

# Bible Month June 2020 – Family Bible Study.

## The Book of Ruth

### *Week 3 – Respect and doing the right thing*

#### *To read in advance*

Who do you respect in your life – someone you know who will always try to do the right thing? Are there times in our lives when doing the right thing is easy, and times when it's hard.

#### To set up in advance

1. Set up the prayer space. You will need copies of the person template and some pens or pencils
2. Download the story board to have a look at, for under 10s. See the link in the Bible section.
3. Print out the journal to complete over the next few weeks, one for each member of the family.
4. Find a Bible suitable for each member of the family, or you can use the one version.
5. Have colouring pencils and pens ready.

#### Opening Question

Who do we respect? Any celebrities you know? Politicians? School teachers? Has that changed in this period of lockdown? New respect for those people we took for granted before..?

#### Dilemma quiz – what would you do if.....?

1. You are hanging out with your usual group of friends when an argument breaks out between 2 of them. Things escalate and one of them walks away beckoning the rest of the group to go with them. What do you do?
2. Your parents have friends coming round and have put out dishes of your favourite snack. They have warned you not to touch them as they are for the guests. You could probably take one without anyone noticing. What do you do?
3. You are playing on your x-box and have nearly scored your all time best score. Your mum calls you down for dinner. You could go straight down and lose your score or play a few more minutes and pretend you didn't hear. What do you do?

#### Bible Reading: Ruth chapter Ruth 3 1-18

Naomi's plans get more desperate now that the harvest is done, and she seeks to marry off Ruth. This will be more difficult as Ruth is a foreigner. They trust that Boaz will do the right thing by them.

[https://bibleforchildren.org/PDFs/english/Ruth\\_A\\_Love\\_Story\\_English.pdf](https://bibleforchildren.org/PDFs/english/Ruth_A_Love_Story_English.pdf)

This link shows slides of the story. For week 3, recap the previous slides if needed and then go to slide 13.

It is very short, so you may want to choose to read another version too.

#### Wondering Questions:

1. I wonder why Ruth and Naomi trusted Boaz?
2. I wonder how Ruth felt being a foreigner in the land?
3. I wonder if there might be people who feel that they are somehow 'different' in our schools or church or workplaces?
4. I wonder how we might make those who feel 'different' more welcome?

5. I wonder why Boaz agreed to marry Ruth?

#### Prayer Space

Take your family over to the prayer space and read the instructions to them. Check younger members have understood it.

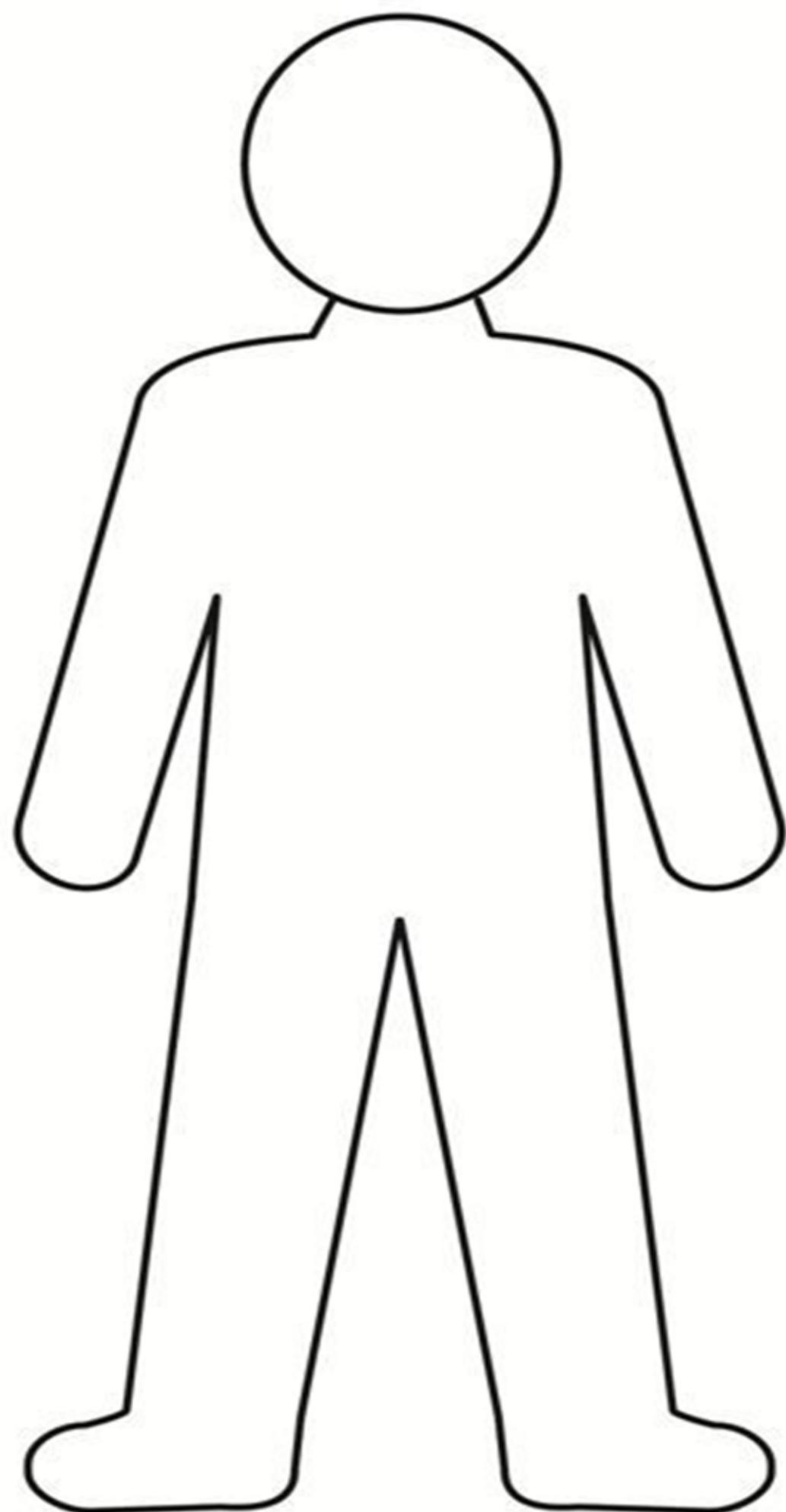
Make copies of the person template for everyone in the family. Think about someone you look up to. It may be a member of your family, a teacher, a film star, a football player. Using the person template, write some of the characteristics about that person which you respect. Now turn the template over and think about things that you could do to show respect to others. Ask for God's help to be respectful to others, particularly those you may be different to you in some way or who you find it difficult to get on with.

Give everyone time to complete the space as they wish. Ask if anyone wants to say any other prayers together.

#### Activities

In this week's part of the story, Ruth puts her trust in Boaz and he shows her respect. Different members of your family may respond differently, which is absolutely fine. There are a few options to choose from, or they may wish to go off on their own for a while. Allow as much time as everyone needs

1. Set up an obstacle course around your garden, or living room. Get a scarf to use as a blindfold and take it in turns to lead members of the family around the obstacle course with the blindfolded. Can you trust the person to lead you round safely?
2. Colour the sheet with the quote from Luke chapter 6 verse 31 'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'
3. Read the Respect acrostic poem written by some 11 year old girls. Design and decorate your own acrostic poem using the letters Respect.
4. Spend some time filling in and reflecting on your Bible month journal.



**R**especting others' property

**E**ach person is different so treat them the same way.

**S**how respect by not talking over others.

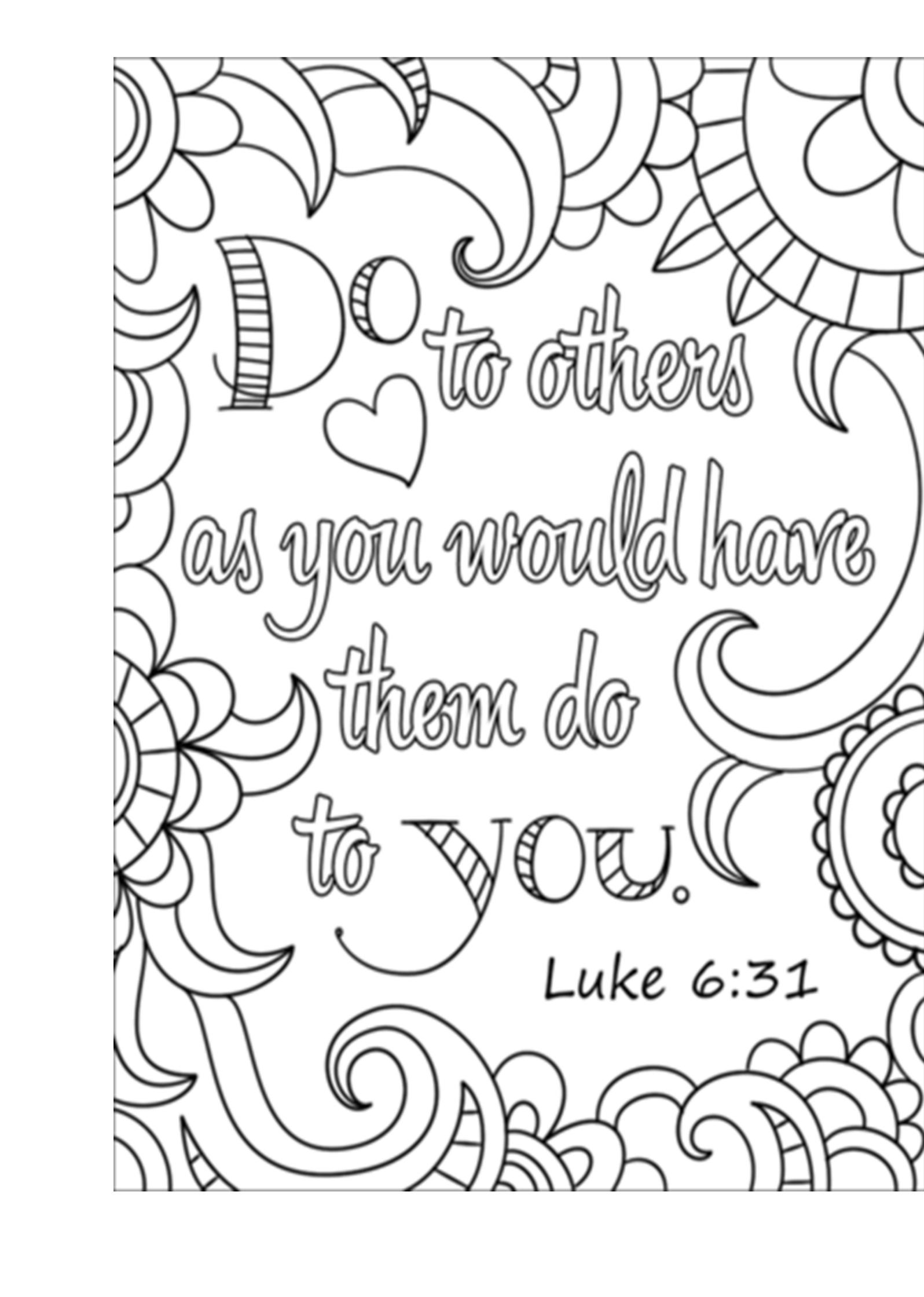
**P**eople need to be treated well.

**E**veryone should show respect by being nice.

**C**aring for others.

**T**reat people how you would like to be treated.

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Do to others  
as you would have  
them do  
to you.

Luke 6:31

