



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Family Ties
Ruth and Boaz
Ruth

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When is it hard to be kind?

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Just for Fun
Opening Activity

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to your family
and friends.

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE - KINDNESS
- Each grade challenges/encourages the others towards KINDNESS - share stories every week with your leaders of YOU showing kindness
- We will celebrate/show how much KINDNESS we can share this month by grade level

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, NIV

WORSHIP:

- THROUGH IT ALL
- THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Kindness—Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

BASIC TRUTH

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I want to be treated.



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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS STUDENTS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters . . .

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game (Super Bowl), movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, holiday (Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, World Nutella Day, National Gumdrop Day), etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

HOST: "Hey everyone! So good to see you today! I am excited to get started with another game to get us hyped together.

You might not know this, but today is Valentine's Day. How about we put a little Valentine's Day spin on our competition today.

"You'll see over here we have five hanging hoops of various sizes. Each hoop is worth a different amount of points ranging from one to fifteen. Our competitors will throw as many objects through the hoops as they can in 30 seconds. When the time is up, we'll add up the score. Make sense?"

Have several volunteers standing behind the hoops and watching one hoop each to keep count. At the end they can add together all the points.



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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“Alright I need two volunteers, one guy and one girl from each grade . . .”

Choose volunteers from each grade. If time allows, repeat with new volunteers.

“And what is our Valentine’s Day spin? Well, instead of throwing balls or darts, we’re going to be throwing these stuffed hearts!”

Host pulls out hearts.

Play the game as many times as time allows. Encourage the rest of the kids to do their cheer while the volunteer from their grade is up. Give a prize to the overall winner.

“(After the game) That was some great competition. And for those that didn’t compete, you were awesome fans . . . super even! Now let’s stand and worship together!”

Host exits as Worship Leaders enter.

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter ad Host exits

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! I am so ready to have this time of worship with all of you. I want my life to live out the love of God. Let’s have some fun. Clap your hands and let’s sing this.

AUDIO: *Through It All*

AUDIO: *There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do*



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HOST:

"It's cool to see how God can use our kindness to accomplish His plan. Think of the way Ruth showed kindness by staying with Naomi. Think of how Boaz showed kindness to Ruth by letting her have the food she and Naomi needed. And think of how both Ruth and Boaz showed kindness to Naomi by giving her a new place to live. So much kindness! And through all of that, they began a family that would one day bring God's Son, Jesus, into the world.

"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

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"And let's not forget God's role in all of this. God cared for the poor among His people through the gleaning in the field. In His kindness, God brought all of these people and events together in order to care for Naomi and Ruth in their brokenness and to help continue their story. God truly was the One who protected Naomi and Ruth under His wings.

"But what about us? What can we learn from this? Well, maybe you've considered showing kindness but the cost made you second guess it. Maybe you knew it would take more time than you were willing to give, or maybe it would involve giving up something. Maybe it would cost you some of your reputation or how you look to a certain group of people.

"In Ruth's story, kindness was shown between family members or relatives—mother-in-laws and family protectors. Why is it so hard to be kind to the people closest to us? Sure, your siblings might get on your nerves one and a while or you don't feel like doing what your mom asked. But even those closest to us—friends and family—deserve our kindness. Kindness matters and can make a huge difference."

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "Today as you head to Small Groups, think about this question:"

SLIDE: KEY QUESTION

"When is it hard to be kind?" Consider the ways that you often pause or struggle to show kindness. And talk about the WHY together. If you're not sure where to start, don't worry. You'll have a chance to talk this out with your group. Before you go to groups, let's pray and thank God for His kindness to us. Let's ask God to help be kind, even when it's difficult. Let's pray."

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

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