Unsung Heroes (Imaginarium)

Week 2 (NOV 9 2025)

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.

Felix Bucks Store (15 MIN)

Felix bucks store will be open every week (15 min before the experience begins 9:15am, 10:55am, 12:55pm).

Kids can shop as they arrive. Simply write their names and the date on a paper so you know who has already shopped that day. Same rules apply they can by 2 small items or 1 large item each week.

Still start countdown right at the start of the experience (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm). Store is closed with 1 min left on countdown so you can begin the experience right as the countdown ends.

CHECK-IN/PLAYTIME (5 MIN)

Check- In Opens 15 min before the Experience begins and closes 15 min after it begins

Kids will play until the main experience begins and then you will start lesson (check in will still be open for 15 more minutes station one of your helpers at the door for the remainder of check in)

Start countdown as soon as the main experience starts (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm)

Whoever is doing check-in should stay there and welcome all kids. An Adult (18years or older) must drop kids off and check for name-tag with phone number on it.

Large Group Time

Welcome (5 MIN)

Introduce yourself and the other teachers

Welcome any first time kids (Have them come up front, introduce them, give them their 5 Felix Bucks and explain what Felix bucks are)

Pass out Felix Bucks (those attending more than one experience can receive Felix Bucks for all experiences they attend)

- Bible (1 Felix Buck)
- Notebook (1 Felix Buck)
- Paper from previous week (5 Felix Bucks)

Welcome back, superheroes-in-training! Are you ready to see what exciting opportunities await us today?

As we go through our hero training, we will zoom in on *Unsung Heroes* Ruth and Naomi's story as they settle back into Naomi's hometown, Bethlehem.

We'll find that God guided them and put them in the right place at the right time to meet the right people! Coincidence? I think *God!*

Rules (5 MIN)

Go over Rules quickly but thoroughly:

- 1. No Talking without Permission
- 2. Be Kind!
 - Use Kind words (no curse words)
 - Keep your hands and feet to yourself (no fighting/shoving)
- 3. No Running
 - No leaving the classroom without a leader
- 4. No personal Toys or Electronics
- 5. HAVE FUN!

You can give Felix bucks to those who know the rules (ex. what is rule #1? whoever can tell you gets a Felix Buck then quickly move to next rule)

Generosity Time (5 MIN)

Briefly explain what a tithe and offering is. That a tithe is giving back to God what is His and then he blesses the rest. An offering is anything more than our tithe. Everytime we sacrifice and give it

opens the door for God to bless us even more.

MEMORY VERSE | Zephaniah 3:17a (NIV) (5 MIN)

- PRE SUNDAY PREP: Print the below memory verse coloring page
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass out the coloring page and have them say the verse as they color it <u>memory verse coloring page</u>
 - o "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves."

WORSHIP (8 MIN)

- Play one worship songs from Pro Presenter
 - 1st Experience: Lemonade (motions) by Forest Frank (Kid Kardia)
 - 2nd Experience: Praise God (Motions) by Planetboom (FWC Kids)
 - Lead Teacher go on stage and have 2 volunteers on either side of you (remind the volunteers what they are doing on the stage. Leading their friends in worship not playing)
 - Don't be afraid to teach the kids about worship for a minute if you feel it is needed or explain the meaning of some of the words in the songs
 - Make sure you pray out of worship. (pray for upcoming week, families, the kids, whatever Holy Spirit is leads you to pray)
 - o Don't forget to do Salvation Prayer.
 - make sure helper grabs green salvation bag from the back of Imaginrium, where the shirts are for those who said "yes".
 - Place bag by the door and give to kid(s) who said "yes" to Jesus as they leave. Also, let parent know the decision they made.

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

ACTIVITY | Hero Training: Opportunities (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have four different color of straws in the room ready to be spread out; Put four different colors of tape on the ground as a starting line; Have for "bases" taped on the ground in the same four colors (hollow square)

• INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity, prepare <u>assorted straws</u> (with at least four different colors) and four bins, hoops, or paper taped to the ground that match the colors of the straws. Spread out the straws on the ground as wide as possible. Set up the "base" (bin, hoop, or paper) in a circle around the straws. Divide kids into four teams and have them stand in a line behind their assigned color. When you say, "Go," one player from each team has to collect a straw of their team's color and bring it to their base. The first team to collect all their straws wins!

- Last time, we found out that heroes need companions and teams. Today's hero hot tip: Look for opportunities you can be a hero! An opportunity is the chance you get for something good to happen.
- In this training session, you could have been the hero by collecting all the straws for your team at once, but that wasn't the objective. You had your opportunity to shine when it was your turn to collect a straw to add to your base.
- Much like these straws we just collected, Ruth will be collecting some things necessary to her and Naomi's survival in today's Bible story. Pay attention to the hero opportunities that come up in the story!

QUESTION | What is your superpower? (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the following questions. You can have every kid shout their answer but then ask a few kids to share their answers with everyone. Comment briefly on their answers—and have fun with this!
- Most superheroes have neat superpowers. Let's name some together! If you could have any of these superpowers, which would it be? Why?
- Flying, x-ray vision, invisibility, lightning speed, and extra strength make each superhero special. But they are also super imaginary.
- God gives us different kinds of superpowers. We might call them gifts, talents, skills, abilities, or something else, but the point is we each have at least one thing we can use to serve God and others.
- So, what's your real-life superpower?
- Some people can play music to bring people joy. Some people love to help others in need. Other people can listen, encourage, comfort, show kindness, and all kinds of cool things! These are some qualities of true unsung heroes!

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

VIDEO | Unsung Heroes, Episode 2 (8 MIN)

- INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's episode of Grow TV.
- Or dowload the months videos here.

BIG IDEA | God gives us opportunities. (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Print the callouts below and have them either on a whiteboard or around the room; Have four pairs of red decoder glasses

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print out the <u>callouts</u> provided and place them on a wall or board out of order. Provide <u>red decoder glasses</u> (or make your own using cellophane) for the group, or invite a few volunteers up to the front to read the words aloud and put them in order. Collect the glasses to use next week!
- Great job using your supervision to find the Big Idea. Let's say it together: God gives us opportunities.

VIDEO | A Clip From "LEGO DC Comics Super Heroes" (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have the below clip loaded on propresenter and ready to play

- INSTRUCTIONS: Show this clip of The Flash from the "LEGO DC Comic Super Heroes" series.
- The Flash is a superhero that has super speed. He can get dressed in the blink of an eye—maybe even faster! But the reason Flash is considered a superhero is not just because he has the ability to move incredibly fast. It's because he uses that ability to help others whenever he can. He takes every opportunity he's given to do good for the people of the city.
- In today's Bible story, God gave different people incredible opportunities.
 - Ruth had the opportunity to take care of her mother-in-law Naomi by going out to glean grain for food. It wasn't going to be easy work, and it was uncertain how much food she would actually be able to gather, but she made the most of the opportunity she was given.
 - Boaz was also given an opportunity to look out for a new member of his community who came to collect grain in his field. He didn't have to, but he showed Ruth kindness and generosity.
 - And Naomi figured out the most incredible opportunity of all—Boaz could be the one who unlocks all their fortunes!
- Each of these people took the opportunities they got and did their best, but ultimately, it was God who arranged these circumstances, just like how God does this for us today, too.
- God gives us opportunities.

ACTIVITY | Glean Your Team (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have colored dots in the room

- INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity, prepare <u>colored dot stickers</u> with as many colors as needed so that at least two kids have the same color. Have kids stand in a circle facing outward with their eyes closed. Go around the circle and place a dot on each kid's forehead (have other leaders help you if it's a large group). When you give the signal, kids can open their eyes and spread out. They have to locate the other members of their color team—without speaking. Once everyone has found their team (have a leader confirm), have them stand together in a group superhero pose.
- You weren't allowed to speak in this activity but found ways to glean your teammates together in one place. I noticed that most of you took this opportunity to help each other figure out where they belonged because you couldn't see your own dot!
- **God gives us opportunities,** and a lot of those opportunities might be to benefit someone else, not just ourselves. Just like Ruth used her opportunity to take care of Naomi and Boaz used his to take care of Ruth, we can also use every opportunity God gives us to help others!

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids pair up with others in the group or with a leader and share their responses to the prompts below with their partner. Afterward, have them share with the rest of the group, and be sure to share your thoughts.
- Some superheroes encountered pretty difficult circumstances that somehow turned into
 opportunities for them to develop their hero ways. Batman starts out only wanting to find the
 person responsible for his parents' deaths but soon becomes the protector of Gotham City.
 Ruth and Naomi lost their families and had to start over in a new town.
 - Have you ever lost something or someone really important to you?
 - o How were you able to find comfort when you were feeling sad?
 - o Did this experience bring out anything good or helpful in other ways?
- We don't need to experience tragedy to become heroes. But the Bible teaches that hardship doesn't separate us from becoming heroes. God helps all of us find our way no matter what we go through.
 - How do you think Ruth felt about the opportunities God gave her?
 - What about Boaz? Naomi?
- We can see through Ruth and Naomi's story that even when we don't realize it, **God gives us opportunities** that will help us, help someone else, or lead us to trust God more!
- Thank your hero buddies for hanging out with you!

Small Group Time

DISCUSSION (if needed)

• SCRIPTURE 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, allowing Ruth and Naomi 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 abundance. She gave all that she had from her little.

• APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- o 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?