



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### 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, NIV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

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

### BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

### 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.

### SMALL GROUP

**15**  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener  
Worship ("Live You Love" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop* and "Give a Little Kindness" from *This Love*)  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
Prayer  
Closer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Clothesline Story Order  
Application Activity: Kindness Paper Chain  
Memory Verse Activity: Fast Action Verse  
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
GodTime devotional for kids  
Studio252.tv  
Parent Cue App



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for your few as their families continue to navigate a difficult situation. Pray especially for kids who are still spending the majority of their time with their immediate family. Ask God to give everyone the patience and grace to continue being kind to those they see most often.*

*Pray that kids would not take their close family and friend relationships for granted. Ask God to give them ideas for how they can make sure those people know they are valuable.*

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## 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container and hand sanitizer

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet the kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Encourage kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give the kids a series of challenges to rate from one to five—one as the easiest and five the hardest.
- Kids can attempt these challenges too, to see if their ratings are accurate.

#### Challenges:

- Say the alphabet in one breath
- Make a taco with your tongue
- Stand on one foot for 30 seconds
- Wink both of your eyes
- Pat your head and rub your tummy at the same time
- Wiggle your nose
- Spell your first and last name backwards in 20 seconds
- Say "Red leather, yellow leather" ten times fast
- Recite this month's Life App and definition from memory
- Recite this month's memory verse from memory



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an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



**2. OPENING ACTIVITY**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper and crayons

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give kids a piece of paper and a few crayons.
- Encourage the kids to draw a self-portrait of themselves with their family members or friends.
- After they finish, let the kids show off their drawings, introducing the rest of the group to their family and friends.

*NOTE: We know that some kids may come from foster homes or difficult family situations. That's why there is the option to draw their friends instead. If you are aware of a tricky family situation, be sensitive to that kid, particularly when it comes time to share.*

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Your drawings are beautiful. I love learning all about your friends and family and those who are closest to you. **[Transition] I wonder what family and friends have to do with our Bible story today? Let's go find out!"**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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25 MINUTES

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**1. CLOTHESLINE STORY ORDER**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Ruth and Boaz Story Plot Points" Activity Page, half sheets of paper, crayons, timer or a clock, string or yarn, eight clothespins, hand sanitizer, and wall tape

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**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Encourage the kids to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Give one plot point strip to each kid. Make sure all plot points are handed out.
  - If you have more than eight kids, have some kids pair up and draw the same plot point.
  - If you have fewer than eight kids, give two plot points to some kids.
- Give each kid a half sheet of paper for each of the plot points they have.
- Set out the crayons so they're in reach of all of the kids.
- Encourage the kids to read the plot point on their card and illustrate it on their half sheet of paper.
- Set a timer for four or five minutes as the kids draw.
- As the kids draw, create a clothesline by hanging up the string/yarn on a nearby wall or in between two chairs.
- Secure the string with the wall tape.
- Put eight clothespins on the clothesline.
- After the kids are done drawing, encourage them to work together to hang their drawings in story order with the clothespins on the "clothesline."
- If you don't have a wall or chairs, lay the string on the floor.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Ruth showed kindness to Naomi by choosing to stay with her, by moving back to Naomi's hometown, and by heading out to the fields to gather grain so they would have food. Boaz showed kindness to Ruth by telling his workers to let her gather all the grain she needed and eventually by marrying her. Neither Ruth nor Boaz HAD to show kindness. But they both chose kindness, even though it wasn't the easy thing to do.

"Sometimes, it's EASIER to be kind to strangers and HARDER to be kind to those closest to you like your family and friends. Why? (Let kids think about this and respond.) When it comes to our family and friends, often we take them for granted. We feel like we don't have to be kind because they're always going to be our family. But we should show kindness to our family because we live with them, to show that they're valuable to us. Just like Ruth and Boaz, choose to **be kind to your family and friends.**"

**[Make it Personal] (Share about a time when it was hard to show kindness to a family member. If possible, choose an example from your childhood. How did showing kindness make a difference in that situation?)**



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**\*2. KINDNESS PAPER CHAIN**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Construction paper strips, pencils, and tape or stapler

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid two or three paper strips and a pencil.
- Encourage the kids to write down a way they could show kindness to a friend or family member this week—one example per strip.
- Let each kid read what they wrote.
- Use the tape or stapler to connect each paper strip to create a kindness paper chain.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"You came up with some great ideas! This week, I want you to go out of your way to be kind to your family and friends. Think about Ruth and Boaz and how kind they were—even when it wasn't easy. When you find yourself getting annoyed or frustrated or impatient with your mom or sister or best friend, stop and think, 'How can I choose kindness right now?' Maybe that will lead you to do exactly what you wrote on your paper strip. Maybe choosing kindness will be something completely different that you haven't thought about, yet. But you can ask God to help you show your family and friends how valuable they are and to **be kind to your family and friends.**"

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### 3. FAST ACTION VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, paper, and marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Ask a kid to look up Colossians 3:12 in the Bible.
- Invite a different kid to read the verse out loud to the group.
- Divide your group into six teams.
- In large block letters, write one phrase from the verse per page.
- Verse phrases for NIV:
  1. You are God's chosen people.
  2. You are holy and dearly loved.
  3. So put on tender mercy and kindness
  4. as if they were your clothes.
  5. Don't be proud.
  6. Be gentle and patient. Colossians 3:12
- Give each team a memory verse phrase page.
- Call out an action for the entire group to perform as each group says their phrase in verse order.
- Repeat the verse several times and choose a different action each time you repeat it.
- To keep interest high, after saying the verse two or three times, change the action in the middle of the verse.
- Some suggested actions are:
  - Clap
  - Snap
  - Jump in place
  - March
  - Jog in place
  - Jumping jacks
  - High knees
  - Squats

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Whew, let's sit down! Raise your hand if you're tired after all of that. I'm tired from just watching you. I love our memory verse this month. Ruth and Boaz wore kindness like clothes all throughout today's Bible story. They were kind to their family—even when it was very hard."

"Think about your relationships with your siblings or friends or parents. Would they describe you as kind? If not, what could you do to change that this week? How can you put on kindness like your clothes and treat the people closest to you the way you would want to be treated? Remember, you don't have to do it alone. Ask God to help you **be kind to your family and friends** even when it's hard!"





CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**4. PRAY AND DISMISS**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index cards and pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid an index card and a pencil.
- Encourage the kids to write down the name of a family member or friend who they want to do a better job of showing kindness to.
- Allow the kids to pray aloud if any choose.
- Close the group in prayer, asking God to help them **be kind to your family and friends.**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“God, thank You for Your never-ending, great big love for us. We know that no matter how many times we mess up, You ALWAYS choose to love and show kindness to us. This week, someone in our family WILL bug or frustrate us and we WILL be tempted to do something to bug or frustrate them right back. Help us to show Your kindness instead, even when it’s the last thing we want to do. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, let the kids show off their kindness paper chain with specific examples of ways to **be kind to your family and friends** this week.

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WEEK  
**TWO**  
FEBRUARY 2021

SMALL GROUP

**2-3**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

## GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

### SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.  
**(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

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- Hand sanitizer

#### 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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- Paper
- Crayons

### GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

**(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)**

\* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.

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- Bible
- Six pieces of paper
- Marker

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##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards; one for each kid
- Pencils

### HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.