

# JUDGES

## “Ruth”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- The story of Deborah and Barak
- The story of Gideon
- The story of Samson and Delilah
- The story of Ruth

Series Theme Verse: “The Lord answered, ‘I will be with you.’” –Judges 6:16

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that Ruth loved Naomi and shows us the type of love we should have for other people.

Lesson Passage: Ruth 1

Materials Needed: Bibles, Rice Krispie Treats, vanilla and chocolate frosting, M&Ms, baggies, note cards, knives, plates, Series Theme Verse on poster,

Lesson Plan: (This story might be better read from a children’s story Bible to help in comprehending the story. If you do, then you may have to adjust some of the talking points.)

Talking Points:

- Ruth’s story is happening during the time of the judges.
- What is going on in the first verse of Ruth? (There is a famine in the land.)
- What is a famine? (not enough food for people)
- We are introduced to several characters in the 2nd verse. Who are they? (A family from Bethlehem. Elimelech, the dad, Naomi, the mom, two sons, Mahlon and Kilion)
- What does this family do? (moves to Moab)
- What happens while living in Moab? (Elimelech dies, the sons get married to Orpah and Ruth, then 10 years later the sons die too vs3-5)
- Now Naomi is alone with only her daughters-in-law. How do you think Naomi feels? (sad, alone, etc.)
- Why does she decide to move back to Bethlehem? (heard the Lord provided food vs6)
- What does Naomi tell her daughters-in-law? (Go home and find another husband. I am too old to have any more sons to provide you.)
- How does Orpah respond? (She is sad, kisses Naomi goodbye and goes back to her family. vs14)

- How does Ruth respond? (She doesn't leave Naomi. She promises to stay with her. vs16-17)
- What are some of the promises that Ruth makes to Naomi? (where you go, I'll go; where you stay, I'll stay; your people will be my people; your God will be my God; where you die, I'll die; nothing will separate them)
- Why do you think Ruth chose to stay with Naomi? How do you think Naomi felt when Ruth chose to stay with her?
- Ruth showed Naomi love and kindness by choosing to stay with her. She remained faithful to Naomi and kept her promise.

#### The Story Retold:

- Give each child a prepackaged Rice Krispie Treat. (You can already have some made if you'd rather. ☺)
- Let students choose either vanilla or chocolate frosting to frost the top of their treat.
- Then let the children use M&Ms to place on top of the frosting in the shape of a heart.
- Put the treats in individual baggies with a note card attached explaining that the children learned about Ruth's love for Naomi in Sunday morning class and would like you to have this treat they decorated because they love you.
- Explain to the children that they should take their treat to worship and give it to an adult who they care about.
- Remind the students that just like Ruth showed her love for Naomi, they now have the opportunity to show love to an adult in the church.
- After they finish, as the teacher, hand out a Rice Krispie treat that you've made to each child and let them know that you love them.

#### The Story and Me:

- Review the memory verse.
- As a group come up with a motion for each main word in the verse.
- Practice saying the verse together with your new motions.
- Give students a chance to perform the verse with the motions by themselves.