## **Message Outline**

CP the Sequel: Kiddy Kingdom
Matthew 18:1-4

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**Intro:** Rebranding roller coasters with Bible characters...

- Best Day experience...Kiddy Kingdom!
- God's Kingdom is a Kiddy Kingdom...

**v.1**—Disciples wanting a ranking...greatness in God's Kingdom.

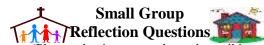
**v.2-4**—Jesus response: God's Kingdom is a Kiddy Kingdom, and true greatness begins with humbleness!

• Learning from little ones...



## **Baby Steps to Becoming Like Children**

- a) Not childish in our \_\_\_\_\_
  - Using minds to serve our Maker (cf. 1Cor.14:20, Mt.10:16).
- b) Not childish in our \_\_\_\_\_
  - Growing and going to maturity in our faith (cf. 1Cor.3:1-4, Heb.5:11-14).
- 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ v.2a
- God initiated the relationship (Jn.6:44, 1Jn.4:19, Lk.19:10, Ezek.34:11-12).
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_v.2b
  - Part of responding is posturing... "in the midst." (cf. Mt.16:16-19, Ezek.34:11-15).
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_v.3a
  - Turning in the form of repenting (cf. Mt.4:17, Lk.13:3, 15:10, Acts 3:19).
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_ v.3a
  - John 3 and becoming childlike...
    - v.1-2: Not in religion or right talk...
    - v.3: The need for new birth...
    - v.4-8: Holy Spirit's work in conceiving new life (cf. Jn.7:37-39).
    - v.9-16: We become children of God when we come to God's Son! (cf. Gal.3:26, Jn.1:12-13).



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Acts 4

\*What do you observe about the early church in Acts?

\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?

\*Since we are all adults now, what do you miss most about being a kid? Why do you think Jesus said we should be like a child?

\*Jesus pointed to a child as an illustration of His Kingdom. Can you think of a time when someone compared you to someone else that was positive? What about when someone compared you to someone else that was negative?

\*Share your "baby steps to belief." In other words, when did God become real to you?

\*In what ways do you think you should be more "childlike" in your faith?

\*Can you think of a time a child made you think more clearly about God or His Kingdom?

\*When we think of someone who is humble, what comes to mind?