

Music as people arrive

Big Family of God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEvJzOxm6zs>

Shoe Game Find a well-worn shoe (you'll need it later!) Then ask the children to hide the shoes somewhere in the room. After 60 seconds the parents needs to try to find all the hidden shoes.

Ruth Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irThVpdeSXk>

Questions

- What did you find interesting about that story?
- If you had to sum it up in one word, what would you say?

Thinking about shoes?

Hold your shoe in your hand. Examine it's design, feel it's contours, see the areas that have been dirtied or worn away. This shoe was made in a factory, there were many others identical to it, but now it's unique,shaped by the journey it's been on, by the terrain it's crossed,by the feet carrying it onward. This shoe is one of a kind, there can be no other quite like it.

You are also one of a kind, down to your genes, you are a unique unrepeatable miracle of God.

You are shaped by your DNA, but also by the journey you are on, the adventure of living your life, the obstacles you have overcome, the happiness and joys you have shared in.

You have been shaped by these experiences.You have been moulded by the events you've been part of, but also by God living inside you.

As he was walking with the disciples on the road Jesus asked them "What are you talking about as you travel?" He asks because he is genuinely interested in their lives, he cares about the things they've been through. Jesus is interested in you, He cares about you, He want to know you better.

What are that things that have shaped the person you are today? What would you like to shape the person you want to become?

Sloth Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7HGSvczDA4>

Journeys, all of us are on a journey through life with it's own ups and downes. What is that keeps us going? It's hope! This sloth was hoping to find a mate, thats why it went on such an epic journey. Ruth was hoping to find a family and a home for her and Naomi. Without hope we give up, but with it we push on to the goal and can achieve great things through God!

Footprint prayers - Draw round smallest shoe, then next, then next etc. Write your family's names on the outlines. OUtside it write the names of other people who you'd like to pray for - who needs hope (or other Ruth themes) today.

Closing Thing - Bonus Hide the shoe,