

Discussion Questions Course 301–1

Large Group

1. Can someone tell me what the word faithful means?
2. Why was Chris upset in the video?
3. What choice did Chris' mother give him?
4. What would you do if you were Chris?

Small Group

Game

1. Do you remember Gizmo's definition of a gleaner?

Teaching

1. In our story, were Ruth and Boaz faithful and kind just once, or many times?
2. Naomi told Orpah and Ruth to return home. Orpah left but Ruth clung to her and refused to leave her. Was Ruth being faithful, kind or both?
3. Ruth told Naomi that she was going into the harvest fields to glean grain. Was this being faithful, kind or both?
4. Boaz was wealthy and an important person in Bethlehem. He chose to greet his harvesters by saying, "The Lord be with you!" Was this being faithful, kind or both?
5. Even though Boaz was a very important man in Bethlehem, was he arrogant and proud?
6. The foreman told Boaz that Ruth had been working hard except for a few minutes' rest. Was she being faithful, kind or both?
7. Boaz told Ruth to stay in his field to gather grain and to follow his workers closely. He told his workers not to treat her roughly, and he made sure she had food and water. Boaz told the workers to drop some grain on purpose for her to pick up. Was this being faithful, kind or both?
8. Ruth worked hard all day and carried the grain back to Naomi. She even brought her the food that was left over from her meal. Was this being faithful, kind or both?
9. Ruth worked in Boaz's fields until the end of the barley and summer wheat harvest. Was this being faithful, kind or both?
10. Ruth followed all the instructions that Naomi gave her to do when she went to see Boaz one evening. Was this being faithful, kind or both?
11. Boaz said Ruth showed loyalty to Naomi and her family by coming to him, the family redeemer. She did not go after a younger man for a husband. Was this being faithful, kind or both?
12. Boaz kept his word to Ruth. He redeemed the property from Naomi and took Ruth for his wife. Was he being faithful, kind or both?

Prayer

1. Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to ask their idol to send fire onto their altar. After the prophets had prayed, shouted and danced for hours, Baal was silent. Why do you think the idol did not answer the prophets?

Additional Activities**Object Lesson**

1. Naomi told Orpah and Ruth to leave her. She wanted them to go back to their hometowns to find new husbands. What happened?
2. Orpah returned to her home but Ruth refused to go back to her old life. She clung tightly to Naomi. What does the word cling mean?

Maze Activity

1. Why do you think Ruth chose to be faithful and kind to Naomi?
2. What do you think you would have chosen to do?
3. Can you share a time that you chose to be faithful?
4. Can you share a time that you chose to be kind?