

Theme & Passage(s)	Theme: Ruth Chapter 4 Passages:
Welcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share together experiences of generous kindness. 2. Or Show this clip from the film 'Pay-it Forward' - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7Xnlc2GLfY 3. Or here's another really famous film about kindness - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU
Worship	<p>Poems:</p> <p>In Kindness By Anne Marie Cline Kindness speaks the words, Your heart could never speak. Your wings hold me up, And give me strength when I am weak. The warmth of your protection, Brings music to my heart. You open up the doors, You show me where to start.</p> <p>Empathy By George Eliot Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible Comfort of feeling safe with a person, Having neither to weight thoughts, Nor measure words--but pouring them All right out--just as they are Chaff and grain together, Certain that a faithful hand will Take and sift them, Keep what is worth keeping, And with the breath of kindness Blow the rest away.</p> <p>Restore O Lord - Graham Kendrick - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WjtMd2aZc</p>
Word/ Read & Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The story of Ruth is a tragedy and survival story. Perhaps at points a love story. How then does the story add to our understanding of God's purpose to bring redemption to the whole world? ● Describe the story of Ruth in terms of the kindness that it demonstrates. ● What does Biblical kindness look like in our everyday lives? ● What does Godly kindness do to a dark and dying world? ● How might our own lives become more excessive kind?
Working it out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Perhaps create a list of ways in which you as a group or as individuals might reflect the kindness of God in Christ Jesus. Think of ways in which your acts of kindness might be more Christ shaped. ● Perhaps think of using the 'AdventWonder' resources from Stewardship to inspire excessive kindness - https://www.stewardship.org.uk/be-inspired/advent-wonder ● Keep a journal of the ways in which you have been kind and others have been kind to you in the coming week(s). Use it to help you reflect on the excessive kindness of God.