# Unsung Heroes (Imaginarium)

Week 3 (NOV 16 2025)

### **BIG IDEA**

God gives us boldness.

## BIBLE

Ruth Asks Boaz For Help: Ruth 3; Hebrews 10:19-25

## **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

Apart from a cool costume and heroic name, heroes also need the courage to take on whatever challenges they face.

This week, we'll learn how Ruth took a big risk to visit Boaz and ask him for help. Ruth's decision to be brave helped save her family, and she helps us see how God gives us boldness when we need it.

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)

Hey there, mini superheroes! You look fierce today, like you can take on any villain who dares to cross your path!

In today's training, we continue the story of Ruth and Naomi, our *Unsung Heroes*.

As we learn about how God was with them, we will work on being bold and brave, not just to accomplish spectacular feats, but to trust and obey God! Ready to train? Let's get started!

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
  - o 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: <u>Lemonade</u> (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)
  - 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: Boldness (10 MIN)

**PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Have 30 balloons blown up; Have 2 boxes labeled Danger Zone and one large boxes labeled Saftey Zone

- INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity, inflate as many balloons as you'll have as kids in advance. Have extra balloons in case some pop, or consider using <u>lightweight inflatable balls</u> instead. Prepare two boxes or other containers labeled "danger" and one large box labeled "safety zone." Set up the "danger" boxes on opposite sides of the room and the "safety zone" in the middle. Divide kids into two teams and have them line up behind their box to start. Each team member has to transport a balloon from the "danger" box to the "safety zone," but they must keep it bouncing the entire time. (They can't just hold it or let it fall to the ground.) If they break a rule, they must return to their box and start over. The first team to empty their danger box first wins!
- I see you all are on your way to becoming fully-fledged superheroes! So far, we've learned that heroes need good companions and the right opportunities. This training session was all

- about how bold you could be to rescue all those people (balloons) from danger! Superheroes often have to overcome their fears to help others.
- Sometimes, asking for help requires boldness, too. In today's Bible story, we'll find that Ruth needed to step up and be bold to get the help she and Naomi needed.

POLL | How bold do you have to be? (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids how bold they think someone would have to be to perform the following tasks. When you give the scenarios, kids can respond in the following ways: Lying down (zero boldness), sitting (little boldness), standing (a lot of boldness), or jumping (so much boldness).
- How much boldness would you need to ...
  - Rescue people from a burning building?
  - Stand up for someone who is getting picked on?
  - o Climb a tree to rescue a kitten?
  - o Climb a tree to rescue a snake?
  - o Go into a dark room to find the light switch?
  - Wear something to school that people might make fun of?
  - Let someone know what they're doing isn't right?
  - o Invite a friend to church?
  - Walk a tightrope rope across two skyscrapers?
  - o Tell your parents when you have made a not-so-good choice?
  - Ask for help when you need it?
  - o Tell someone about Jesus?
- Different situations call for different amounts of boldness, which can look different for everybody. What Ruth needed to do in today's Bible story might not seem like it would have required much, but for her time, what she did was super bold!

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

VIDEO | Unsung Heroes, Episode 3 (8 MIN)

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

BIG IDEA | God gives us boldness. (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 boldness.

VIDEO | A Clip From "Big Hero 6"

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

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show <u>this clip</u> of the heroes training from the movie "Big Hero 6."
- Hiro and his friends were not superheroes. They were self-proclaimed "nerds" who were more concerned with scientific discoveries. Even Baymax was originally a healthcare companion (remember that word?) before the big upgrade. But once they decided to team up to take down the man in the kabuki mask, they developed all sorts of cool tech and trained up their skills. The thing is, it wasn't their superhero gadgets that made them bold. It was their determination and willingness to do what needed to be done.
- In today's Bible story, God gave Ruth the boldness to ask Boaz for help. In those days, everything Ruth did went against what society expected of her. But she followed Naomi's instructions anyway because she knew she needed to speak up if it meant saving her family.
- We will all face situations when we must be bold, too. Each time we do, we can remember that **God gives us boldness.**

ACTIVITY | Boldness Bowling (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have 10 plastic cups in the room and a ball with the word boldness written on it

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Stack up ten plastic cups in a pyramid with four cups on the bottom. Prepare a large ball with the word "boldness" written on a strip of masking tape attached to it. Have kids take turns **rolling** the ball to knock down all the cups.
- Before we can be truly bold the way God helps us to be, we first need to knock down the things that stop us from being bold. These things act as "villains" who get in the way or actually block us from doing what's right.
- Ruth and Naomi had to overcome all sorts of fears as they started their lives in Bethlehem. They might have been afraid about how they would be able to survive with no one to take care of them. When Naomi came up with the plan to enlist Boaz's help, it came with great risk for Ruth's reputation. Even then, Boaz could have said no.
- Even with all of these unknown factors, Ruth and Naomi pressed on because of the boldness God gave them.
- In the same way, God gives us boldness, too!

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

REFLECTION | Hero Hangtime (10 MIN)

- **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.
- Superheroes seem to have boldness in volumes. Sometimes, they put themselves in danger so everyone else can be rescued. Because they are superheroes, they can be afraid to show weakness or ask for help.
- For regular humans, that's not the kind of boldness we need. Maybe it's not the best choice for superheroes, either. Most of the time, the boldest thing we can do is to ask for help—especially God's help!
- God gives us boldness, and to utilize it, we need to do away with whatever holds us back.
- For Ruth, it might have been fear of what her community might think of her if they found out what she did. For us, it could be fear of what people might say, worry about making the wrong choice, people who make you feel afraid, or that you've never been bold before. Whatever it is, don't let those things stop you from using the boldness God gives you!
  - What are some things that keep you from being bold?
  - How can you remember to be bold the way God wants you to be?
- Thank your hero buddies for hanging out with you!

## Small Group Time

DISCUSSION (if needed)

#### • SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

- Why did Ruth and Naomi need Boaz's help? They needed a guardian-redeemer to claim Naomi's husband's property as a way for them to survive and for their family line to continue.
- **How did Boaz respond to Ruth's boldness?** He told her that if the other guardian-redeemer gave up his right, Boaz would marry and redeem Ruth. He also sent along more food for her and Naomi.
- **How was God heroic in this story?** God helped Naomi come up with a plan. God helped Ruth be bold to ask Boaz for help. God allowed Boaz to be moved by Ruth's request and be willing to help.
- o Hebrews 10:23 reminds us God is faithful. How might knowing this help us be bold?

#### • APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- $\circ~$  In what circumstances do you need God's boldness the most?
- How can you ask God for help?
- How can you determine if you are being bold or if you are being reckless?