

Connecting the Sunday Sparkle at Hearsall Baptist with the Daily Dust of Life

Welcome

- Before you could walk, were you a bottom-shuffler or a crawler?
- Does this say anything about your approach to spirituality today?

Worship

- Read Psalm 131.
- Have a time of stillness, as you each open your heart up to God.

Word

Read Mark 10: 13 - 16

- What motivated the parents to bring their children to Jesus? What were they expecting?
- How does Jesus feel about children being hindered from coming to him?
- We can only enter God's Kingdom by becoming like a little child. What features of little children do you think Jesus had in mind? As you consider possible answers, try to whittle them down to one or two key ideas.
- Now work out in some detail how these ideas apply to you personally.
- How do you feel about being compared to a little child? Is this something part of you longs for? If so, try and put into words what it is about childlikeness that draws you.
- As you look at verse 16, consider the implications for society of this verse not being followed today.

Response

- This week notice times when God is inviting you to be more like a child. In the Examen prayer, you could particularly thank God for those moments, and seek to look out for them more carefully the next day. Is God, perhaps, inviting you to be more playful, more open or more creative?