

The Story Ruth & Naomi

"God is Our Redeemer"

Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Ruth 1:16

So, the last few weeks, we learned about different judges who were placed by God to help the Israelites. Today's lesson is about trusting God and how He will always be there to take care of us.

Our story takes place during the same time that the judges were over the Israelites. There was a great famine over all the land. *Do you know what a famine is? A famine is when the food is scarce in the land and some people had to move to find food and water to live.*

When a great famine came to the land of Judah, a man decided to take his wife, Naomi, and their 2 sons and go to a different country called Moab where there was food. While living in Moab, the man passed away and Naomi was left with her 2 sons. Soon her sons married Moabite women. (they were NOT Israelites and did not believe in God).

THEN – Naomi's 2 sons died and Naomi was very sad. She was left in this foreign land with no family except 2 daughter-in-laws that were not from her land. Naomi was very sad and bitter. She felt God had turned against her. So, she decided to go back to Israel. She told her 2 daughter-in-laws they could stay in their land, find new husbands and go on with their lives. One daughter-in-law (Orpah) decided to stay). But the other (Ruth), "No – where you go, I will go. I will stay where you stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God"!

So, Naomi and Ruth traveled back to Israel to Naomi's old home in hopes of finding food and starting a new life. Let's read what happens next!

Read: "Ruth's Redeemer" out of the Action Bible.

Discussion:

Do you see how much Ruth loved Naomi? She even called her “mother”. She wanted to take care of her. She was faithful everyday just to go out and collect grain to help them make food. She figured even a little bit would help.

We don’t have to always to great grand things to help people. God will bless even the little things we do to help others. *What are some little things you can do to bless others? Talk about taking a meal to a sick friend or neighbor. Or even cookies to cheer someone up. Even little chores around the house can bless your parents.*

Naomi and Ruth went through a difficult time, losing their husbands and having to travel alone back to Israel not knowing if they would find food or not.

God can use difficult times in our lives to take us to a better place. We may not realize it at the time we are going through it. But we need to remember to trust that his plans are better than our plans.

Remember we talked last week about repentance and that Jesus is our redeemer. In a way, Boaz was Naomi and Ruth’s redeemer. He helped them because they were faithful to help him.

- Ruth reminds us of the importance of faith and loyalty. When we remain faithful to God and those He has placed in our lives, we can experience His blessings.
- Ruth made a profound commitment to God and to her mother-in-law, Naomi. This same principle applies to our own relationships as well. When we make a commitment to God, it affects every aspect of our lives, including our relationships with others.
- We need to remember that if we are faithful – God is faithful.
- God's sovereignty means His supreme control over all events, even in hardship. Just like Ruth, we can have faith that God is active in our lives, guiding us according to His perfect plan.

- Being Kind to Others is important to God.
- Ruth is a beautiful example of showing kindness to others. She was willing to go out of her way to help those around her, showing love and care even under challenging circumstances.
- She is an example that we should also follow in our lives. As believers in Jesus, we are called to show kindness and compassion to those in need.
- We can see that God is always in control, and His plans are perfect.
- Jesus is our ultimate Redeemer, who willingly stepped forward to save us and to demonstrate the height of sacrificial love. Through Jesus' death on the cross, His perfect sacrifice paid the penalty for all our sins so we can enjoy eternal life with Him.

Review Questions:

Go over review questions sheet.

Memory Verse:

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Close in Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us Jesus, to be Our Redeemer. Help us to remain faithful to you and to remember to show your love to others by helping them when they need it. In Jesus' name – Amen.

Craft:

Ruth & Naomi – “Where you go I will go”

What you will need:

Craft Template, Crayons, Markers or colored pencils, craft sticks, scissors & Tape

Provided by <http://www.Teacherspayteachers.com>



Videos:

Ruth & Naomi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDmjO7X8ELI>

<https://www.Saddlebackkids.com>

Worship Video: "I will Follow" by Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M7tHojtDDA>

Veggie Tales –Duke & the Great Pie War. (based on the story of Ruth & Naomi)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXG0wXQzQXM&list=PLjuRHkK1UDY2Py8x37jjL_4sd-f2x_V77&index=2&t=219s

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Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went! Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

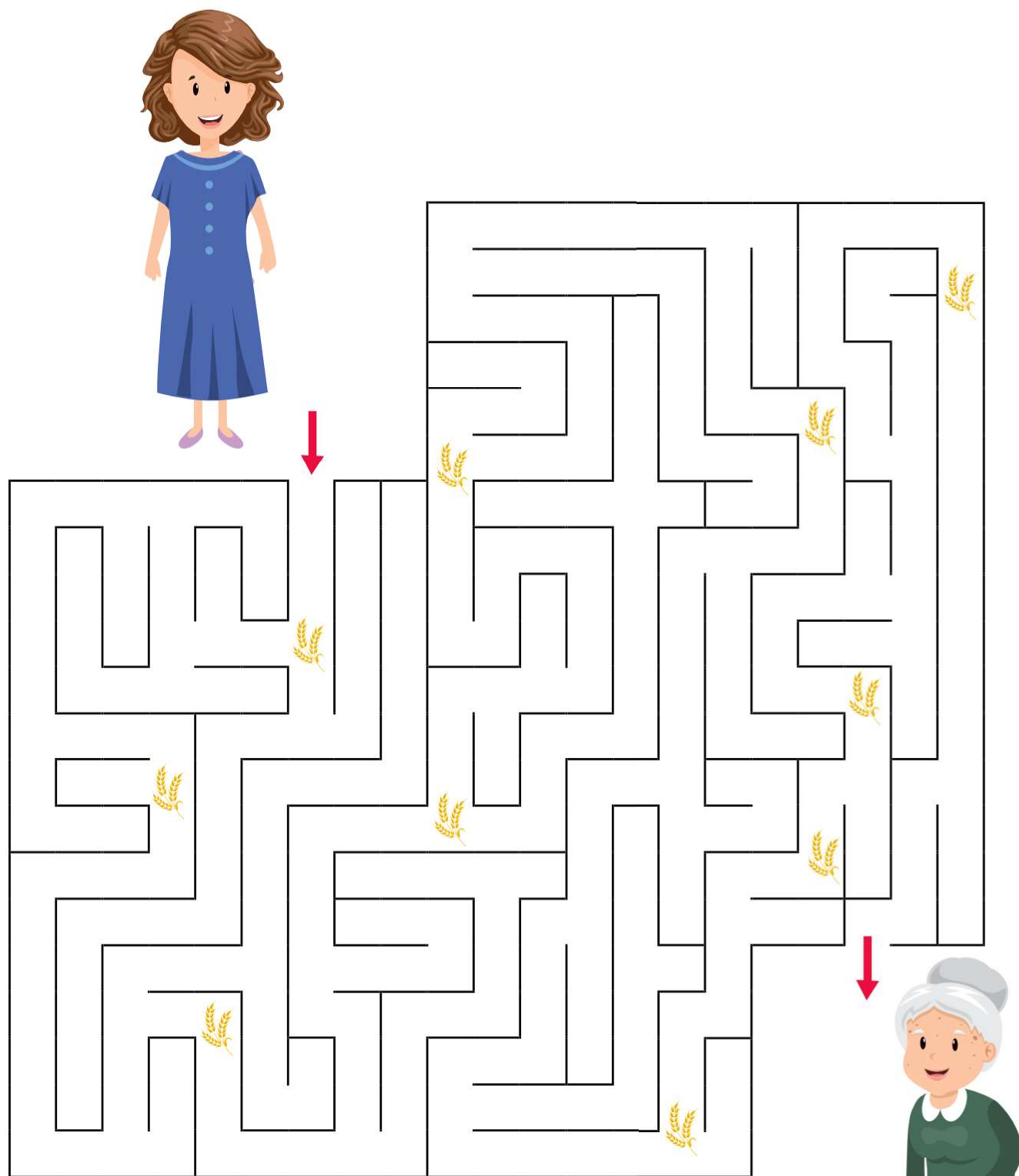
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True or False



	True	False
Naomi wanted to return to her home town of Bethlehem.		
Ruth decided to leave Naomi and go to her hometown.		
Ruth promised to always help her Mother-in-law Naomi.		
Boaz was the owner of a grain field.		
Boaz got mad and sent Ruth away from his field.		
Boaz gave food to Ruth and Naomi.		
Boaz treated Ruth badly.		
Ruth and Boaz got married and had a son.		
Naomi and Boaz got married.		
Ruth and Naomi couldn't find food to eat.		

Help Ruth collect the grain to take to Naomi



How many pieces of grain did you find?





"May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Ruth 2:12

