

## Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2025, Week 4

**Bible Story:** Ruth • *Ruth 1 (supporting: Ruth 2–4)*

**Conversation Starter:** When is it hard to be brave when you don't know what's next?

**Bottom Line:** God can give you courage when you don't know what's next.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.* Psalm 56:3 (NIRV)

**SLIDE: Theme**

### OPENER

**LEADER:** “Hey, hey, hey, future world-changers! Welcome to our final week of this courage series! You've been amazing all month long, being ‘On the Move’ and facing challenges with bravery!”

“Our Bible Story today is about a woman who had to make a HUGE decision about her destination, with a future that was totally uncertain. But first, let's worship the God who is with us no matter which path we take!”

### WORSHIP

**LEADER:** Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with God, the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges. Let's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!

**Video: Make Room**

“Yeah! Sometimes being brave starts with remembering who God is and what He promises. Our Memory Verse this month reminds us where to put our focus when things feel scary. When we're scared, we can always come to God for help because He loves us. Let's check out our Memory Verse—it's from Psalm 56, verse 3.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

“Let's read it together:”

**LEADER and KIDS:** *“When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. —Psalm 56:3”*

**LEADER:** “Trusting God when we're afraid . . . that takes courage. And knowing He is our hope makes all the difference. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible!”

### BIBLE STORY

**VIDEO: So and So Show**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

“Ruth stepped out to follow God, that's all she knew, and God took care of her every need!”

“And God was so impressed with Ruth's trust in Him. Look what God did! Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed, who was the father of Jesse, who was the father of King David! Ruth became

a great-grandmother to Israel's greatest king. And even more incredibly, years and years after King David, the King of all Kings was born—Jesus! God wrote Ruth into the family line of Jesus!

“Ruth chose to trust God, and He was so honored by the courageous steps she took following Him into the unknown that He wrote her into His big story of rescue for the whole world.”

“Ruth showed us something so important!

**[Bottom Line]** “God can give you courage when you don’t know what’s next.

“Ruth had no guarantees. She didn’t know if she’d find food, or acceptance, or a future in Bethlehem. But she chose to trust God, to be loyal, and to act. And God honored it all.”

### APPLICATION

**LEADER:** “There will be times in your life—maybe you’re facing one right now—where you just don’t know what’s next. Maybe it’s moving to a new school, or your family is going through a big change, or you’re trying something new that feels way out of your comfort zone. The future can feel like a giant, blank map.

“But we don’t face these things all by ourselves. When we follow Jesus, God Himself moves inside of us through His Holy Spirit. He is closer than close! So He goes with us every step of our lives. He is the strongest, and biggest, and most powerful, and He is always working for good. When we trust and believe that He goes with us, He can give us the courage to face what’s in front of us when we don’t know what’s next. He goes with us in everything and that can help us be brave!

### LANDING

**LEADER:** “When we think about Ruth, we can remember that even if we don’t know what’s next, we’re never going alone. God goes with us every step of the way. When we believe that He is the strongest, the biggest, and the kindest, and He is with us, He will give us courage to do whatever it is that’s in front of us!

“As you head to your Small Groups for the last time this month, really think about this Conversation Starter:

**SLIDE: Conversation Starter**

**[Conversation Starter]** “When is it hard to be brave when you don’t know what’s next?

“What makes uncertainty so challenging? How can Ruth’s story encourage you to trust God more when you’re facing the unknown? Talk about it with your group. Let’s pray.”

### PRAYER

**LEADER:** “God, thank You for Ruth, and her amazing example of loyalty and courage in the face of a really uncertain future. Teach us how to really believe that You are with us every step of the way. Teach us to trust that even though we may be walking into something unknown, we are going with You. Your presence with us makes us brave. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

*After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.*

**SLIDE: Theme**