

City LG - February 10-11, 2018

Bible Story: We Are Family (Ruth and Boaz) • *Ruth 1–2*

Bottom Line: Be kind to your family and friends.

Memory Verse: “Do to others as you want them to do to you.” *Luke 6:31, NIV*

Worship: Brighter and Movin’ Me

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, everybody. I don’t know about you, but I am ready to have fun worshipping God this morning! See, we all have a light that we can shine. Let’s choose to shine our lights for our incredible God, brighter than ever! When we show kindness to others we shine Jesus to them. This song is a GREAT reminder of that, so jump in and sing loud with me. Let’s do this!

This next song is about being moved by God’s love. His love moves us into loving others and being kind to them. Let’s sing it together now.”

LARGE GROUP WELCOME:

“What’s going on, everyone? My name is [your name], and I’m excited to be here hanging out with you guys in The City! Let’s get started with a game today! Here’s how to play!

GAME: Kindness Relay Race

Supplies Needed: *Foam Hearts, 4 Bins, 4 Plastic Serving Spoons*

How to Play:

Split children up into 2 teams on opposite ends of the room. Once the teams are divided, have the girls make one line, and the boys make another. Once this is completed, you should have 4 lines total. Give each boy or girl at the front of their line a plastic serving spoon. Place one empty bin in between each team’s lines. Next, place the 2 bins with foam hearts in them at the center of the playing area, in line with each team. The object of the game is to speed walk down to the foam heart bins, grab one heart at a time, place it on the spoon, and careful walk back and place the heart in your team’s bin. The team that has the most hearts in their bin at the end of the countdown, wins! **(Diagram of playing area below)**

Line 1



Line 3



Line 2



Line 4

CG: Game 3 Minute Countdown

“Great job playing the game everyone! When we went to the middle to get the hearts, we had to be careful it didn’t fall off before we brought it back to our team’s bin. We also have to be careful in life, that we don’t let the kindness of Jesus fall off of our lives.”

“Now, Do me a favor. Lean over to your neighbor and whisper, ‘This part is the best part!’”

Hold hand beside ear and nod.

KIDS: *(Loud whisper)* “This part is the best part!”

“And WHY is this the best part?! Well, this is the best part because we get to hear what God says about our topic for the month. Which is what? *(Pause for response.)* KINDNESS! That’s right. I can tell you all day what I think about kindness. But that’s not nearly as important as what God thinks about kindness.

“And to figure out what God thinks about kindness, we go to His Word, the Bible. The people who wrote the Bible captured exactly what God wanted us to know about having a relationship with Him. And wow, God has a whole lot to say to about kindness, including this true story found in the Book of Ruth. Before we watch our Bible story, it’s offering time!”

OFFERING:

Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them. You can bring up your offering now, while this video plays, and place it here *(show offering basket)*.

CG: Offering Time Video

CG: Week 2 Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:53)

“Ruth and Boaz ended up getting married to each other. They had a son named Obed, who ended up having a son named Jesse. And Jesse had a son named David. David went on to be a super famous king we can read about in the Bible. But even cooler than that, David was an ancestor of Jesus!

“All of that happened because people were kind to their friends and family. That’s what our Bottom Line talks about today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “**Be kind to your family and friends.** It’s amazing what God can do through people who decide to be kind to others as He is kind to them. God sent Jesus through Ruth’s family. How cool is that? Let’s take a moment now to pray and thank God for this great story and ask Him to help us show kindness to our friends and family. Let’s pray.”

Pray: “God, thank You for showing us kindness. You give us friends like Ruth and family like Boaz to help us and to take care of us. You give us people to be kind to us. Help us to do the same. Help us to be kind to our friends and our family. We pray this in Jesus’ name, amen.”

"I wish I had a remote, because I'd like to rewind all that kindness to see it all over again! Ruth was an incredible example of going above and beyond to show kindness to her family. She could have gone back home, but she knew that Naomi needed her to help. Let's take another look at our Bottom Line for today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Be kind to your family and friends. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS: [Bottom Line] "Be kind to your family and friends."

"Awesome! Sometimes it's easier to show kindness to people we don't know so well than to show kindness to the people we love most. But it's important to have a good relationship with your family and friends. So the next time you're wondering about whether or not to show kindness, take time to pray and ask God to help you make the wise choice to treat others the way you want to be treated. You might feel like raising your voice to yell at your little sister. Before you do that, pray. Take a deep breath, pause, relax, and respond with kindness. Or before you talk back to your mom, pray. Take a deep breath, pause, and stay quiet. You could also clean up your room without being asked or put away toys that don't belong to you. Whatever you do, remember, God wants us to be kind to our friends and family.

"In Small Group, you'll talk more about what it looks like to show kindness to your family and friends. Have fun together, and we'll see you next time!"

Dismiss children to their small groups.