

The Book of Ruth

Week 3 – Respect and doing the right thing

To read in advance

For you to prepare in advance, or to ask the parents to have set up in advance – or ask the young people to get.

1. Download the story board to have a look at, for under 10s or choose a version of the Bible to read. See the link in the Bible section.
2. Ask parents to print out the journal (if not already printed) to complete over the next few weeks
3. Find a Bible suitable for the group – eg a youth Bible or children's Bible.
4. Ask them to have the person template and colouring pencils and pens ready.

Opening Chat

As the young people 'arrive', welcome them and chat about their week. What has gone well, not so well? Has anyone started back at school this week?

Opening Game

Play a game of charades using everyday objects or activities, such as pen, food, keys, skipping, reading etc. You can amend the difficulty of the objects to be acted out, depending on the age of your group. Talk about showing other members of the group respect by taking turns, not talking over each other, taking part in the activity etc

Setting the scene

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 3

### 1. 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 Time

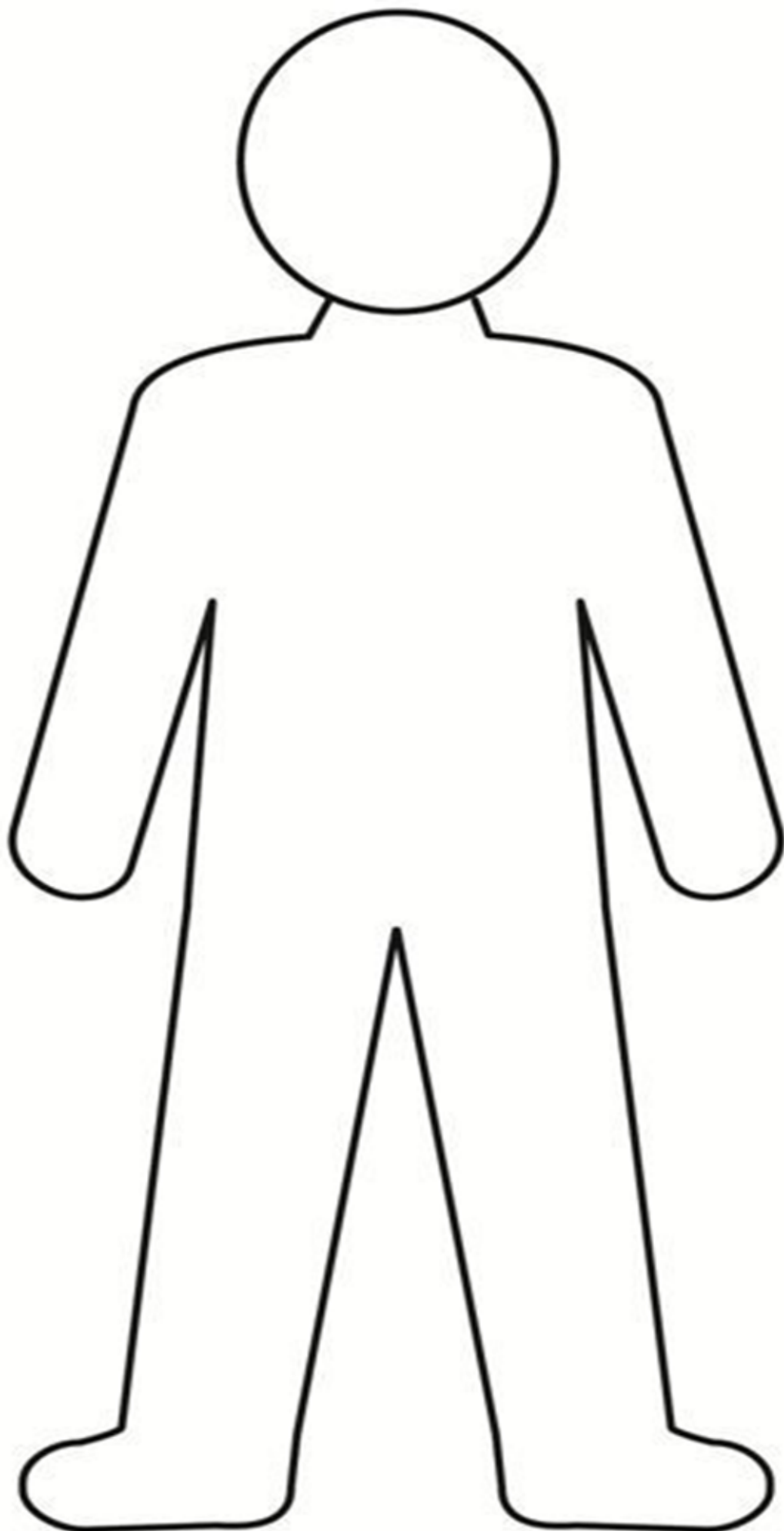
Ask the young people to get the person template, sent out to families earlier. Think about someone you look up to. It may be a member of your family, a teacher, a film star, a football player. Using the person template, write some of the characteristics about that person which you respect. Now turn the 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.

## Activities for after the meeting

Draw their attention to the items that have been sent to their families already. In this week's part of the story, Ruth puts her trust in Boaz and he shows her respect.

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.

Say your goodbyes to each other. If you notice any member of the group looking affected by anything discussed, give the parents a call.



**R**especting others' property

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

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

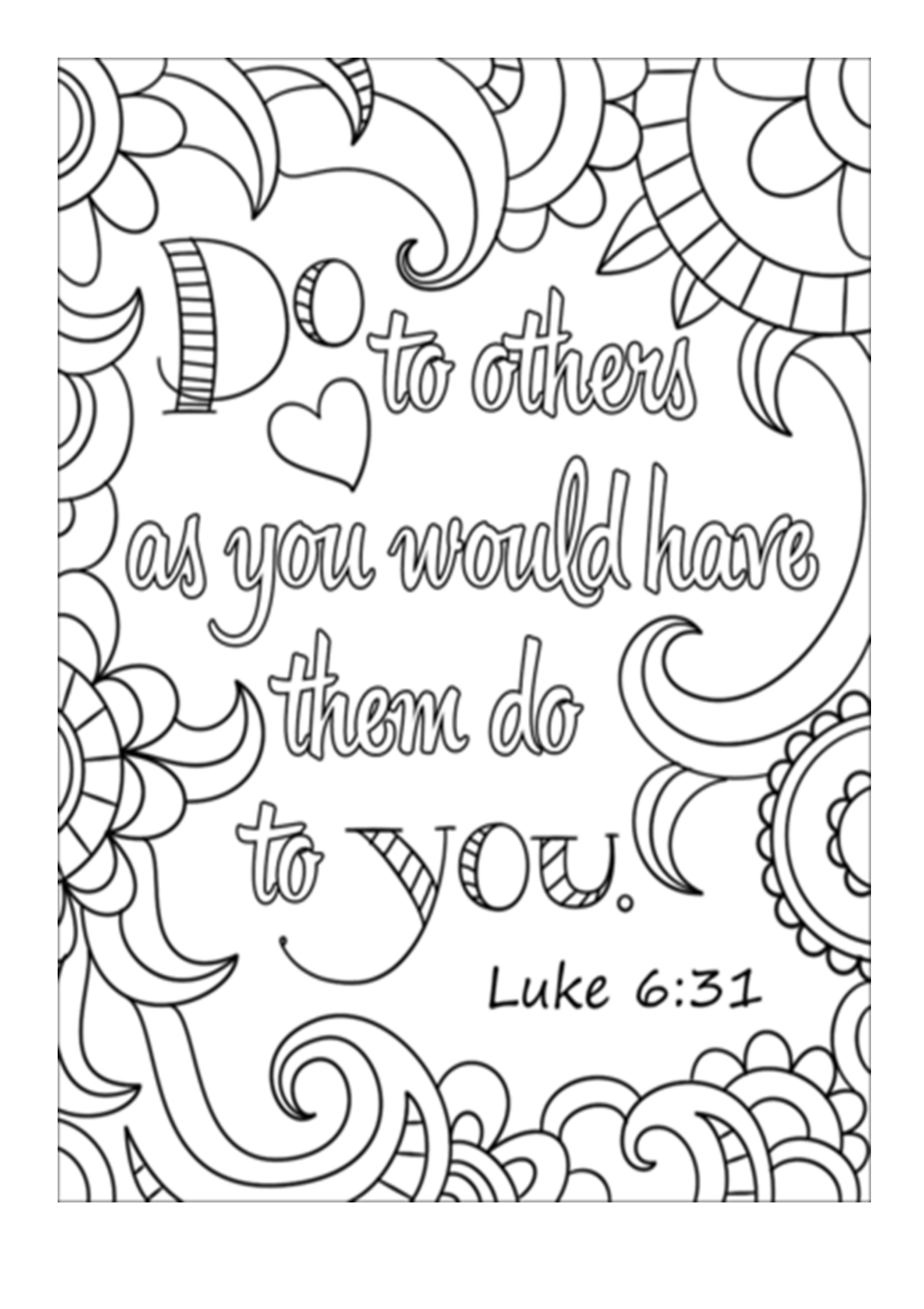
**P**eople need to be treated well.

**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

