



UNIT 10, SESSION 1

# RUTH AND NAOMI

BOOK OF RUTH

## KEY POINTS

God is faithful. • We should serve God. • God has a redeemer for us.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is faithful? God is faithful!

## MEMORY VERSE

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. **Matthew 5:14**

# PREPARE



Take time to reflect on today's lesson.

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

God blesses faithfulness and kindness!

This week, our lesson is about Naomi and Ruth. At the start of our lesson, Ruth and Naomi lived in Moab. While there, Naomi experienced the loss of her husband and both of her sons. She decided to return to her hometown in Judah. She encouraged her daughters-in-law to return to their respective homelands, as they were still young and could start new lives. She planned to go to Judah alone, but Ruth made a beautiful promise. She said she would stay with Naomi no matter what. Ruth loved Naomi and trusted God. She said, "Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

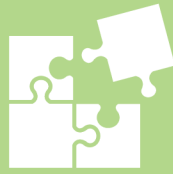
When they arrived in Judah, Ruth went to work in the fields, picking up leftover grain so they would have food. She worked hard all day. God saw Ruth's faithfulness and kindness. He provided for them through a man named Boaz. Boaz was kind and generous. He made sure Ruth and Naomi had enough. Later, Boaz and Ruth were married, and God blessed their family with a son. Naomi, who had once been so sad, was filled with joy again.

This story reminds us that God sees faithfulness. Ruth showed love, loyalty, and a willingness to serve, even when life was hard. God used her kindness as part of His greater plan.

We all have days when we feel unseen or overlooked, but God sees us! He is always there to turn to and comfort us. He provides.

Thank you for showing up week after week, teaching Northwest's youngest children. Just like Ruth, your faithfulness matters. God sees every act of love you show. He is working through you, even when you cannot see the full picture. You are helping plant seeds of faith in young hearts. Your kindness reflects God's kindness. Your faithfulness reflects His faithfulness.

# WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts.

## WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

## MEMORY VERSE SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “This Little Light of Mine”:

You are the light of the world.  
A city on a hill  
cannot be hidden.  
Matthew 5:14

*Repeat 2x*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

**Toddlers & Twos:** Use the provided poster to review the Lord’s Prayer with the children in your class.

**Threes & Fours:** Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

# CRAFT



Help children with a craft connected to the lesson.

## CRAFT: WHEAT BASKET

Give each child a paper basket cutout, crayons/markers, a few paper wheat stalks, and glue sticks. Have them color the basket, then help them glue their wheat stalks to the page.

As you work, review today's Bible lesson with your class.





## BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON

Ruth and Naomi lived in a faraway land. Naomi was Ruth's mother-in-law. Naomi said she was going back to her home. Ruth said she would never leave Naomi.

Ruth and Naomi had very little when they moved. Ruth collected leftovers from the field so they could eat. She picked up every little bit of food she could find. The owner of the field was a man called Boaz. He helped Ruth.

Later, Boaz and Ruth got married and had a son. God blessed them and Naomi. Everyone thanked God for what He had done!

## THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

Ruth and Naomi lived in a place called Moab. Naomi was Ruth's mother-in-law. Naomi said she was going back alone to her home in Judah. Ruth said she would never leave Naomi and would go with her. She said, "Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

When they arrived in Judah, they had very little. Ruth went out to the fields to pick up any leftover wheat for their food. Ruth worked really hard all day long. She gathered every little bit of grain she could find.

The owner of the field was a man called Boaz. He helped Ruth. He told his workers to leave extra grain for her and Naomi.

Later, Boaz and Ruth got married and had a son. God blessed them and Naomi. Everyone was happy and thanked God for what he had done.

*(Use provided stalks of wheat to demonstrate how Ruth gleaned grain from the fields. Explain that wheat is used to make bread. Allow children to hold and touch wheat stalks.)*

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# SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

## SNACK & DISCUSSION

**Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.**

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. What did Ruth gather for her and Naomi's food?
4. Who is faithful? God is faithful!

## CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

## BEFORE YOU GO...

**Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:**

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return binders to the cabinet.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!**