



Ruth and Naomi trusted God.

Ruth 1-4



☆Let's Talk

SAY Ruth, whose husband had died, was ready to go back to Bethlehem with Naomi, her mother-in-law. "Where you go I will go," Ruth said. "Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth loved Naomi, who was alone and sad because her husband and sons had died. Ruth wanted to be with Naomi because Ruth trusted in the God of Israel and wanted to serve him.

ASK *What happened when Ruth and Naomi got to Bethlehem?*

SAY The two women were poor and had little food. So Ruth went to the field to pick up the barley that was left behind as the grain was being harvested. She worked hard all day, and the owner of the field, Boaz, who was related to Naomi, took notice. He was pleased that Ruth was loyal and kind to Naomi.

ASK *What did Naomi say when Ruth told her that she had worked all day in the field belonging to Boaz?*

SAY Naomi told her to go back to Boaz and ask for his protection. Naomi hoped that Boaz would take care of her and Ruth. Boaz agreed to take care of Naomi. Then Boaz married Ruth. God provided everything Ruth and Naomi needed.

ASK *What happened after Ruth and Boaz got married?*

SAY They had a baby boy named Obed. He became the grandfather of King David. Many years later, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the Savior from the family line of Naomi, Ruth, Boaz, Obed, and David!

☆Let's Share and Show

- 1 Talk about Ruth's friendship with Naomi. Then suggest ways that God might use the children to show Jesus' love to others. Children may share examples from their own experience—people they have helped, or who may have helped them with a smile, a hug, a kind word, and so on.
- 2 Make **cards** or **drawings** for someone who needs Jesus or cheer and encouragement. Pray for that person, then let children make cards and drawings to send to him or her. Ask them to dictate a message about Jesus for you to write on each drawing or card. Have them sign their cards. Collect the finished cards, put them in a large **envelope**, and send them to the person you've selected.