



Kindergarten-2nd

November 5-6, 2016

DATE

Ruth

LESSON TITLE

Ruth; Jeremiah 29:13

WHERE TO FIND IT

We have freedom to follow Jesus.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.
Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.
Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

This is the last day of the Real Encounters with God series. And it's a big push for invitation! Make sure to tell kids that, next weekend only, they'll get something really special to help them and their friends explore God's story with their families at home! (More details in the lesson.)

check-in/out

When kids leave, have them show their postcard invitation to the person who picks them up!

large group heads up

Ruth got to be part of God's story because of her friend Naomi. And we can invite our friends to be part of God's story too!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

BEACH BALL BASH

- Split kids into small groups.
- Give a leader (adult or kid) in each group **a beach ball**.
- The goal is to toss the beach ball around without letting it touch the ground.
- To make the game more difficult, give kids “challenges” (choose the one that works best for your group, or switch around):
 - You must keep one hand behind your back.
 - Feet must stay firmly planted in place.
 - You can't catch the ball, only hit it to one another.
 - No hands allowed; only feet and head!
 - Make up your own!
- Make it a fun atmosphere by playing songs from the KC iTunes playlist. Then play the game for about 10 minutes, adding different rules to keep it challenging!

TALK ABOUT IT

- What made that game difficult?
- What does it mean to be “free”?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that Ruth followed God because of her friend Naomi, (2) recognize that Ruth was free to become part of God's family, and (3) identify one friend they want to follow Jesus.

Why? God wants everyone to be part of his family, and it's our job to tell our friends about his love.

Tip: Make sure to collect the scratch tools after kids are finished with their postcards!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who were Ruth and Naomi? (Friends; Ruth was from Moab and not part of God's family; Naomi was from Israel and part of God's family; other details as desired.)
2. Why did Ruth want to go with Naomi? (She wanted Naomi's people to be her people and Naomi's God to be her God!)
3. What happened when Ruth and Naomi got back to Israel? (Ruth began gleaning for their food, Boaz noticed Ruth, Naomi had an idea for Ruth to ask Boaz to marry her, Ruth obeyed Naomi, Ruth and Boaz got married, Ruth became part of God's family, one day Jesus was born into Ruth's family line.)
4. What's your favorite part of the story? Why? (Refer to what kids thought of in Large Group.)
5. Who's one friend you want to be part of God's family?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Give each kid a ***magic scratch postcard***.
- Place the non-scratch side up first:
 - Have kids write their friend's name on the top line (right side)
 - Give them an ***invitation sticker*** to stick on the message side (left)
- Turn it over so the scratch off side is face up and give them a ***scratch tool***.
 - Ask them what they think their friend would love most about Kids' Club. Then draw or write it on the front of the postcard! (*Then collect the scratch tools!*)
- Encourage kids to show a grownup and to tell them that next weekend, each family will get a tear-off calendar to help us explore God's story all year long!

***Pray together, asking God to help us show his love to our friends this week!**

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Practice the verse for one more week! Memorize the verse with **motions**! Break it up into the following sections, and have kids repeat after you:

- **Jeremiah 29:13** (Hold hands facing up, like you're reading a book.)
 - **You** (Point forward) **will seek me** (Make binoculars with your hands and look around the room.)
 - **And find me** (Lift hands up and shake them around.)
 - **When you** (Point forward.) **seek me** (Make binoculars with your hands and look around the room.)
 - **With all** (Spread arms open wide.) **your heart** (Put both hands on your chest.)
- After you've done it with kids a few times, say the verse and let them do the motions themselves!

*Extra time? Give kids a **coloring page**. Then play the beach ball game again! But this time, let kids make up the "challenges" to follow during each round.*

special notes

Today is about freedom, but what we really want to focus on is how everyone is free to be part of God's family, which means we're free to tell all of our friends about his love!

***Also, make sure you're ready to tell kids who first introduced you to Jesus!**

presenter tips

Preview today's videos (including a brand new God's Story) at CrossroadsKidsClub.net/weekend.

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and introduce the idea of freedom.

Notes:

***Click to play intro music.**

- **Welcome:** Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. We're so glad to have you here!
- **Say:** That beach ball game looked pretty fun! Raise your hand if your group did a good job keeping the beach ball in the air (Let kids raise hands.) Awesome!
- **Ask:** Now, you also had to follow certain challenges that made that game hard, didn't you? What was the most difficult challenge for you? (Let 3-5 kids respond.)
- **Ask:** That's right. You weren't FREE to use your hands and keep the ball in the air, were you. Okay, so that game helped you understand how it feels not to be free. But what do you guys think it means TO be free? (Let a few kids respond.)
- **Say:** That's right, freedom means being able to do certain things, and to not be held back by something.
- **Say:** That kind of reminds me of a movie called "How to Train Your Dragon." In it, the dragon's tail got broken. It couldn't fly anymore. So a kid named Hiccup actually fixed it for him. Let's find out what happened once he did.
- **Video: How to Tame Your Dragon "Accidental Flight"**
- **Ask:** Once the tail was fixed, was the dragon free to fly again? (Let kids say: yes). Yes! And just imagine how it would feel to be able to fly, freely wherever you want!

WE ARE FREE TO FOLLOW GOD

Main Goal: Remind kids of what Jeremiah 29:13 says, what it means and how it ties in to freedom!

Notes:

- **Say:** In the past few weeks, we've been hearing about a few people who actually got to *meet* God. And the great news is, even though we've all messed up, God chose to rescue us. Through His love, we can be rescued from all the wrong things we've done – and find freedom, kind of like when that dragon's tail was fixed and was free to fly! We have made wrong choices, which is called sin. But God wants to forgive us so we're free to follow him!
- **Say:** Remember the verse we've been hearing? It's Jeremiah 29:13, which says this:
- **Verse slide: Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.**
- **Say:** This is great news because it means that ALL of us are free to follow God with our whole hearts. And when we do that, we find him, which means we get to meet God too!

RUTH AND NAOMI

Main Goal: Introduce a real woman from the Bible who began to follow God because of her friend.

Notes:

- **Say:** Today, we're going to talk about a woman named Ruth who decided to follow God with her whole heart.
- **Image (map of Moab and Israel):** The thing is, Ruth wasn't part of God's family. She was from a place called Moab. Can you say "Moab"? (Let kids respond.) She had a friend named Naomi, who was from a place called Israel. That means that Naomi was part of God's family!
- **Say:** These two women were great friends who lived in Moab together. One day, Naomi decided it was time for her to go back to Israel. Ruth said she wanted to go with her! She wanted to stay with Naomi and be part of God's family too.
- **Say:** We're going to watch a video about what happened when Ruth decided she wanted to follow God like Naomi. As you watch, see if Ruth got to be part of God's family.
- **Video: God's Story / Ruth**
- **Ask:** So what do you think? Did Ruth get to be part of God's story? (Let kids respond.) That's right, she DID. Not only that, but her great grandson was King David. Then one day, Jesus was born into her family line!
- **Say:** Ruth's story is exciting, because it shows us that everyone is free to become part of God's family!

RUTH FOLLOWED GOD BECAUSE OF NAOMI

- **Ask:** And does anybody remember who invited Ruth to follow God? (Let kids respond: Naomi) That's right, her friend Naomi.

**RUTH FOLLOWED GOD
BECAUSE OF NAOMI**

Main Goal: Remind kids that Ruth followed God because of Naomi, and give them space to identify the person who first told them about God.

Notes:

- **Say:** Think about that for a second. All of us heard about Jesus from somebody, even if you're hearing about him from me for the first time right now!
- **Say:** Close your eyes, (Let kids respond.) and think of the first person who told you about Jesus. (Pause.) Who was it? Does anyone want to share? (Let 2-3 kids share. After each one, ask, "How did they tell you?")
- **Say:** That's awesome! I learned about Jesus from someone too. (*Share a personal, brief story about who first invited you to follow Jesus.*)
- **Say:** Most of us heard about Jesus somewhere, because God loves it when people share his love. He wants us to invite our friends to follow him.

**WE CAN INVITE OUR
FRIENDS TO FOLLOW
JESUS**

Main Goal: Identify specific ways that we can help OUR friends follow Jesus.

Notes:

- **Ask:** So what do you guys think? How can we invite our friends to follow Jesus? Any ideas? (Let kids respond. If helpful, refer to the ways they said that they first heard about Jesus.)
- **Say:** Those are great ideas! And there are lots of different ways. Let's look at a few pictures and see if you can figure out what's happening!
- **Click to show slide with 3 people:** (Let kids guess what they're showing.)
 - **(Person praying):** We can pray for our friends to know Jesus.
 - **(Person hugging):** We can show Jesus' love by being kind to our friends. That way, they know what he's like.
 - **(Person telling a story):** We can tell our friends stories about who God is.
- **Say:** Great job! And let's think about that last one. We're going to watch a video about some kids retelling the story of Ruth. As you watch, think about your favorite part! What part would you want to share with a friend?
- **Video: Kid Bible Story: Ruth**
- **Ask:** Those kids did a great job, didn't they? I bet you guys could too! What was your favorite part? (Let 3-5 kids respond.) Yeah, I love those parts too!

**INVITE A FRIEND TO KIDS'
CLUB**

- **Say:** Another REALLY fun way we can share Jesus with our friends is by inviting them to Kids' Club. And I've got some REALLY exciting news:

INVITE A FRIEND TO KIDS' CLUB

Main Goal: Encourage kids to invite their friends next week, because we'll hand out a tool to help families dive deeper into God's story.

- **(Click to show an image/quick video of God's Story 365):** Next week, everybody in Kids' Club is going to get something really special. This is a box with a tear-off calendar all about God's story. Next week, everyone gets to take one home!
- **Say:** That means, if your friend comes to Kids' Club, they get to go home with lots and lots of parts of God's stories for them to read and look at with their family. And you're going to get one to take home and enjoy with your family too. Pretty cool, huh?
- **Say:** You can read this with a parent, babysitter, grandparent, cousin, sibling or friend and talk about what it means to follow Jesus!

RESPOND AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Give kids space to talk to God about what they heard, listen to him and worship him.

Notes:

- **Say:** Since God wants ALL of us to be free to follow him with our whole hearts, he wants us to share his story with others. Everybody close your eyes. (Let kids respond.) Think of one friend who might not know Jesus. (Pause.) Think about how you could invite that person to come to Kids' Club next week. (Pause.) When you have a friend's name in your mind, put your hand over your heart. (Pause.)
- **Pray:** Dear God, thank you for all the friends that we just thought of. Thank you that every single person is free to follow you. Please help us to love you with our whole hearts and to tell our friends about your love. In Jesus' name, amen.
- **Worship:** Now, let's worship Jesus together and tell him how much we love him. These songs are about how we want how great God is and how he loves everyone!
- **Song: You Are**
- **Song: Jesus Loves Me**

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group: 1 beach ball (reused)

small group supplies

Per group: Bible, markers, scratch-off tools to share (reused)

Per kid: Coloring page, 1 scratch-off postcard (IN-57/6269), 1 invitation sticker (page 11; printed in color on Avery 5163)

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: How to Train Your Dragon "Accidental Flight" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOhBZfsHtig>)
3. Slide: Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.
4. Image: Moab and Israel map
5. Video: God's Story: Ruth (in progress)
6. Image: 3 people
7. Video: KBS: Ruth <https://vimeo.com/135275140>
8. Image: God's Story 365
9. Music Video: You Are (hand motions) <https://vimeo.com/154219686>
10. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (animated) <https://vimeo.com/44163992>

connect questions

Tell me about Ruth.

How can we tell our friends about Jesus?

name



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