

Storytime

Lesson 4

Ruth and Naomi

Bible story based on Ruth 1—4



1. Ruth lived with Naomi, who was like a mother to her. Ruth loved Naomi and stayed with Naomi to help her.



2. Naomi and Ruth were poor so they could not buy food. Ruth went to a field to pick up leftover grain that they could eat.



3. Boaz was the owner of the field. Boaz was very kind to Ruth. He let her pick as much grain as she needed.



4. Ruth took the grain home so she could make bread for herself and Naomi. God was pleased with the way Ruth showed her love for Naomi.

Good Helpers

The Williams family lives close to the beach. Most Saturdays, after they get chores done, Mom packs a picnic lunch. The family gets ready to go to the beach. David and Maya love to swim. Their dog, Max, likes to catch the Frisbee.



One day, Dad told the family that Grandpa Williams had surgery. On Saturday, they would go help Grandma Williams. She was taking care of Grandpa.

David said to Maya, "Saturday will not be the same without the beach."



On Saturday, Grandma Williams cooked a big breakfast. David and Maya's eyes got big when they saw the stacks of pancakes.

"Pop Pop, I am glad you are well enough to eat with us," David said.

"Me, too!" Maya said, with her mouth full of pancakes.

Pop Pop said, "I am happy you came to help Grandma. She works hard to take care of me."

After breakfast, everyone helped clean up the kitchen. Then, Mom helped Grandma make meals for the week. Dad mowed the lawn. David and Maya pulled weeds and watered the flowers.



"Let's go check on Pop Pop," Maya said. David and Maya ran into the house. Grandpa was reading.

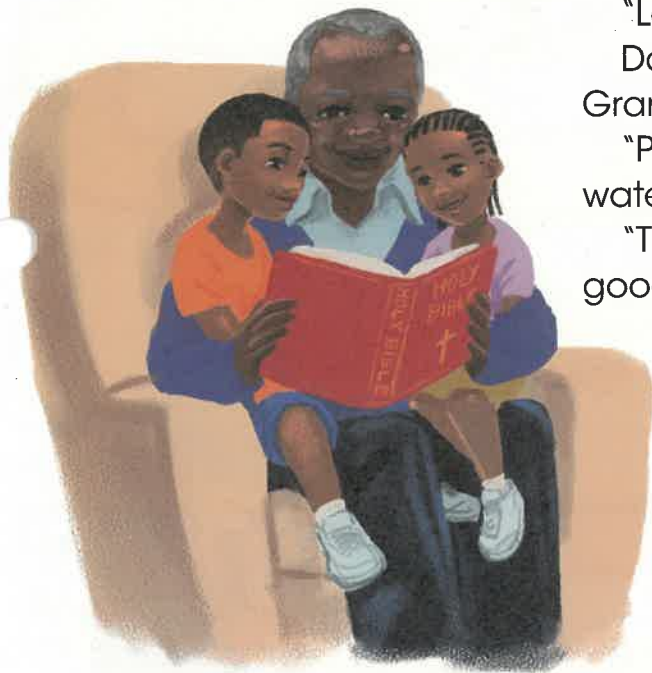
"Pop Pop, we pulled the weeds and watered the flowers!" David said.

"Thank you," Grandpa said. "You are good helpers."

Maya said to David, "You are right. Saturday wasn't the same."

"I know," David said. "But it was fun to spend Saturday with Grandma and Pop Pop."

The three of them read together.



Talk About It

Bible Truth: God is pleased when people respect others in their families.

• An elder is someone like a parent or grandparent. They are people you should respect by giving them special attention or showing appreciation for them. How did David and Maya show respect to their Pop Pop? Name adults in your family to whom God wants you to show love and respect. God is pleased when you show love and respect for adults in your family.

Help Ruth Go Home

Ruth has been working very hard all day.
Help her find her way back home to Naomi.



Ruth



Naomi

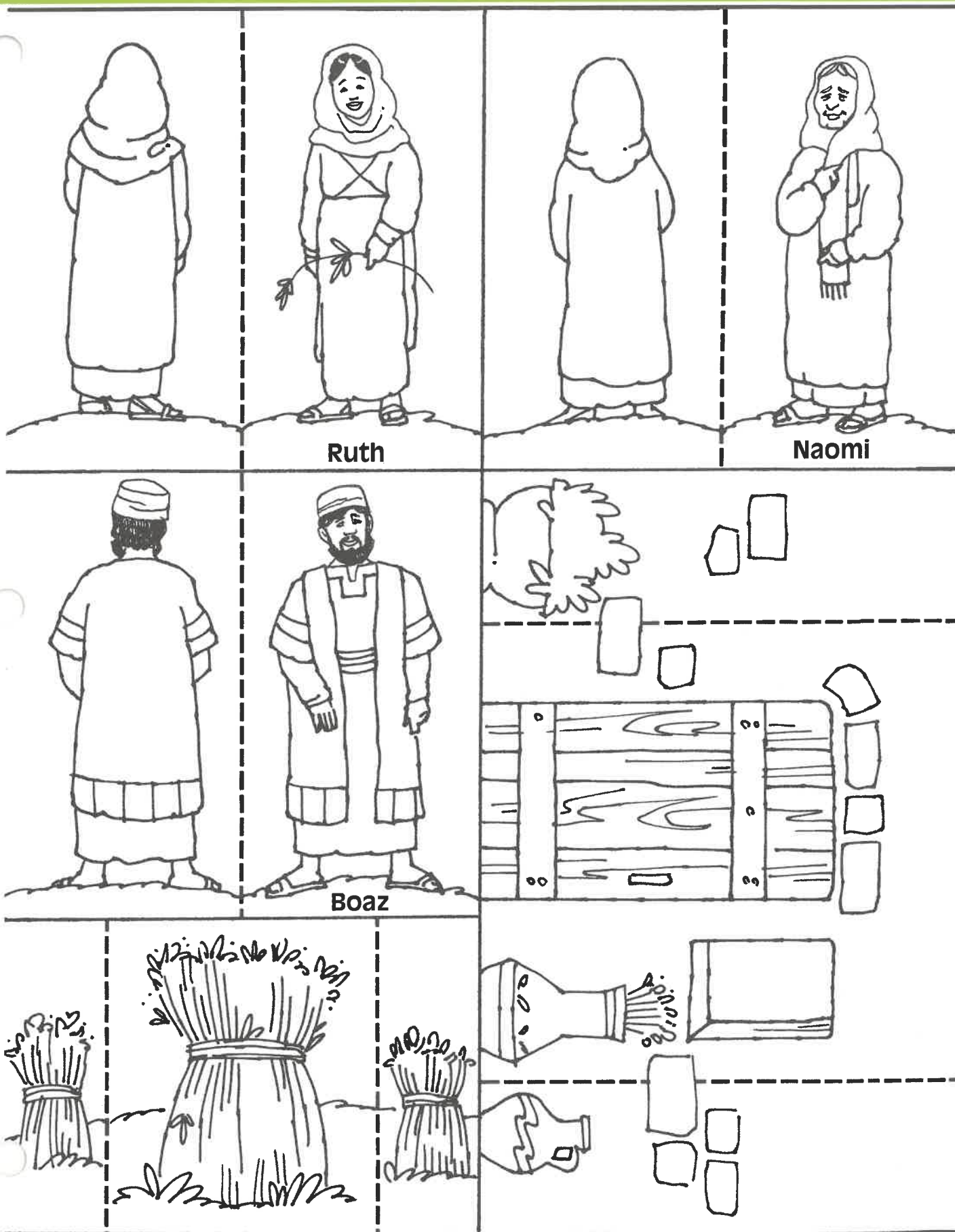
Faith in Action

MEMORY VERSE:

"Let us love one another,
for love comes from God."

1 John 4:7

- Ruth loved Naomi and showed respect for her by helping her. What did Ruth do to help Naomi?
- How can you show respect to your grandparent? Pick one of your suggestions to do this week.



FOR PARENTS

It's important to respect our elders. Today your child heard how Ruth cared for her mother-in-law, Naomi (Ruth 1—4). The class learned that God wants young people today to respect and help the older people in their families.

Use these puppets to review the Bible story. Try to reinforce the lesson by providing opportunities for your child to be around older people in your family. If your child has a grandparent or other elderly relative nearby, try to arrange for a visit. If the relative lives far away, perhaps your child could draw a picture to send; or suggest that he spend a few minutes on the telephone talking about what he did that day.

Practice the Bible memory verse: "Let us love one another, for love comes from God" (1 John 4:7).

