

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God gives us opportunities.

BIBLE

Ruth Meets Boaz:
Ruth 2; Mark 12:38–44

ABOUT THIS WEEK

While some heroes have a signal that flashes when people need help, others need to stay on the lookout for opportunities to help. This week, we'll hear the story of how Ruth met Boaz and how he showed kindness and favor to her. Boaz saw a chance to offer someone help, and his kindness reminds us that

God gives us opportunities to help others.

QUESTIONS

- **What opportunity did Ruth have to take care of Naomi?** *Ruth went out to glean grains from the fields to provide food for them.*
- **What opportunity did Boaz have to show kindness to Ruth?** *He advised Ruth to only glean from his field and to stay close to his workers. He told his workers to let Ruth take as much grain as she wanted. He gave her extra grain.*
- **How was God heroic in this story?** *God led Ruth to the right field, which gave Ruth and Naomi an opportunity to provide for themselves.*
- **Read Mark 12:43–44. Why did the widow give so little? What did Jesus say about that?** *It was all that she had. Jesus said that what she gave was far greater because others gave out of their abundance. She gave all that she had, from her little.*
- **Can you think of an opportunity you might have to help someone?**
- **When was a time when you may have missed an opportunity to help someone? What kept you from stepping in?**
- **How can we be on the lookout for God's opportunities to help others?**

ACTIVITY

For this activity, give one bookmark to each kid. You can choose to punch the holes ahead of time or provide hole punches for kids to do themselves. Give each kid beige or gold satin ribbon to thread through the holes (scan QR code for more detailed instructions). After kids have woven their ribbons, they can write the Big Idea or memory verse on the bottom.



This stalk of barley reminds us of how God led Ruth to exactly the right field at the right time to meet the right person, Boaz. Likewise, **God gives us opportunities** like these, not just to get what we need but to be the ones to offer help to someone else!

MEMORY VERSE: "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves."
— Zephaniah 3:17a (NIV)

