

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of August 8, 2021



Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5th grade and their families in Bible stories, engaging experiences, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection. Pick one to two activities to do with your family each week. Contact Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director, for more information. kschmucker@faithumchurch.org

Welcome to Wonder

Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include. Use this space while gathering as a family to engage in the lesson or online worship together.

Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story - Read the Bible story, Book of Ruth

- Roll the Wonder Cube. Take time to answer a few of the questions. *A copy of the Wonder Cube for this quarter is included in the Family Worship Kit Paper folder and in the June 6, 13, 20 Sunday School activities.*

WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

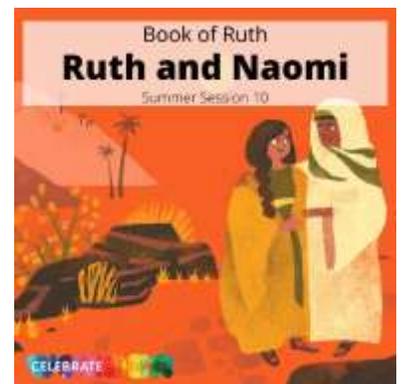
Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 100's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have logged into Amplify Media search Celebrate Wonder to watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video and view the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos! Amplify Media has also recently added a section called, Cokesbury Kids, to make it easier for you to find all the great resources available for children! **This week is Summer Session 10 Ruth and Naomi.**

WONDER: Who would you want to be in the story, Ruth, Naomi, or Orpah?

WONDER Together

- What do you do to show others you are a loyal friend?
- Would you ever move to a different town to be close to a friend?
- Is it hard to show kindness?
- Who in your family shows courage?

PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for the kindness you show us that allows us to be courageous. Amen.



SHARE the Faith Word:

COURAGE— Courage is choosing to act in faith, even when you are afraid.

WONDER: Do you think Naomi was afraid to go to Judah? Do you think Ruth was afraid to go to Judah? Why do you think they chose to have courage?

Kindness Counts (Team Building)

Supplies: paper, tape, small sticky notes, pens

- Tape a piece of paper on each person's back.
- Ask everyone to move around the room.
- Invite each person to write on a sticky note a kind comment about another person and to attach the sticky note to the paper on that person's back.
- Each person should continue writing comments and attaching them to other people's papers until they have made a kind comment about every person at least once.
- When everyone is finished, gather everyone together.

- Invite each person to remove his or her paper filled with sticky notes.
- Let everyone share his or her kind comments, if each person chooses.

SAY: It takes courage to show kindness. Each of you is kind and loving.

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Courage Through Discipline

- Gather together. Light a candle.

SAY: We learned about two women who were loyal friends. I'm sure one of the things Ruth and Naomi did together during their journey and the difficult times they faced in their new life was pray to God. Let's pray together as we think about Ruth and Naomi.

- Have everyone repeat your actions and words.

○ Put both of your hands down by your sides.

○ Lift your right hand up.

SAY: Wherever you go, I will go. (*Lift your left hand up.*)

SAY: Your God will be my God. Amen. (*Place your hands over your heart.*)

Tip: Feel free to alter the body movements in this prayer to be inclusive of everyone participating.

- Find a time to read together the *Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book*.



Spiritual Practice: Courage Chart

Ruth showed her courage by traveling with Naomi to a strange place. Ruth loved Naomi. Being kind and caring can be an act of courage for others. Make a Courage Chart. Photocopy a blank calendar with large squares. Each time someone in the family shows an act of courage, that person can color a square. Share with the family how you felt before the act and after the act of courage. Pray that God will always hope you be courageous, even when you are afraid. Let your family hear you say the prayer when you are faced with making decisions this week. Remind everyone that they can say this prayer aloud or silently when faced with making a decision.

Spiritual Practice: Courage Braid

Rahab was told to place a red cord out of her window so the Israelites would not harm her or her family. Rahab's courage and her discipline in a time of danger made it possible for her and her family to be saved. Braid a bookmark or bracelet from a thin red cord. As you braid, think when you showed courage in a time of danger. Contemplate how fear (one strand), discipline (second strand), and courage (third strand) go together. What else gives you courage?

Celebration Chart

Print out and place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together! *A Celebration Chart for Summer can be found in the Family Worship Kit paper folder or in the June 6, 13, 20 Sunday School Home Activities.*

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Additional Family Activities:

Camp Read-A-Lot videos with music, stories and literacy activities are available to watch online at the following links:



- Week 1 Camp Read-A-Lot video link: <https://youtu.be/1ETEbaHreyE>
- Week 2 Camp Read-A-Lot video link: <https://youtu.be/PkUEJ3aXYT8>
- Look for the Reading Is An Adventure story written by Faith United Friends on the Camp Read-A-Lot page of the website - <https://www.myfaithunited.org/camp-read-a-lot/>

- **Resources for Talking about Race and Racism with Children:** Visit our website at <https://www.myfaithunited.org/anti-racism/>
- **Look for God Sightings**, looking for our good God in the world! Share the God Sightings you find with us. We will share them during our Wednesday Night Live worship.
- Use, individually or as a family, the worship and devotional resources you will receive connected with Sunday's Worship and Sunday School. Share with others! Visit our website for updated resources: <https://www.myfaithunited.org/worship-online/>



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