

Memory Verse

Show love in everything you do.

1 Corinthians 16:14

**Ages
6-7**

Living For Others

What would we do without friends? By being a friend to Naomi, Ruth gave us an example to follow. She showed kindness when being selfish might have been easier. God made sure Ruth and Naomi had what they needed. He even gave Ruth a new husband and family. God will bless you, too, when you care for others.

Your Challenge:

We all like being part of the group, right? You can show God's love to another kid by welcoming them. The next time you're at the playground, find someone who's playing alone. Go over and play with them, or invite them to join your friends. Before you go to bed that night, pray for your new friend. Then look for them the next time you're at the playground. God is blessing him or her through you!

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God wants me to care about others.

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Bible Lesson:
**Ruth 1:1-9,15-17;
2:2-3,11-13,
17-22**

Think back to a time when you were the new kid. Remember the first person to come up and talk to you? Did you see that kid as a blessing from God? We all have chances to "be the blessing" every day. It's as easy as moving our feet and reaching out with our hands.

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8-10**

Living For Others

Ruth had a choice to make. Leave her mother-in-law, or stay and help her? Ruth stayed, and showed God's love to her when she didn't have to. God took the rough grain of Ruth's life and turned it into something great. He allowed her to have a new family, and proved His faithfulness by meeting all of her needs.

Your Challenge:

During small group this week, you discussed ways to care for others with your group. Using your Caring Hands, Caring Feet handout as a guide, find a way to care for others with your hands and your feet. Use your feet to walk out of your comfort zone and show God's love to someone who you wouldn't normally talk to. Use your hands to set aside your selfish desires and think about blessing someone else. Smile and think about God rewarding your faithfulness.

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Every day, our culture sends us the message that being selfish is normal, even okay. But the Bible is full of stories about people putting others above themselves. Considering the thoughts and feelings of others is a great way to show that Christians are different. By doing so, you can point people to God!

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**Ages
11-12**

Living For Others

The story of Ruth shows us the wonderful way that God works through people. He could take away all our pain and need with a wave of His hand, but instead, He allows you and I to be part of His plan. Ruth, a young woman from Moab, could have left her mother-in-law to fend for herself. But she chose to stay with her and show her God's loving care. God returned the favor by meeting all of Ruth's needs and giving her a wonderful new family.

Your Challenge:

Ask God to show you someone who needs encouragement. Maybe this person does not know Jesus, or maybe she does. Either way, he or she needs someone to be "Jesus with skin on." Plan out an action that shows this person you care. You could send them a card or an email, share a meal, or ask to lift up their prayer requests. Whatever you do for them, let it be done with love. Then, a week later, follow up with them and ask them how things are going.

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In your prayer time, thank God for the person you were able to bless. Thank God for all the people who have been "Jesus with skin on" for you, too. Just being a good friend or family member is an awesome way to participate in God's plan.