



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 36

Ruth and Naomi

Lesson Aim: To know God can bring good from hard times.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Who do you like to travel with?

GAME: Three-Legged Relay

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO WATCHES OVER US

Read Worship Scripture: Job 19:25.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD BLESSES NAOMI AND RUTH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Samson and his strength.

Today, we will hear how God blessed Ruth and Naomi. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Ruth 1:16; 2:8-12; 4:14-17. Find Ruth 1:16 First. Highlight Key Verse: Ruth 1:16. Pray. Read Ruth 1:16; 2:8-12; 4:14-17.

THE WAY GOD BRINGS GOOD FROM HARD TIMES

Ruth came from the land of Moab where they worshiped false gods. Naomi was her mother-in-law. She believed in the one true God. She was God's gift to Ruth. Through their friendship, Ruth became a believer. What did Ruth say about staying with Naomi and following God? ("Where you go I will go...Your people will be my people and your God my God.")

Do you know someone who does not believe in God or does not come to church to worship God? If so, stand up. Some children will stand. Have them remain standing. **Each of you standing is God's gift to the one who doesn't know God. By just being a good friend, you can help that person know God's love.** Have the children be seated.

Naomi and Ruth went through hard times. They were alone in Moab and had to make the long journey back to Bethlehem. But, God blessed Naomi by giving her Ruth as a loyal daughter-in-law. What

are the hard times Ruth faced? (Her husband died, she had to travel a long way, she had to work hard to find food for herself and Naomi.) **God blessed Ruth and brought good from her hard times. How did God bless Ruth's faith?** (She became one of God's people.) **When Naomi and Ruth were alone in Bethlehem, how did God bless them with food?** (Ruth worked in the fields and Boaz helped her so she and Naomi could have food.) **How did God bless them with a family?** (Ruth married Boaz and they had a son.)

What did Naomi's friends do when Naomi's grandson was born? (They praised God.) **The women praised God for blessing Naomi with three wonderful gifts: Boaz as a protector, Ruth as a loyal daughter-in-law, and Obed as a grandson! Ruth's son grew up to be King David's grandfather – that means God blessed Ruth with the honor of being King David's great grandmother!**

Have you or your family ever gone through hard times? How did God bless you and bring good out of those hard times?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Why did Naomi's friends praise God? (God had blessed Naomi.) **Naomi's friends knew her blessings were from God. God also greatly blessed Ruth with good gifts. More than 1000 years later, the disciple James wrote about the good gifts we each receive. Reveal James 1:17. Find It First. Highlight. Read.**

If time allows, play PASS THE PRAISE in the GOT TIME? segment.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Shaft of wheat
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Ruth collecting wheat in Boaz's field
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Gleaning Wheat

GAME: Pass the Praise

CRAFT: Blessing Envelope

DISCUSSION: Ruth's Relatives

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Watch Tag, Hot Potato Scramble

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW