



# HOUSE PARTY

## PARENT GUIDE

### Life App Definition

Kindness — showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

### Main Idea

In week 2, we head to Ruth 1 and 2, where we find Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth. Their husbands have died, and Ruth has the opportunity to return home to her family. Instead, she chooses to show kindness to Naomi and stay with her. Ruth's kindness doesn't go unnoticed. Boaz sees how Ruth treats Naomi and offers kindness to Ruth, changing her life in a huge way. We hope through the story of Ruth, kids will learn to show kindness to the people who care about them the most.

### Memory Verse

"You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient" (Colossians 3:12 NIRV).

### Bottom Line

Be kind to your family and friends.

### Monthly Profession

I will delight myself in the Lord and He will give me the desires of my heart.

### Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Ruth was Naomi's daughter-in-law. (True)
- Naomi told her daughters-in-law to leave her. (True)
- Both Ruth AND Orpah stayed with Naomi. (False)
- Ruth followed Naomi and traveled with her back to her homeland. (True)
- Ruth refused to pick food for them because she was tired. (False)
- Ruth went into Boaz's fields and picked grain. (True)
- Ruth was lazy and slept a lot. (False)
- Boaz was kind to Ruth. (True)
- Ruth was kind to Naomi. (True)
- Boaz never offered Ruth water and food. (False)
- Boaz was kind to Ruth because he heard how kind Ruth was to Naomi. (True)
- Naomi wanted to live alone with Ruth forever. (False)
- Boaz didn't want to help Ruth and Naomi. (False)
- Boaz married Ruth. (True)
- Ruth and Boaz's great-grandson was King David. (True)
- Is it easier or harder to be kind to your family as compared to your friends?
- Why do you think it can be harder to be kind to people we see all the time?
- What are things we can do to help us to remember to show kindness to our family and friends?

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- ☐ Masking tape

### Activity

- Create an X(s) on the floor by using masking tape.
- Tell your children to stand on the X and face you.
- Explain that you will read a scenario off the screen.
  - If your children think it's easy to be kind, they should jump in front of the X (toward you).
  - If it is hard to be kind, they jump behind the X (away from you).
  - If it is neither, they stay on the X.
- Scenarios:
  - Both you and your friend got A's on your spelling test. Easy or hard to be kind to your friend?
  - Your friend got an A and you got a C. Easy or hard to be kind to your friend?
  - You got an A and your friend got a C. Easy or hard to be kind to your friend?
  - Your mom grounded you and you think it is unfair. Easy or hard to be kind to your mom?
  - You are stuck at home and your younger brother keeps bothering you. Easy or hard to be kind to your brother?
  - You're in a bad mood and your family is trying to cheer you up, but you're still annoyed with everybody. Easy or hard to be kind to them?
  - You are having a great day! Easy or hard to be kind to the people around you?
  - What about when you are having a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day? Easy or hard to be kind to the people around you?

## **Prayer**

Spend a few moments in prayer with your children. Pray that God will help each of you to remember to be kind to your family and friends.

Dear God,

We know it can be really hard to show kindness to our friends and family, but with Your help, we can choose to put on kindness around them. We pray for every family member or friend we mentioned a few minutes ago, and we ask that You help them choose kindness, too. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.