Unsung Heroes (Imaginarium)

Week 4 (NOV 23 2025)

BIG IDEA

God gives us hope.

BIBLE

Ruth Marries Boaz: Ruth 4; Revelation 1:4-8

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Heroes use their special abilities to serve their communities while hoping their work will bring about more good in the world. This week, we'll learn about how Ruth married Boaz and what was so special about their family line. Ruth and Naomi's story shows us what happens when we stay close to God through difficult times—God gives us hope.

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)

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's ... all of you!

You've been training hard all month, and now I think you're ready to be the kind of superhero our city needs!

Let's wrap up our training with the final chapter in Ruth and Naomi's *Unsung Heroes* story.

They started out with no hope whatsoever but discovered God had been their hope all along!

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>
 - $\circ\hspace{0.1cm}$ "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)
 - 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: Hope

- INSTRUCTIONS: For this activity, divide kids up into "hero squads" of five kids. Set up five superhero stations. Each squad member has to start at a different station to complete a challenge in one minute against members from different squads. Try to have the games face the walls so kids don't get hit by projectiles. Signal for kids to begin as you start the timer. When the timer rings, everyone steps back from their station. Pass out a superhero sticker to everyone who attempted their challenge, regardless of their level of success. Depending on the size of your group, you can decrease the number of challenges, allow kids to rotate to the next station or not, or set up duplicate stations so more kids can play at once.
- Alright, heroes. It's time for your final training session. We've learned all about what it takes to be a hero: companions, opportunities, and boldness. There is one more ingredient we'll talk about today that brings all these things together. Let's see how well you tackle each of these challenges before we continue!
 - Spidey-Senses: Collect as many plastic spiders off of a table as you can using sticky

hands.

- o Cap's Shield Toss: Knock down targets (water bottles) off a table using frisbees.
- **Wonder Woman's Lasso:** Tie extra string to <u>rope rings</u> and toss the ropes around small plastic cones while holding onto the string with the other hand.
- **Hawkeye's Arrows:** Aim straws or unsharpened pencils (eraser side first) into a bucket three feet away.
- **Storm's Raindrops:** Blow a ping pong ball across five cups filled to the brim with water until it reaches the last cup.
- Each of these challenges required heroic skills, but it also had something else hope. Didn't you all hope that you would be able to complete the challenge in one minute? When we have hope, we trust that something we want to happen will happen!

ACTIVITY | Superhero Skills (15 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY: Have the white board in the room; Write out several words from this month's Bible stories (Ruth, Naomi, Boaz, grain, sandal) or <u>superhero-themed words</u>.; have the spinning wheel in the room with the ways to draw on the options

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, prepare an easel or tape butcher paper up on the wall. Have kids play Pictionary using words from this month's Bible stories (Ruth, Naomi, Boaz, grain, sandal) or <u>superhero-themed words</u>. The catch is, they have to <u>spin a wheel</u> that tells them how they need to draw (or act) out the word, for example:

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- Human (Draw normally.)
- Daredevil (Draw while wearing a blindfold.)
- Wolverine (Stick three pencils between their knuckles and draw with all three pencils.)
- Hulk (Stamp your fist using a washable ink pad.)
- Catwoman (Describe the word using only "meows.")
- Doctor Strange (Act out the word using your hands.)
- Those are some surprising superhero skills! As you drew or acted out these words, you were really hoping that your friends could guess what you were trying to communicate, right? **How did it feel when they guessed correctly?**
- Hold onto that feeling because that's how Ruth and Naomi felt as God answered their prayers in today's Bible story!

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 here.

BIG IDEA | God gives us hope. (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.
- Great job using your super vision to find the Big Idea. Let's say it together: **God gives us hope.**

VIDEO | A Clip From "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show <u>this clip</u> of Miles, Gwen, and other Spider-People saving the city from the movie "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse."
- This kind of scene seems to occur in every superhero movie. There comes a point when the villain's attacks spread out to an entire city, and it's up to the heroes to stop the villain and save innocent civilians from being hurt.
- In the clip we just saw, all the different Spider-People, who are each used to being the solo superhero in their universe, joined forces to rescue everyone. Imagine how hopeful everyone on the ground felt when they saw a team of superheroes swinging in to save them!
- God can do anything and save anyone single-handedly, but God chooses to team up with humans. God gives us the chance to help each other out and spread God's love that way.
- God could have instantly reversed Ruth and Naomi's situation and given them whatever they needed, but God worked through the women themselves and people like Boaz to work things out the way God had planned.
- God is always ready for the rescue whenever we call. We can be sure God will answer when we do because **God gives us hope**, and God never fails.

OBJECT LESSON | Hope It Fits (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have 3 notecards cut according to the directions below

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have a brightly colored index card. Cut it according to this video tutorial—you should be able to fit the index card around your head once completed. Carefully pull out the edges of the paper to reveal the big hole. Pull it over your head and around your neck like a necklace. If there's time, pass out index cards and safety scissors to the kids and have them try, too!
- Just like we saw that this plain index card could fit comfortably around our heads, God can do amazing things, even in seemingly impossible situations.
- Think about Ruth and Naomi's journey starting back in Moab. They would never have imagined their story would have turned out this way! They started out with no hope, thinking they'd try their luck by returning to Bethlehem. As it turns out, hope had been following them around every corner.
- Whenever things seemed unclear or impossible, God allowed more and more hope. In the end, they were able to start a brand new life, one overflowing with hope as Boaz and Ruth started a family together—a family line that would consist of kings and Jesus himself!
- Yes, God gives us hope!

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 as well. Since this is the last week of the series, if there's time, consider making a "Hope Float" with the group (one scoop of vanilla ice cream with root beer or lemon-lime soda).
- Have you ever heard the saying, "hope floats?" It means that when you have hope, it lifts you and others up. It helps you believe that things will turn out great and allows you to hold on when things get tough. In the story of Ruth and Naomi, there's no doubt that their hope in God kept them afloat through some pretty difficult times!
 - Think of a time when you were uncertain about something or how a situation would turn out. What would it look like to have hope during this difficult situation?
 - Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't know how things would turn out but it ended up being better than you thought?
 - When was the last time you didn't feel hopeful?
 - Where do you think you can get hope when you need it the most?
- It's normal to feel hopeless sometimes. Our problems might feel too big for anyone to do anything about *except* we can remember that nothing is too big for God.
- God gives us hope and invites us to ask for help!
- Let's clink our hope floats together and shout out a heroic hooray! Hooray!

Small Group Time

DISCUSSION (if needed)

• SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

- What problem did Boaz have to overcome before he could marry Ruth? There was another guardian-redeemer who had more of a right to redeem Naomi's land.
- What did the other guardian-redeemer do to show that he would not redeem the land? The relative took off his sandal and gave it to Boaz.
- How was God heroic in this story? God watched over Ruth and Naomi from the beginning. God allowed the right people to meet. God gave Naomi joy. Boaz and Ruth's son would be the grandfather to King David and ancestor to Jesus!
- **Read Revelation 1:8. How does this verse give you hope?** Possible answers: God is always with us. God knows and has a plan for my future. I can trust God even when I don't have the answers or things are unclear.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever felt hopeless? What kinds of other emotions were mixed in?
- o Who are some people who teach you how to hope?
- What is one way you can put your hope in God?