

City LG—February 14th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Family Ties (Ruth and Boaz) • *Ruth*

Today's Bottom Line: Be kind to your family and friends.

Monthly Memory Verse: *You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient.*

Colossians 3:12 (NirV)

WORSHIP: Undefeated and Give My All

Worship Leader prays...

"Hi, everyone! We're talking about what it means to show kindness—to show others they are valuable by how you treat them.

"It's funny, because it's pretty easy for us to be kind to a friend at school or even someone we hardly know . . . but it's NOT always easy to be kind to our brothers and sisters at home. Raise your hand if you sometimes have trouble being kind to the people in your family. (*Pause and raise your hand.*) I know. It can be hard for me, too.

"Sometimes it's hardest for us to be kind to the people who are closest to us. But it's really important that we remember to show kindness to them, too. After all, our friends and family need to know that we think they're valuable!

"Let's look at the story of a woman named Ruth. (*Hold up Bible.*) I think her story might help us see how to show kindness to the people we spend time with every day. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

"Because of the kindness of Boaz and Ruth, Naomi now had a home with them. And get this—Obed later had a son named Jesse who was the father of King David. Many hundreds of years later, Jesus was born as part of their family line!

"We can be like Boaz, Ruth, and Naomi. They were kind to their family and friends . . . and we can be, too.

"Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

"Let's pray."

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY: "Dear God, thank You so much for the story of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz. It's amazing to hear stories of so much kindness. Please help us be kind, too. Help us be kind to the people who are close to us, our family and friends. Help us show them that they're valuable with the things we say and do. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

“Kindness helps people see how valuable they are. The story could have been very different if Ruth and Boaz hadn’t been willing to show kindness. You never know what might happen when you’re kind to the people who are closest to you.

“So don’t forget.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Be kind to your family and friends.

“It can be tough to remember to do that with the people we see every day. We can kind of get on each other’s nerves from time to time. We can start to think about ourselves and not about what THEY need. But with God’s help, we can make a different choice. We can show our family and friends that they’re valuable and important with the way we speak and act. Before we head to some All Together Activities, take a look at this!”

CG: One Thing Video (Runtime: 3:30)

Dismiss kids to All Together Activities.