LEADER'S GUIDE

OLDER CHILDREN AND PRETEENS

BIG PICTURE:

UNLIKELY HEROES - GIRLS

BIG IDEA:

WHEREVER YOU GO

BIG POINT:

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BIG WORD:

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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture UNLIKELY HEROES - GIRLS. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Unlikely Heroes' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.



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Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Discover that Ruth was a loyal friend and daughter to Naomi.
- Know that God is with us wherever we go.
- Learn that heroes are loyal to their friends.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Do you have any pets? Is your pet loyal to you or to someone in your house and follow them wherever they go?

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. What does it mean to be a loyal friend?

Being a loyal friend means we stick by our friends through good times and bad. We believe in them, care for them and stay by their side. If they're sick we call or visit them, if they win an award we're there cheering them on. Loyal friends don't give up on each other and they stick together through thick and thin.

2. How was Ruth blessed by being loyal?

Ruth followed her mother-in-law Naomi when she had to move to another place. No matter what Naomi said, Ruth had made up her mind, she was going to stick by Naomi no matter what. Because of her loyalty she became one of the most unlikely heroes of all. Ruth continued to stick by Naomi and worked to take care of her. A wealthy farmer named Boaz, heard that Ruth was loyal and he agreed to marry her. Together they had a son called Obed who became the grandfather of king David. Ruth was the woman who started Israel's most famous family of kings; David, Solomon and Jesus!

3. Who is with us wherever we go? (Read Deuteronomy 31:6)

God is with us wherever we go. At school, on holidays, at home, when we climb a tree and even when we sleep. Wherever we go, we're not alone. God is with us. Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV) "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." God doesn't give up on us when times get tough, He is right there with us no matter what.







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ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To have some fun with a three legged race, while we learn that Heroes are loyal.

Directions: Set out some chairs or markers to show the finish line. Make sure the play area is free from obstacles and anything dangerous. Ask the children to stand in pairs, side by side, and help them to tie some material around their inside legs for a three legged race! Set the challenge to stick by their friend and work together to walk to the finish line.

Explanation: If your friend stuck by you as you worked together, you will have easily made it to the finish line. Proverbs 18:24 (NIRV) "A person with unfaithful friends soon comes to ruin. But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." The best kind of friends are the friends that are like family, they're faithful and stick by us. Heroes are loyal.

BIG WORD

"God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." So we can be sure when we say, "I will not be afraid, because the Lord is my helper. People can't do anything to me." Hebrews 13:5b-6 (NCV)

Give each child a Big Word verse slip and let them colour it in. Once coloured in, the verse slip can be stuck onto a peg with some double sided tape or a little glue. The peg can be clipped onto the children's shirts to remind them that God will never leave them or abandon them. God is with us wherever we go.

GAME

Pass the Picture

Have the children sit in groups of 4 and give each child a piece of paper folded into 4 parts horizontally. First, each person draws a funny head on the top of the page Then, with it folded down, they pass the paper onto the next person. Next, without looking at the head, everyone draws a funny body, folds the paper down and passes it on. Next, they draw legs and pass it on, folded down. The feet are drawn last. When everyone is done you can unfold your pages and see your funny, made up, character.

PRAYER

Dear God.

We want to be unlikely heroes just like Ruth, help us to be a loyal friend to those around us. Thank you God that you're with us wherever we go and will never leave us.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Lengths of soft material, some chairs or game area markers.

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Big Word verse slips printed from print material files onto card paper. Coloured pencils or markers, wooden spring clothes pegs, glue (or double sided tape).

Supplies Needed:

Sheets of paper, pencils

