

## September — Week 4

## Large Group Leader Guide

## Today's Suggested Schedule

**Kids arrival :** 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

**Countdown :** 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

**Large Group :** 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

→ Opener

→ Bible Story

→ Talk It Out!

→ Memory Verse

→ Prayer

**Transition to Small group :** 9:55-10:00 / 11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

**Small group :** 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.



## Today's Bible Story

**Ruth**

Ruth 1

Supporting Ruth 2-4

## Bottom Line

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

## Memory Verse

**"When I'm afraid, I put  
my trust in you"  
Psalm 56:3**

10 MINUTES

# Opener

Ready to be resourceful, travelers?

TO THE PILE OF SUPPLIES NEAR YOU.)  
(PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)

## ① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.  
SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown  
Optional Video → Theme Intro  
SLIDE → Traveler's Trail Mix-Up!

HOST: "Welcome back, amazing *world travelers*! It's so awesome to see you 'On the Move' today!

"For our adventure warm-up, we're playing 'Traveler's Trail Mix-Up!' Imagine you're on a long, exciting expedition, and you need different supplies for different parts of your journey!

"In the middle here, we have a few examples of important travel supplies that are hidden around the room!

→ **Gesture to the central pile where you have an example of each of your supplies.**

"When I call out what supplies we need for the current part of our journey, your job is to travel over, quickly and carefully find only one of those items, and bring it back to this 'supply pile' right here! (GESTURE TO THE PILE OF SUPPLIES NEAR YOU.) Ready to be resourceful, travelers? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)

"Okay, travelers! Let me explain what items we'll need to find for this first part of our journey!

"For this first leg of our journey, we're in URGENT need of . . . 'Energy Berries' (HOLD UP A RED POM-POM) AND 'Path Markers' (HOLD UP A PIECE OF GREEN FELT). When I tell you to go, you'll go gather those items and put them here in our 'supply pile'!

"Ready . . . set . . . GO GATHER!

AUDIO → Play high-energy music

→ **Encourage the kids to move to collect the specified items.**  
**After a short round, stop the music.**

"Fantastic! You found them! Okay, new part of the journey! Quick! Now we desperately need . . . 'Water Drops' (HOLD UP A BLUE GEM) AND 'Shelter Pieces' (HOLD UP A YELLOW BLOCK)!

10 MINUTES

# Opener

"Alright, get ready . . . set . . . go, go, go!"

AUDIO -> Play high-energy music

→ Repeat for another round or two with different combinations.

"Excellent work, travelers! You managed to find exactly what you needed even when I asked for new things! That's what it's like on a big journey—you don't always know exactly what's coming next, or what you'll need, or where you'll find it. It takes courage to keep moving forward when you don't know all the details.

"And that's our big idea for today: God can give you courage when you don't know what's next. Let's all say that together: God can give you courage when you don't know what's next!"

"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."

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10 MINUTES

# Story

## Bible Story

SLIDE -&gt; Theme Background

SLIDE -&gt; Bible Story Lab W4

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Everyone was so happy, especially Naomi! Ruth and Boaz got married and they had a son. Naomi became Grandma Naomi! "It took SO much courage for Ruth to leave her home, move to a new country, and trust God when she didn't know what was next. But because Ruth was brave enough to trust Him and step into the unknown, God blessed her.

"God was so honored by Ruth's trust in Him! She left her family and her home so she could not only still be a part of Naomi's family, but also part of God's family. Ruth not only became a part of God's family, Ruth and Boaz's son, Obed, became the grandfather of King David! And many, many, many years later, from King David's family line, a special baby was born . . . God's own Son, Jesus! God wove Ruth into Jesus' family tree!

"Ruth showed us something very important:

SLIDE -&gt; Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when you don't know what's next! Say that with me."

STORYTELLER and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when you don't know what's next!"

SLIDE -&gt; Memory Verse

5 MINUTES

# TALK IT OUT

“Wow! That was such a great story from the Bible. I love how God’s Word shows us amazing things we can learn and live out every day. Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?”

It’s time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!** 🎉 That means it’s your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let’s put on our ‘thinking caps’ 🧠... zip up our listening ears 🎧 ... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!”

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

Talk It Out Questions (Ruth’s Story):

1. Why did Naomi and her family leave their home?  
– *There was no food in their land.*
2. What sad things happened to Naomi’s family?  
– *Naomi’s husband and two sons died.*
3. Did Ruth stay with Naomi or go back home?  
– *She stayed with Naomi.*
4. What did Ruth say about Naomi’s God?  
– *“Your God will be my God.”*
5. When Ruth and Naomi got to Bethlehem, what did they need?  
– *Food.*
6. Whose field did Ruth pick grain in?  
– *Boaz’s field.*
7. What kind things did Boaz do for Ruth?  
– *He let her pick grain safely.*
8. How did God take care of Ruth and Naomi?  
– *He gave them food, a new family, and blessed them.*
9. Who was born many years later in Ruth’s family?  
– *Baby Jesus.*

# Prayer

## PRAYER

HOST or STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Ruth. Thank You for her courage to move into the unknown and trust You. Teach us how to trust that You are always with us. Teach us to be strong because You are strong in us. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

SLIDE → Theme Background

# I Said Yes to Jesus today!

SLIDE → I Said Yes to Jesus today!

HOST

"Hi Kidz Rock! Today, I want to give you a very special opportunity.

Do you know how much Jesus loves you?

Jesus loves you so much! He gave His life on the cross and came back to life so He can be with you forever.

He wants to be your best friend, your Savior, and help you every single day.

Maybe you feel something special in your heart right now.

That's Jesus saying, 'I love you. I want to be with you.'

You don't have to be perfect or know everything.

You just need to say yes to Jesus.

If you've never asked Jesus to be your Savior, and you want to invite Him into your heart today, you can pray with me.

And if you've already done this before, you can pray again to remember how much He loves you."

## **Salvation Prayer (Repeat After Me)**

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for loving me.

Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins.

I believe You rose again and You are alive.

I want You to be my Savior and my best friend.

Come into my heart today.

Help me follow You every day.

I love You, Jesus.

Amen.

HOST

If you prayed that prayer for the first time today — we're SO proud of you!

That is the best decision you'll ever make. Please let your leader know, because we want to celebrate with you and give you something special!