



Hiz Kidz

3rd Quarter
2017

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

One of my most favorite things to do with my son Josiah is to have our daily family devotions together. During our times together, the Lord seems to do a work in us that a lifetime of working hard on our own could never do. We could be having a terrible day, feeling discouraged, or even feeling defeated, but there is nothing that brings more healing to our hearts and unity to our family than just stealing away together and exploring God's Word. I've found over the years that this time is vital for our family. Having a regular family devotion with your children is critical to showing them how to develop their own personal relationship with Jesus. It's your family's lifeline. Recently during one such devotion, Josiah was having a particularly hard time with something in his life; my young 'tween' was battling a lot of emotions and discouragement because something he had been working hard at didn't pan out the way that he thought it would; life at that moment, didn't seem fair to him. He was struggling with trusting the Lord. The Lord led me to the book of Ruth, specifically to the part where she makes the most important decision of her life, to determine in her heart that she was going to serve God. We talked about how she was at the lowest place in her life by losing her spouse, and right after this, she found herself in a field, having to labor hard just for scraps for her and her mother-in-law to eat. She was now the poorest of the poor; she lost her husband and found herself as a stranger in a foreign land with nothing to call her own and her only companion was bitter at God. I tried to envision her while she was tirelessly

picking up scraps off the ground in a field and I dared to imagine what she was thinking. I'm sure this was the lowest of lowest points in her life. She could've been feeling sorry for herself; Heaven knows she had enough reasons to be depressed. However, I have a feeling that she wasn't wallowing in misery, but was busy working. She was busy focusing her energy on the task at hand, even in the most destitute place of her life. Ruth could've stayed at home and attended Naomi's pity party, but instead, she asked to go to work. So here she was, scraping the bottom of the barrel and experiencing her darkest moment. But it's here, in this field, that she meets her destiny. To the natural eye, it seems like it can't get much worse than this for Ruth; but if we can see through His eyes, this was exactly the place where Ruth needed to be. It's here that she would find her place in the kingdom of God. Her destiny was more than to find a husband and provider, but more importantly, she found herself in the direct lineage of the King of all Kings- tied to the most important One who ever walked the planet. God used what she most likely thought was the lowest point in her life as the means to fulfill her purpose in His Kingdom. I'm sure Ruth had no clue that she was stepping into her destiny when she went to work in that field that day. Maybe you can relate to Ruth. Perhaps you feel that you are at your lowest point and you've lost what you once had. If that's you, then be encouraged! What may look like to you as your darkest time, may be in all actuality, your finest moment. It's funny how God uses the worst things in our lives and turns them

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into the best, isn't it? In fact, it seems to be His specialty. No wonder Ruth wanted to make this God her God. She trusted Him before she even really knew Him. Ruth was right where she needed to be that day; and so are you. Even if it seems like you're at your lowest, just know that this place in your life is absolutely necessary to catapult you into your special place in the Kingdom of God.





Night at the Park

Join us for some Summertime fun Wednesday July 12th from 7:00-8:30 for games, water guns, popsicles and hanging out! This outing will be at Mary Elizabeth Park and is for the PreK and Hiz Kidz class.



Ice Cream Social

Don't miss out on this sweet treat! We will be having an ice cream party on Wednesday, September 6th during our regular Wednesday night class time for both the Prek and Hiz Kidz classes. If you would like to sign up to bring an item, please see Children's Pastor Ashley Rutter.



August 20–24th

Come discover the purpose we were all built for during VBS!

Classes are available nightly for all ages. Services are from 6:00-8:30



summer CAMP

It's not too late to attend VA State Church of God camps! If you would like to request more information, please see Children's Pastor Ashley Rutter.

Camp fees are \$200 (\$190 for Discovery Camp). Fees include camp tuition, a camp tee, and a \$10 armband that can be used at the camp store and concession stand.

Extreme Camp	Ages 15-18	July 3 - 7
Velocity Camp	Ages 12-14	July 10 - July 14
Adventure Camp	Ages 9-11	July 17 - July 21
Discovery Camp	Ages 6-8	July 24 - 27

