



A foreigner is welcomed

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Ruth 2:8–12



Topic

Welcoming strangers



Takeaway

Accepting people who are new or different



8 minutes



Object: a passport or a small suitcase



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “Welcoming strangers”. Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Show the passport or suitcase. Ask: What does it feel like to be completely new somewhere – in a class, a club, a country?

2 min

Bible text

Read Ruth 2:8–12. Ruth is a Moabite, a foreigner in Israel. She asks Boaz: “Why are you so kind to me, when I am a foreigner?” Boaz answers that he has heard how loyal she has been to Naomi, and he wishes her God’s blessing.

3 min

Thought

As a foreigner Ruth could easily have been overlooked. Boaz does not see her background first, but sees her as a person. God has a heart for strangers – that runs through the whole Bible. And sometimes we are the new ones and need someone like Boaz ourselves.

2 min

Conversation

Who is new in your class, club or group right now – and what could you do?



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Prayer to read aloud

Father in heaven, you have a heart for strangers. Open my eyes to those who are new or alone, and give me courage to go up to them. Amen.



To think further

- Why do we sometimes find it hard to approach new people?
- What helped you when you were new somewhere?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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