**Theme:** Loyalty

Scripture ref: Ruth chapter 1

**Resources:**

* Name labels
* Ice breaker PowerPoint questions
* Doughnuts
* Video countdown timer
* Crackerjack questions, prizes & cabbages
* Paper & pens; Ruth video clip
* Loyal partners cards
* 4 jars with corn/seed & loyalty questions
* Prepared talk; Rascall Flatts video song

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| **Time** | **Who?** | **Item** | **Length** |
|  |  | **Doors open and ice breaker questions on screen** | **25 min** |
|  |  | **Meal – Jacket potatoes and Beans** | **25 min** |
|  |  | **Video Countdown Timer** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **The game**  -Crackerjack or quiz |  |
|  |  | Theme tune [CrackerJack Intro](https://youtu.be/b7WVgZ6dbsw?si=wnG-RM6wsZVVNyfp) |  |
|  |  | **Notices & encouragements** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Bible books intro to Ruth** | **8 min** |
|  |  | Ask groups to write down as many books in the Bible that they can think of, that are named after someone. Feedback. Ask how many books were named after women. Answer is two. Explain that we are starting a four-week series, looking at the book of Ruth. | |
|  |  | **Read the chapter 1 Paragraphs on screen** | **4 min** |
|  |  | **Video clip** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Explain that this is the story of Ruth, and we are going to show this each week, to keep reminding ourselves about Ruth’s story. Stop at 4 min 20 seconds. URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWjRdjFdiR4>. | |
|  |  | **Whole group activity** | **6 min** |
|  |  | Hand out prepared ‘loyal partners’ cards. Explain that everyone is now one half of a loyal partner duo! Their job is to get out of their seats and find the other half of their partnership, the name of which is printed at the bottom of their card. | |
|  |  | **Link** | **2 min** |
|  |  | See if people can guess the (fairly obvious) theme. Explain that tonight we are looking at the theme of loyalty, because Ruth was very loyal to Naomi, when she could have just dumped her and walked away. Ruth decided that they were partners! They would stick together through thick and thin! | |
|  |  | **Whole group activity** | **6 min** |
|  |  | Four similar sized jars are needed. Leave one jar empty, quarter fill another, half fill another, completely fill the fourth jar. Set them out in a line, with enough space for everyone in the congregation to stand somewhere along the ‘line’ of jars. Ask the congregation four questions about loyalty and invite them to answer the questions by standing somewhere along the line. E.g. If the question was ‘How loyal would you say you are?’ the empty jar would represent ‘not at all’ and the completely filled jar would be ‘completely loyal.’ | |
|  |  | **Talk 7** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Combine the talk with results from previous activity &feedback and comments from the congregation. | |
|  |  | **Video song** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Say to the congregation, that as they watch the video song, to quietly give thanks to God for people who have been loyal to them.  *‘I won’t let go’* by Rascall Flatts.  URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW9zMSwKIdU> | |
|  |  | **Sum-up, Ignite prayer and finish** |  |
|  |  | **Team Meeting** | **8 min** |