

STORIES!

WEEK 4

PRESCHOOL-5TH
GRADE:

RUTH

DATE: 5/2/21

READ: RUTH 1:16

-16 But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

ANSWERS AND NOTES:

STORY!

- In the beginning of the story of Ruth and Naomi, Naomi's husband and two sons died. Naomi felt very small and very unimportant. She decided that she would go back to the land of Bethlehem. Naomi said to her daughter's-in-laws, "return to your own mother's house." One of her daughters-in-laws left, but the other clung to her and said, "Where you go, I go, your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." Can you guess the name of her daughter-in-law? Her name was Ruth.

- Naomi and Ruth set out for the land of Bethlehem, and although they didn't know it, **God was taking care of them**. God knew that their hearts were sad with the death of their husbands and God knew that life was going to be hard for them, and so He prepared a way for them. In Bethlehem, Ruth needed to collect food for her and Naomi. She went to a field and picked up the grain that had fallen to the ground. The owner of the field asked his workers, "Who is this woman?" The workers explained that she was with Naomi, from the land of Moab. What Ruth didn't realize was that the owner of the field was a relative of Naomi. The owner's name was, Boaz.

- Boaz saw that Ruth was a good worker who cared for Naomi. Boaz was kind to Ruth, and invited her to join him and his workers for a meal. Boaz then sent Ruth home with grain for Naomi. When Naomi saw the grain she was amazed and when she found out that Ruth went to the field of Boaz, she was grateful.

- Boaz knew that there was a relative of Naomi that lived close to him. The next day Boaz went to town to meet this relative and if this relative would not take care of her, then he would. God knew that Boaz would show kindness to Ruth and Naomi. The next day, Boaz and the relative met and the relative gave Boaz permission to marry Ruth.

- Naomi and Ruth felt very small but God could see them and God knew what they needed. God prepared their way in meeting Boaz. God took care of them and soon God blessed Ruth and Boaz with a son.

QUESTIONS:

- How was God faithful to Naomi and Ruth?
- Was God ever NOT faithful to both Naomi and Ruth?
- How has God been faithful to you?

Activity: Wheat Stalks

- We heard from the story that Ruth went behind the field workers and picked up wheat that the harvesters missed. She took the wheat that was left over and separated the seed from the chaff, and then ground it into flour to make bread. You have some wheat in your activity bag. If you get the wheat wet and let it soak a bit it becomes less prickly and dry so you can find the wheat berries more easily. You do not have enough wheat to bake bread as Ruth did but you could take the grains and use the glue stick to glue them to the scripture memory card for this week. If you want to bake whole wheat bread that could be fun! Or see if your parents want to buy a loaf of whole wheat bread to go with one of your meals this week.