



TURN "CHILDREN'S TIME"
INTO FAMILY TIME

THE LORD SEES OUR HEART



RUTH 2
SEASON 2 WEEK 12

WELCOME

Welcome to the Big God Project, where Children's Time becomes Family Time! If this is your first time working with our curriculum, take some time to familiarize yourself with our model and answer any questions you might have by visiting our website at BigGodProject.com

THE GAME

The game this week is called "Picture This". The challenge is to figure out which word or phrase is represented by the pictures. For example, and eye plus the scream emoji = "ice cream" (eye scream). This game reminds us of the importance of looking at the whole picture God is giving us before we jump to conclusions.

THE THEME

This week's theme is "**THE LORD SEES OUR HEART**". This theme reminds us that God sees through our outside appearance and actions, and instead looks at our heart.

THE QUESTION

The question is week is: "What is something you received that you weren't expecting?" This question will help us start thinking about what it feels like when we get an unexpected gift, or help comes when we least expect it.

THE STORY

This week's story is about how Ruth and Naomi are hungry and looking for food, when Boaz invites Ruth to take whatever she needed from his field. Boaz saw through her poverty and simple appearance to see her huge heart - a heart that would never abandon her mother-in-law.

THE JOURNAL

This week's journal questions are:

1. I wonder why Ruth was so determined to stay with her mother-in-law Naomi, even though she would have had a much easier life if she had stayed in her own home town?
2. I wonder what kind of people we are most impressed by? I wonder if God sees people the same way we do?
3. I wonder what we could do to see people more like the way God sees people?

These questions get us thinking about what it was about Ruth's heart that impressed Boaz so much - the parts that God sees. They also challenge us to look at people through God-eyes, rather than through people-eyes.

THE ACTIVITIES

The activities for this Sunday are described below. These can be integrated with the other parts of your Sunday School time (prayer time, snacks, singing, etc).

Note that there is also an **instructional video** available for each week's lesson on the Big God Project website (www.BigGodProject.com). You can either send the video to your teachers to help them prepare the lesson, and/or you can play the video in the classroom for the children, before they do the activities themselves. If you have a laptop or a tablet, you can use this to stream the video in the classroom.

ACTIVITY #1 - PEOPLE HEART TEXTURE CRAFT

The Lord Sees Our Heart just like Boaz saw Ruth's heart in this week's Big God Story. For today's craft we are going to create a texture picture to remind us that the Lord Sees Our Heart. That He knows what we truly want or need and sees the people we are inside.

SUPPLIES

- White card or cover stock paper
- Crayons/pencil crayons/markers
- Fancy heart stickers (puppy, jewel look etc)
- Small grain (ex. rice, barley, flax etc)
- Glue

1. Invite the children to draw a picture from this week's Big God Story of Ruth and Boaz in his field. Make sure they leave room to write the God statement at the top or bottom of the page.

2. Give the children two heart stickers to put where Boaz and Ruth's hearts are. We are going to make the hearts the most important part of this picture because we are focusing on how the Lord sees us.

3. Once the picture is fully coloured in, the children can glue some grain to the picture to represent the grain that Ruth was gleaning for her family when she met Boaz.

ACTIVITY #2 - FIND YOUR HEART PAIRS

This week we learned that the Lord Sees our Heart and that Boaz saw Ruth's heart when he observed her working in the field and learned about her history with Naomi. Of course this doesn't mean he saw her anatomical heart beating in her chest! It means that we get to know someone's emotions and actions to see what they are truly like as a person. We don't just focus on outside things like how they dress or what they look like. In our day to day lives it's hard to focus on the heart. We are going to play a fun matching game to help us remember to look at people's hearts, and that the Lord Sees Our Heart.

SUPPLIES

- Sheets of coloured craft foam (thick paper can be substituted)
- Template printed out onto thick paper

1. Before class, cut out the heart templates and use them to trace identical hearts out of foam sheets. Cut out the hearts.
2. Next, cut each heart in half in different ways (ex. Curved line, zigzag line, horizontal etc).
3. Distribute the heart halves among the children. They will work as a team to find the other half for all of the hearts. Put on music and have fun as the children intermingle with each other to try to find their other halves.
4. Alternatively, you can cut the hearts out of two different colours of foam. Split the children into two teams and see which team can make all their hearts whole first.

DIG DEEPER (OLDER KIDS)

The **DIG DEEPER** section is for your older children, in order to challenge them to dig deeper into the meaning and application of the scripture passages. The questions included most weeks in the Big God Journal are a good place to start. This section gives additional ideas and resources.

ACTIVITY #1

Try making an origami heart inside of which they can write today's God statement.

ACTIVITY #2 - SAME AS ABOVE

DISCUSSION

The Lord Sees our Hearts, and sometimes answers the desires of our hearts in a way we don't expect. How do you think Ruth thought her life would go after she chose to go with Naomi instead of back to her family? Was there a time in your life or in your family that answers or happiness came in unexpected ways?