



RUTH AND NAOMI



Ruth 1-4

Naomi grew up in the promised land, which was also called Israel. But now she lived far away. She had a husband and two sons.

Ruth was married to one of the sons. Then something sad happened. Naomi's husband and sons died. Not long after that, Naomi decided to go back to her homeland.

Naomi told Ruth to return to her parents, but Ruth did not want to leave her. She loved Naomi so much. "I will go wherever you go," Ruth said. "Your home will be my home. Your God will be my God." So Ruth went with Naomi to Israel.

They needed food to eat. So each day, Ruth gathered leftover grain from the fields. A good man named Boaz owned the land.

One day, he saw Ruth in the field. He wanted to help her. So he left extra grain for Ruth to gather.

Boaz fell in love with Ruth. They got married and had a baby boy name Obed. God had blessed Ruth and Grandma Naomi with a brand-new family.



I can love others because God loves me.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Scoop & Measure - - - **Floor** - cars



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Gather Grain --- Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather in the story area. Have an assistant hide and scatter the 'grain' around the room while you tell Preschoolers there are 'stalks' of grain scattered around the room. They are to go and find all the grain and place it in the basket.

Let's see if we found all the grain. Count the stalks --- there should be 36. **Our story today is about someone who showed her love to a family member by making sure they had enough to eat. Her name was Ruth.**



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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible, page 152; or view the story video on the TV. The story and songs for the month are in the folder marked "February."

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SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the January 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

**Love one another.
John 13:34**



ACTIVITIES

SCOOP AND MEASURE

- Set out the bin of beans and variety of scoops and measuring cups. Allow Preschoolers to pour and fill the items with beans. Have them identify any hidden objects in the bin.
- **Our Bible verse says we should love one another. Since God loves us, we can love others. Who are some people you love? Who loves you? We can show them by giving hugs, sharing kind words, and helping them around the house.**

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LOVE MY FAMILY

- Hand interested preschoolers a copy of the printed heart. Show the preschoolers the assorted stickers of family members. Allow them to choose the members of their family to place on the heart. Hand out crayons and markers so they can decorate their heart picture.
- **Because God loves us, we can love others. What are some ways we can show our family we love them?**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.