# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

## PROMISE OF SUPPORT

"THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU. HE IS THE MIGHTY WARRIOR WHO SAVES. HE WILL TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN YOU.

POINT UP POINT TO SELF FLEX MUSCLES POINT TO SELF & SMILE

IN HIS LOVE HE WILL NO LONGER PUNISH YOU. INSTEAD, HE WILL SING FOR JOY BECAUSE OF YOU."

HUG SELF SHAKE HEAD "NO" WAVE HANDS JOYFULLY

STORY: RUTH & NAOMI - RUTH 1:1-18

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM RUTH 1 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- 1. Who were Ruth and Naomi, and how were they related?
- 2. Why did Ruth choose to stay with Naomi instead of going home?
- 3. How did Ruth and Naomi help and support each other?
- 4. Why is it good that we support those we care about?
- 5. What's one way our family can support or serve someone this week?

#### **BIG IDEA:** GOD SUPPORTS US WHEN WE SERVE HIM TOGETHER

### DID YOU KNOW?

In Bible times, families were big teams! They often lived together — parents, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins — sometimes even under the same roof or in nearby homes. Everyone had a role to play: children helped care for animals or gather food, parents worked to provide and teach, and grandparents shared wisdom and faith stories. Because family and community were so important, people looked out for one another — just like Ruth cared for Naomi when life got hard. The Bible reminds us that God designed families to support, serve, and strengthen each other, showing His love through the way we care for one another.

#### THIS WEEKS CHALLENGE: THE SUPPORT SQUAD

This week, work together as a family to serve someone who could use a little encouragement — just like Ruth served Naomi!

- Bake cookies for a neighbor
- Write notes to someone who needs cheering up
- Help clean up at church or around your neighborhood

When you serve together, talk about how it feels to know that God supports you while you support others!



#### PRAYER PROMPT:

This week, thank God for the people who love and support your family — friends, grandparents, teachers, and others who walk beside you.

Ask God to help your family serve Him together, just like Ruth and Naomi did.

Pray that He will show you ways to support each other and be a blessing to others who need help or encouragement.