

# HOLLY

FAMILIES

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens.  
You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength,  
silencing your enemies and all who oppose you.

Psalm 8:2

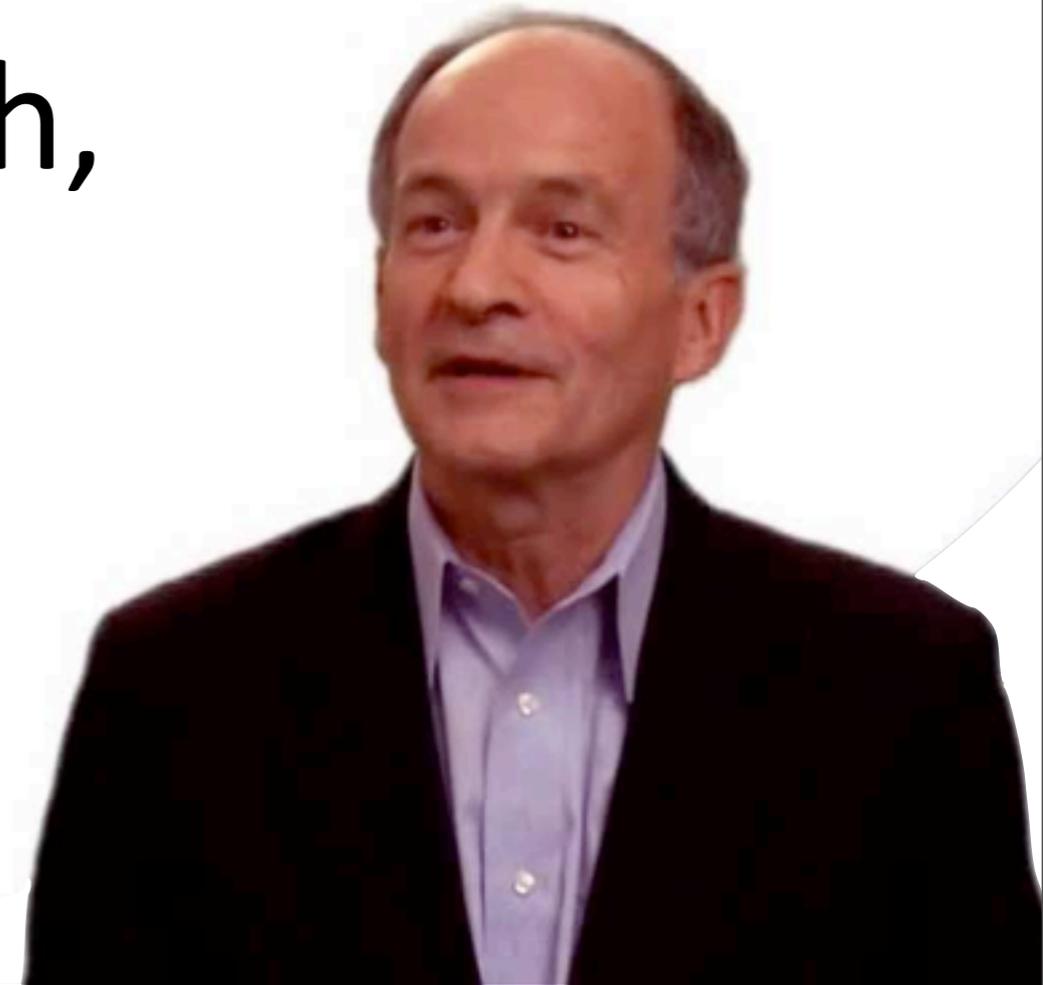
People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them.

But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Luke 18:15-17

Many children and young  
people today have  
everything to live with,  
but nothing to live for.



The 4/14 window, Luis Bush

Everything is formative,  
Nothing is lost.



Rob Parsons, Care for the Family

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**We need to recognise and embrace that all of life is spiritual, and let our children see that.**

‘Too often people think about their spiritual lives as just one more aspect of their existence, alongside and largely separate from their financial lives or their vocational lives...’

‘The truth is that the term spiritual life is simply a way of referring to one’s life – every moment and facet of it – from God’s perspective.’



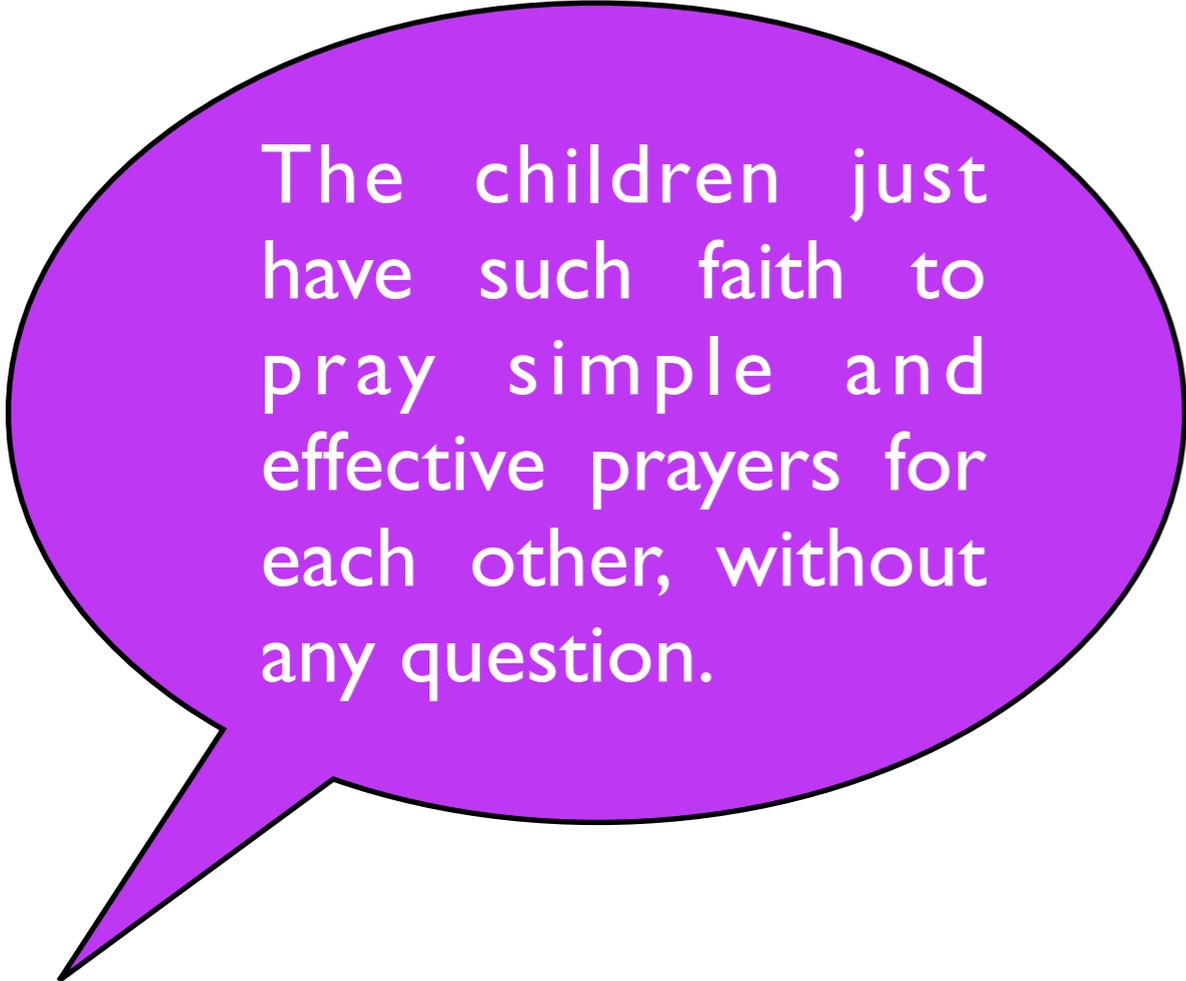
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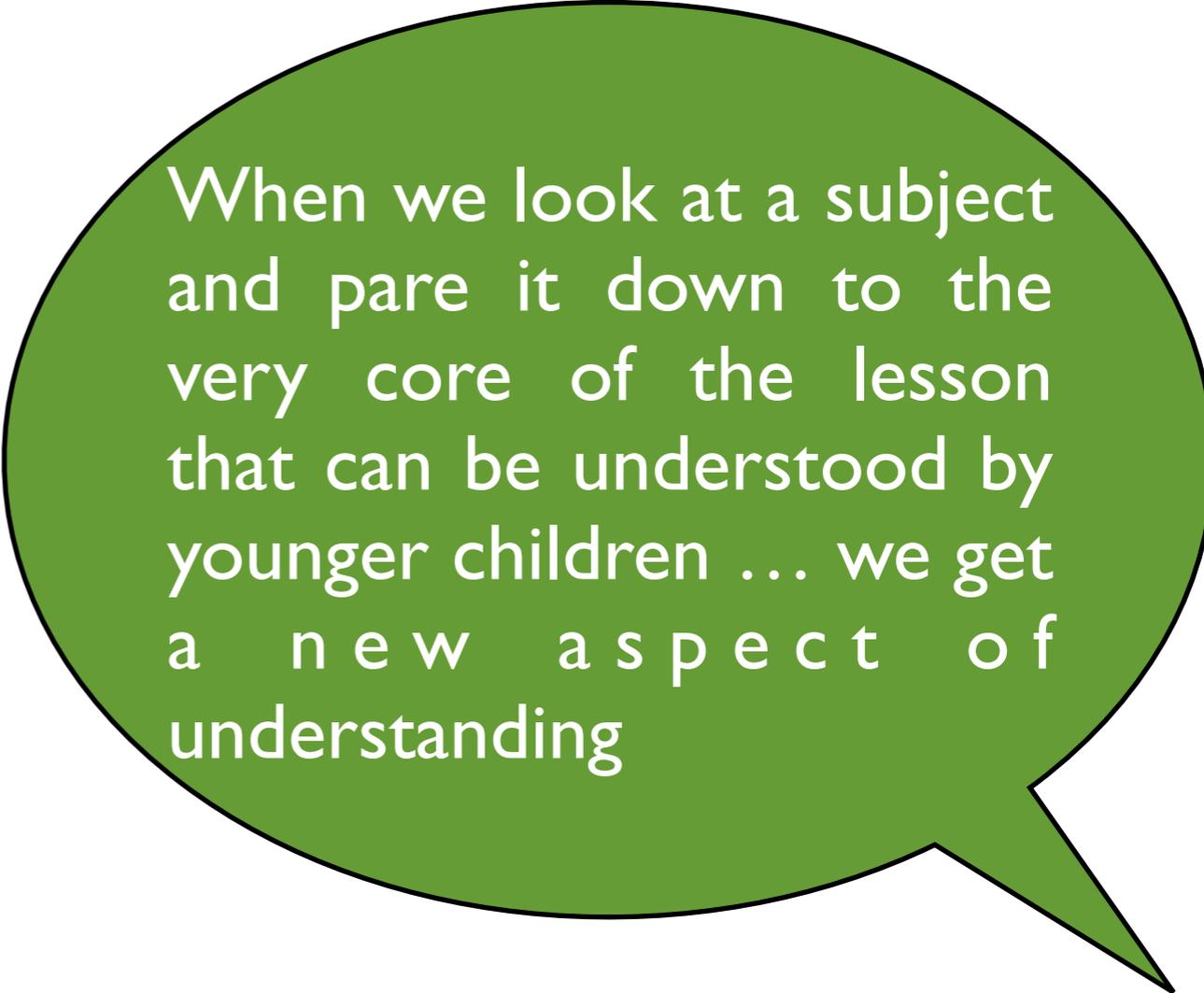
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**We need to ensure that they have a great experience on Sundays, because their experience of church matters to us.**

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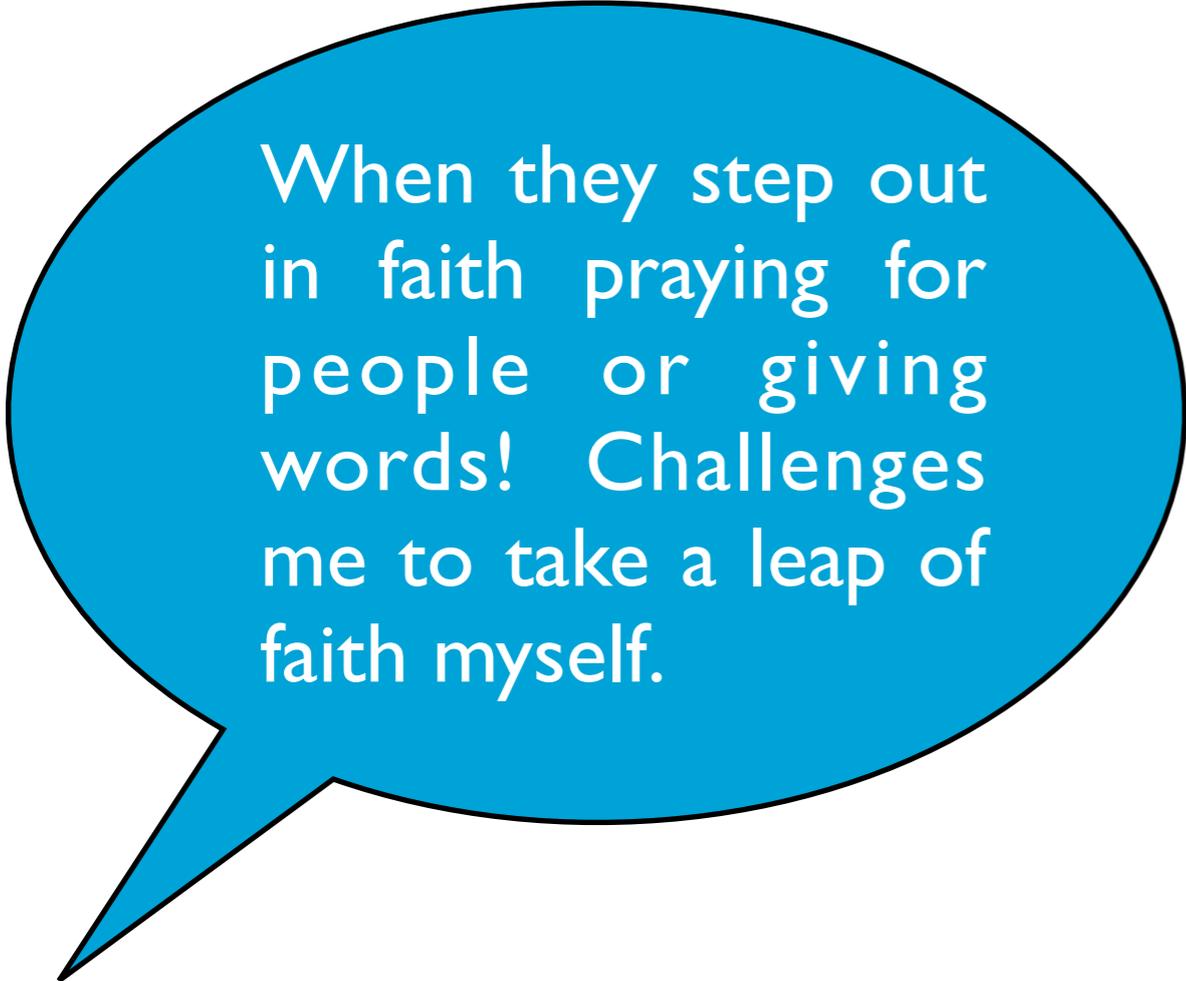
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The children just have such faith to pray simple and effective prayers for each other, without any question.

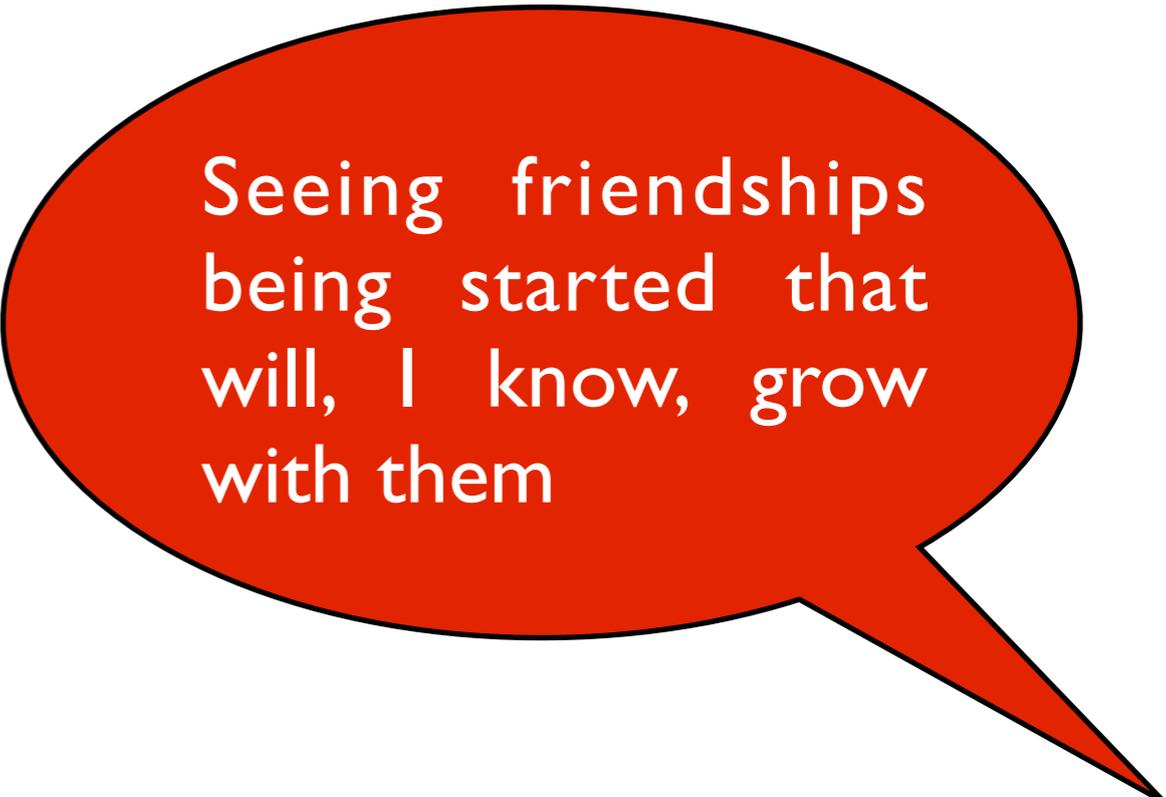
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When we look at a subject and pare it down to the very core of the lesson that can be understood by younger children ... we get a new aspect of understanding

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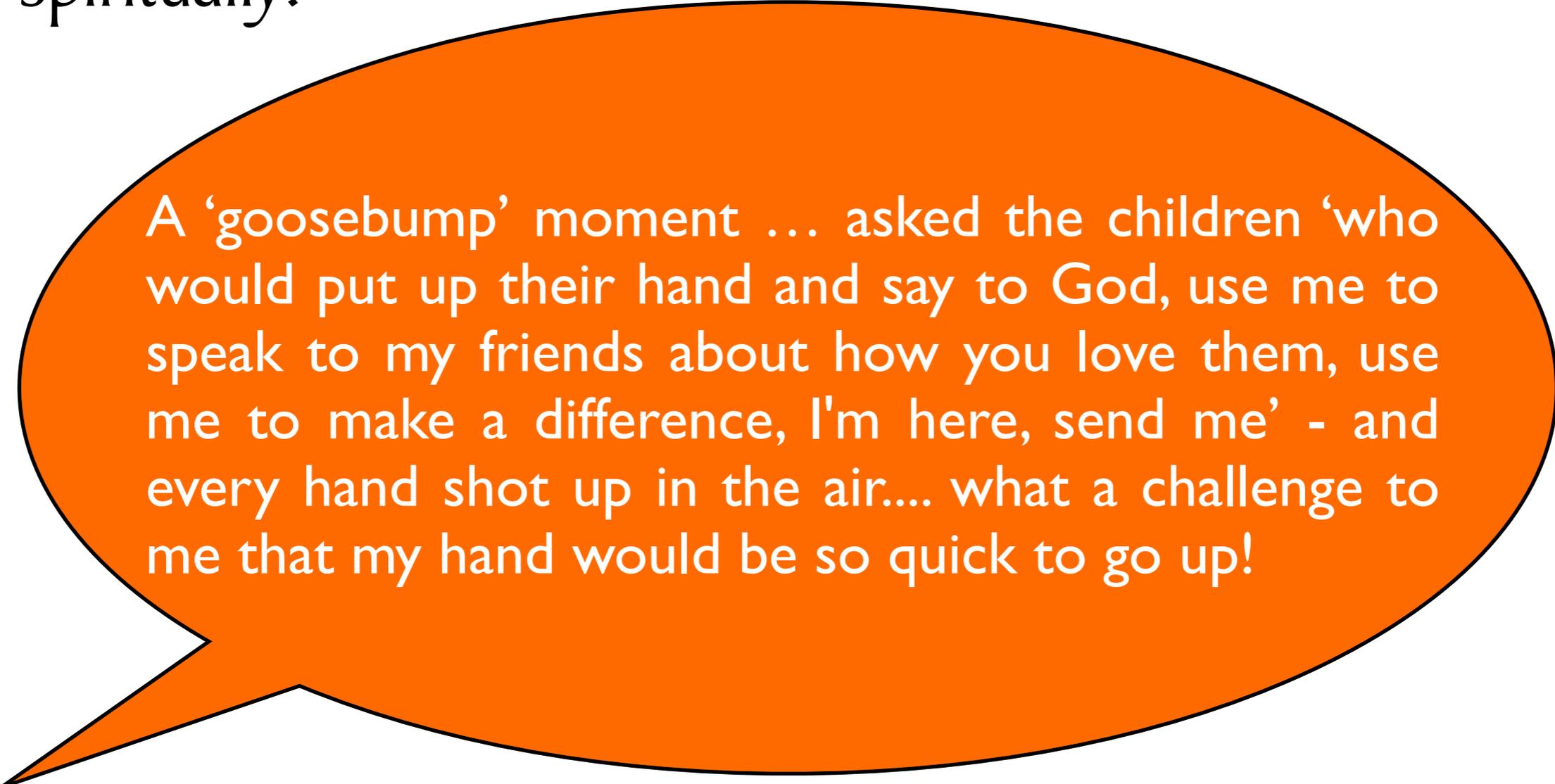


When they step out in faith praying for people or giving words! Challenges me to take a leap of faith myself.



Seeing friendships being started that will, I know, grow with them

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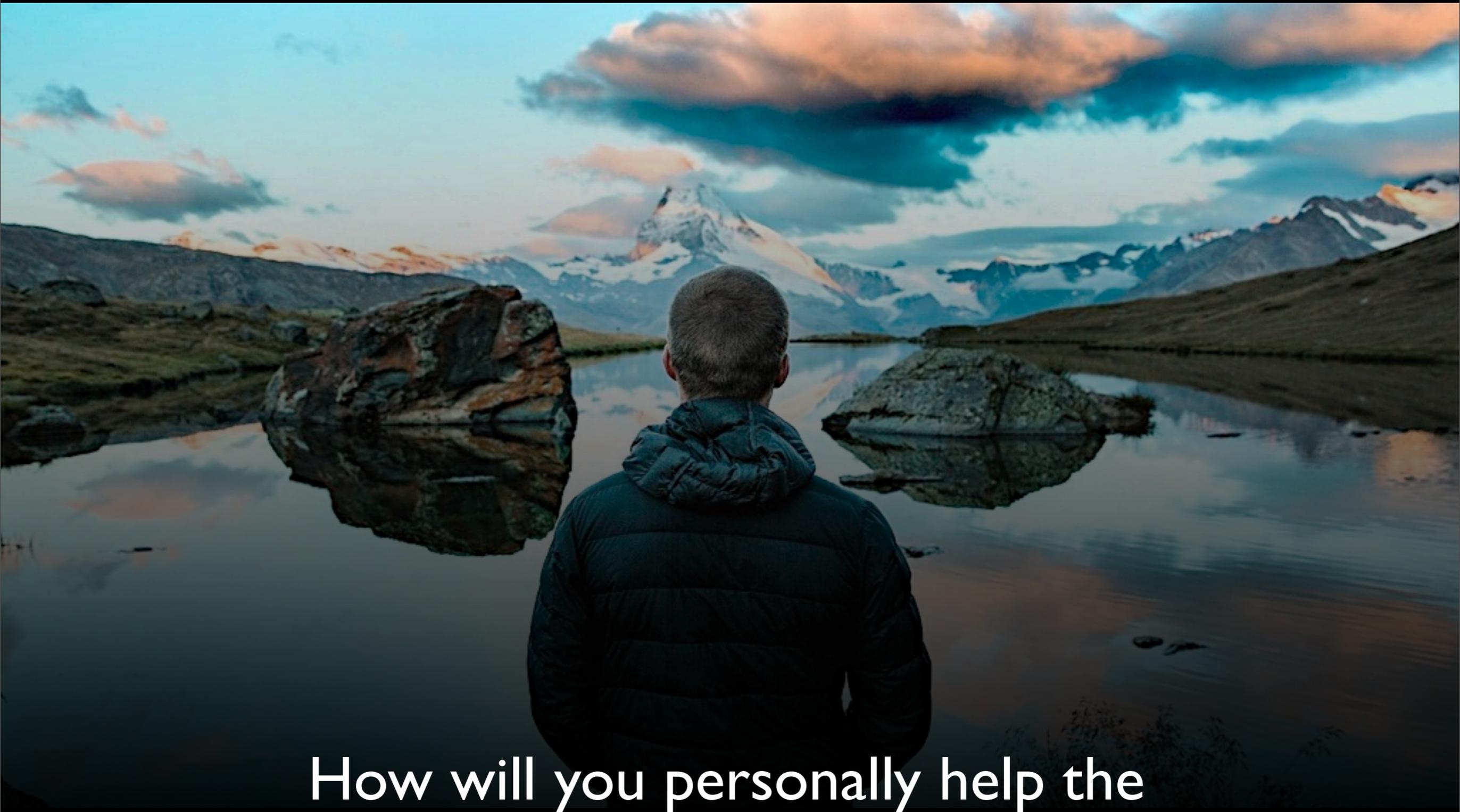


A 'goosebump' moment ... asked the children 'who would put up their hand and say to God, use me to speak to my friends about how you love them, use me to make a difference, I'm here, send me' - and every hand shot up in the air... what a challenge to me that my hand would be so quick to go up!

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**We need to build their belief that church is a community, where they feel welcome, involved and loved.**



How will you personally help the families in Coventry Vineyard be holy?