

Does anyone have any questions from last week?

Last week we finished the story of Ruth. The story of Ruth showed us many wonderful things. Some of them being that:

Not everyone is bad, even in an evil time like the period of Judges.

God cares about every person including ordinary people and families.

Kind loving people like Naomi –attract loyal companions like Ruth her faithful daughter-in-law.

And we'll see that faithful people like Ruth get noticed by others for their kindness and are blessed because of their faith.

2) Ruth

15-20 minutes

Let's all turn to Ruth Chapter 1.

We are going to turn to different verses in the book of Ruth and after I read that verse, I want you to raise your hand and tell me what godly characteristic Ruth or Naomi displayed.

Ruth 1:8-9 – What godly characteristics did Naomi display here?

Ruth 1:14-18 – What godly characteristics did Ruth display here?

Ruth 2:2-3 – What godly characteristics did Ruth display here?

Ruth 2:6-7 – What godly characteristics did Ruth display here?

Ruth 2:10-13 – What godly characteristics did Ruth display here?

Ruth 2:17-18 – What godly characteristics did Ruth display here?

Ruth 2:20 – What godly characteristics did Naomi display here?

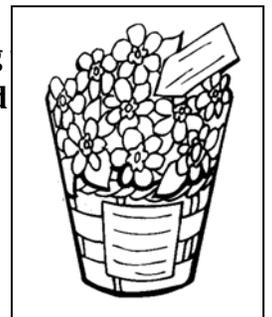
God blessed Ruth, Boaz and Naomi for their faith in God, their kindness, and their hard-work and devotion. God will bless us too if we stay true to Him, even in times of trouble!

Ruth and Naomi were godly women who followed the Lord and showed many good characteristics. Let's think of them and all the kind and wonderful things our mothers and grandmothers do for us while we make a craft to say thank you to our moms or you can make the craft for your grandma.

3) Mother's Day Gift Basket Craft

15-20 minutes

Hand out one template to each student along with pencil crayons and crayons and scissors. Explain to the students, **"to help us celebrate Mother's Day we are going make a gift basket for our moms or grandmas. Start by coloring the basket and filling in the "to and from" section. Then when you are done coloring, cut out the basket with the flowers and then tape it together where the tabs show to put it together or we can use glue."**



*Optional – cut a circle for the bottom of the basket out of construction or cardstock paper and then tape it to the bottom of the basket so that you can insert some candies, lip balm, pencils, or other goodies in the basket as a gift for the students' mothers or grandmothers.

When done, have students turn to **Proverbs 31:30** and have a volunteer read the verse. Say that: **these characteristics we have been talking about today are shown in godly women. Proverbs says that a woman that shows these qualities and who obeys the Lord should be praised or recognized as**

special. These characteristics and obedience to God is something that young women should strive to be; and for those of us who have moms or grandmas that display these characteristics, we should feel very blessed to have a mom or grandma like that!

4) Crossword or Word Search Mother's Day Sheets

10-15 minutes

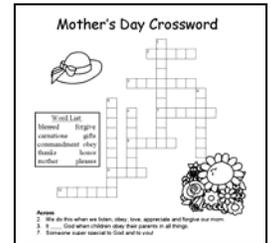
Hand out one sheet (either cross word or word search) to each child along with pencils or pencil crayons. Read the instructions aloud and help students as needed fill in the words and while they are searching, ask them;

What ways did Ruth show godly characteristics?

What ways did Naomi show godly characteristics?

How can we show we care for others and show godly characteristics?

Pick at least one characteristic you will show your mother today and then continue to show all week!



5) Optional: Homemade Mother's Day Card

10-15 minutes

Hand out a piece of cardstock or construction paper cut in half to each child so each child gets a half a page. Then, ask them to fold their half page in half to make a card. Hand out crayons and optional decoration items like stickers, sequins, scrap paper etc., along with glue and scissors and let the students make a mother's or grandmother's day card. Help with spelling and decorating as needed.

6) Optional - Snack: Your choice

Hand out snack to each child along with a glass of water or juice. Explain that: **Today we remembered the godly characteristics of Ruth and Naomi as well as made nice gifts to our moms or grandmas because they show kindness to us as well. Let's think of a nice thing we can do for our moms and grandmas and the women of the church and then pick one and do it this week!**

Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands.

Discuss any questions while snacking.

7) Optional - Songs

5 minutes

Have children sing songs with you. An example: **Song of Ruth** – See sheet attached for lyrics.

8) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray.

Dear God, help us as we study Your perfect Word in the Old Testament to understand it, use it and see the examples of faithful people that followed You. Help us to remember that Your commands are important and need to be followed to live a life that is pleasing to You. Help us all too always love You with our whole heart, mind, strength and soul!

Thank you for the book of Ruth that shows us faithful examples of godly women and men who put their faith and trust in You especially in difficult times. Thank you for the women in our church including our mothers and grandmothers who show us love and kindness. Help us to be grateful for all You provide us and help us never forget that all good things come from You!

Thank you God for Your love, thank you for Your Son Jesus, thank you for caring for us and providing such a beautiful world for us to live in, and thank you for giving us Your Word – the Bible so we can know how to live and learn what pleases You. In Jesus precious name, Amen.