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KIDSQUEST

The connection between kindness
and God's character



Family Discipleship Devotional (To Be Led by Parent)

Suggested uses: during family devotions, meal time, long family car rides, etc.

Follow-Up to KidsQuest Online
February 14, 2021

Truth (Summary of the book of Ruth)

Ruth and Naomi's relationship started when Ruth married one of Naomi's sons in the land of Moab. Sadly, Naomi's husband died along with her two sons. Naomi decided it was time to go back to her home before Moab and told her sons' wives to go back to their families as well. One wife, Orpah, was convinced and went home, but Ruth was determined to stay by Naomi's side. So, Ruth and Naomi both went back to Bethlehem. Ruth decided to gather food at a field where she could pick up the leftovers. The field happened to be owned by Boaz and when he heard about Ruth and the kindness she was showing to Naomi, he wanted to do something nice for her. So, he offered her bread and roasted grain to eat, enough to bring leftovers to Naomi.

She continued to work in Boaz's fields until the end of the grain harvest. Naomi saw that God was providing for her family, so she told Ruth to visit Boaz in secret. Ruth obeyed and went to see Boaz and ask him to take care of her family since he was a relative. But there was a relative who was closer than Boaz, so Boaz went to the man and asked to buy Naomi's land and marry Ruth. The man agreed! Boaz and Ruth got married and had baby Obed. The Lord provided Naomi a grandson and took care of her and Ruth!

Equipping (Discussion questions)

1. **Why did Naomi return home? Why didn't she want her sons' wives coming with her?** Because she had no man to take care of her since women did not have jobs back then, so she needed to go back to her homeland. She had nothing to offer them and tried to send the other ladies back to their towns since they would be 'aliens' in Bethlehem.
2. **Why was Boaz nice to Ruth?** Because he wanted to repay her for what she had done for Naomi.
3. **How was kindness demonstrated in this story?** When Ruth stayed with Naomi and when Boaz helped Ruth.
4. **How was the Lord faithful through Naomi's journey?** God knew her needs so he provided for her through Ruth and Boaz and brought her a grandson!
5. **Many years later, one of Ruth and Boaz's descendants was born – Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph! Can you think of some stories from the New Testament that show the kindness of Jesus?**

Accountability

1. How does this story encourage you to depend on God to provide?
2. Have you been kind to your family and friends recently?
3. What verses could help you remember to show kindness when you are annoyed or frustrated with a friend?
4. Last week we talked about being kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving. How have you been shining those characteristics?



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Mission

1. Praying for our friends and family who don't know Jesus is a way to show kindness to them. Who can you pray for today?
2. Last week we talked about showing kindness to a friend who does not know Jesus. Did you show kindness? How can you continue showing kindness to them this week?

Supplication

1. Is there anyone you want to pray for specifically?
2. Is there a situation you want to praise God for?

Pray through Colossians 3:12 as a family.

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience"



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