIDS ROOM

### SERIES BIG IDEA

God's wisdom, understanding, and knowledge can help us build rare and beautiful relationships.

### MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Understanding children can equip us to help them become all God created them to be.

### SCRIPTURE: PROVERBS 22:6, MARK 9:35-37

### ICEBREAKER

Use this time to get everyone comfortable with the topic, and ease into discussing our own lives.

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

This is a good time to allow people to share whatever they've noticed. Make sure you share some 'obvious' things, so people know they aren't expected to come up with new and life-altering truths every time.

Make sure to point out the radical nature of Jesus' welcome to children. We glorify childhood so much that it's difficult for us to imagine a society that didn't value children, but that's the reality of Jesus' time period. If Jesus' welcome was meant to be radical, where else could we emulate him?

This section transitions into talking about how childhood is a threshold place where some of us can feel very supported and others of us were left feeling very lonely and disconnected. Be ready for both experiences to be expressed in your group.

### LIFE APPLICATION

Allow your group to be as open and vulnerable as they'd like to be. In some cases that might mean showing vulnerability yourself by acknowledging your own struggles in feeling embraced or understood by adults. Childhood and teen years can be a source of painful memories for decades to come, some of that might be expressed in your group.

Encourage your group to think through each of their own giftings, experiences, and life choices to talk about what they offer. Remind them that every person has something of value to affirm in the children around them.

### CHALLENGE

Help everyone walk out of your small group with one or two concrete steps they could take this week. If everyone is comfortable with it, you could write down their steps to hold them accountable to their commitments next group meeting.