



3PK

August 29-30, 2015

DATE

Ruth

LESSON TITLE

Book of Ruth

WHERE TO FIND IT

God invites us into his family.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

As kids arrive, make sure to check their sticker and address them by name. Having an adult in the room who knows their name will help a kid feel more comfortable and less likely to be scared of a new environment!

check-in/out

Ask kids who their stick people are! Are they specific friends with names? Remind them that they can invite those friends to be in God's family.

large group heads up

Ruth's story focuses on how God wants everyone to be a part of his family. This is a way to introduce preschoolers to telling others about Jesus! While they may not be able to comprehend all the ways we can do that, they can recognize that their friends can be in God's family, just like them.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Tell kids that we're going to play a game with each other today! We're all going to work together as friends.
- Each kid gets a turn to act out their favorite animal, and all the other kids try and guess what they're acting like! If some kids are shy and don't want to do it by themselves, they could have a friend help!
- Kids can say animal sounds to help act out their favorite animal.
- Make sure you start early enough that each kid gets a turn. Go through the line and if you have time, you can start over.

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears!
Remind that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**



instructions

Goal: To help kids (1) retell the story of Ruth and (2) understand that we can invite others to be a part of God's family

Why? Being a part of God's family isn't something to keep to ourselves—it's something we want kids to be able to share with others!

Tip: Share an example of how you've shared God with a friend—maybe it was as simple as inviting someone to church, or being kind to someone who needed it!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who were the two friends we learned about today? (Ruth and Naomi)
2. When Naomi's husband died and she was alone, what did Ruth do? (She stayed with Naomi)
3. When Ruth followed Naomi to a new home, what new family did Ruth join? (God's family)
4. How did God take care of Ruth and Naomi? (Provided food and a home, gave Ruth a husband)
5. Does God want us to invite our friends into his family? (Yes)
6. Who else can be a part of God's family? (Everyone: us, our friends, our family, people we like AND people we don't like)

ACTIVITY

- Hand each kid **3 people-shaped craft sticks**. Set out **markers**.
- **Tell** kids to **decorate** one of their sticks like themselves, and the other two sticks like two of their friends.
- **Say** that God wants us to invite our friends into his family. We can do that by telling people about Jesus, inviting them to church, and being kind to our friends!
- If you have time, go around the tables and ask kids individually how they could invite their friends into God's family.
- **Remind** kids that the people we just decorated can remind us to tell our friends about Jesus.

***Pray, asking God to help us bring others into his family.**

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Extra time? *Have kids do a coloring page. After that, put a piece of paper in the middle of a table, and say that it represents God's family. Have kids take turns tossing their stick people onto the paper, to show how everyone can be in God's family!*

special notes

Today's story may not directly talk about Jesus, but it definitely sets up a story for God's rescue plan. Jesus came to rescue the world from all the wrong things, and to invite everyone into God's family, whether they were born into it or not. That's what Ruth's story is all about!

presenter tips

Here's a link to the video we'll be watching to help kids understand the story of Ruth!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Kt0geKYNs4>

script

ThisHi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS Put On Your Listening Ears *(about 1 minute)*

(Holding up the Bible for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan.

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. And it was all GOOD. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)

But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—could be close to God again! Do you know who the rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!) That's right! Jesus!

INTRO: RUTH AND NAOMI

(Click to show slide.) Today we're learning about two women named Ruth and Naomi. Let's say their names together! (Repeat "Ruth and Naomi" along with kids.) Naomi had a son, and he was married to Ruth. That's how Ruth and Naomi became friends! Raise your hand if you have a friend! (Let kids respond.) Me too. I love having friends. God loves that we have friends too.

Naomi was an Israelite. Can you say, 'Israelite'? (Let kids respond.) That means she was part



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of God's special family. Naomi's friend Ruth was not an Israelite. She came from a different place, called Moab.

Something sad happened next. Ruth's husband died. Now, remember, he was ALSO Naomi's son. So now they were both alone. Can you show me a sad face? (Let kids respond.) Since Naomi was older, she had no one to take care of her. But guess what? Ruth did something very kind for her friend. She stayed with Naomi, so Naomi wouldn't be alone! Can you give me a happy face? (Let kids respond.)

RUTH BECOMES PART OF GOD'S FAMILY

Now that Ruth was living with Naomi, they moved to a place called Bethlehem. We're going to watch a video about how Ruth decided to follow God, and as you watch, try and see if Ruth gets to be a part of God's family too!

VIDEO: What's in the Bible/Ruth

Wow! What an amazing story! Did Ruth get to be a part of God's family after all? (Let kids respond, "Yes") That's right! She followed God, and Naomi invited Ruth to be a part of God's family! I bet she was so excited!

The story didn't end there, though. Since Ruth was a part of God's family now, God took care of her and Naomi. He gave them a place to stay, and food to eat. And he even gave Ruth a husband, named Boaz. Can you all say, "Boaz"? (Let kids respond.) Good job!

EVERYONE CAN BE A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY

Remember how Naomi invited her friend Ruth to be a part of God's family? Well, we get to do the same thing! We can invite OUR friends to know God. God wants everyone to be close to him, that's why he wants us to tell our friends about him. Raise your hand if you think YOU could invite a friend to be close to God? (Let kids respond.) Good job.

Let's all close our eyes right now. (Let kids respond.) Ready? Okay, let's all imagine one person who we could invite to be a part of God's family. Picture them in your head. Got it? Okay, open your eyes. I'm going to show you ways to invite you friends into God's family.

- **(Click for church image)** Could you invite them to church? (Yes!)
- **(Click for Jesus image)** Could you tell them about Jesus? (Yes!)
- **(Click for kindness image)** Could you do a kind thing for them? (Yes!)
- **(Click for Bible image)** Could you tell them about the Bible? (Yes!)

Good job! Remember how Ruth became part of God's family? Well one day, a son would come from her family. Someone who would be our rescuer! Can you guess who that is? (Let kids respond, "Jesus!") That's right, Jesus!

PRAY (Break it down into small, repeatable phrases)

Dear God. We love you. Thank you for letting us be in your family. A-men!



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WORSHIP

Since we're in God's family, we can be close to him by singing songs and worshipping! Let's all stand up and sing a song about thanking him!

Song: Trust in the Lord

Song: Come With Me

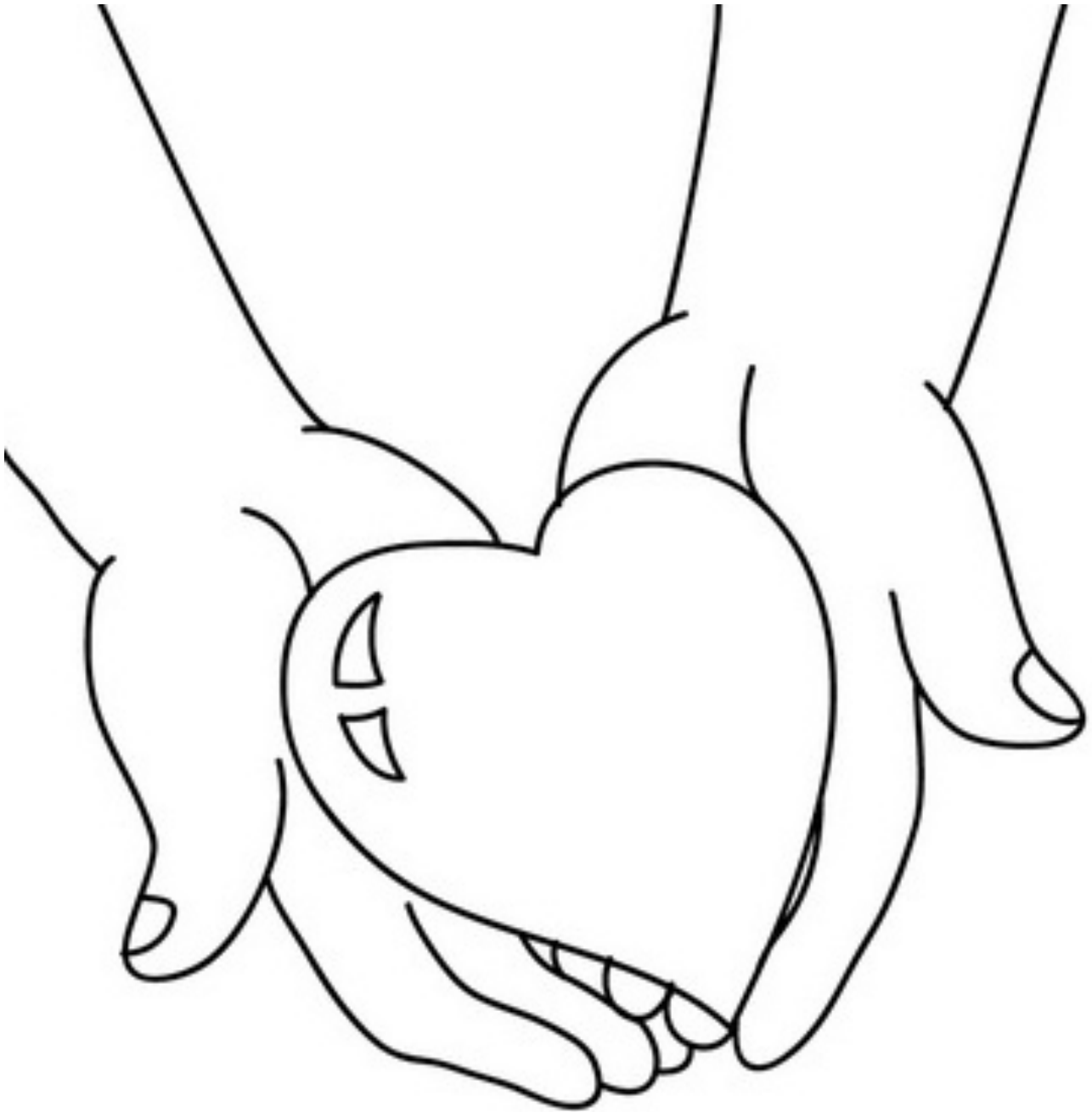
Song: Thank You Lord (extra song if you have time left over)

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per kid: none

small group supplies

Per kid: 3 people shaped sticks (http://www.amazon.com/People-Shaped-Craft-Sticks-pack/dp/B00ANRAMLW/ref=sr_1_1?s=arts-crafts&ie=UTF8&qid=1434051504&sr=1-1&keywords=game+piece+people)

Per group: Markers, Bible

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Share with Others! (<https://vimeo.com/67408014>)
3. Slide: Ruth and Naomi
4. Video: What's in the Bible: Ruth
5. Slide: Church
6. Slide: Jesus
7. Slide: Kindness
8. Slide: Bible
9. Song: Trust in the Lord
10. Music Video: Come With Me (hand motions) (<https://vimeo.com/49923933>)
11. Song: Thank You Lord

connect questions

Who was Ruth?
Who gets to be a part of God's family?

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