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Ruth Trusts in God

Today we will learn about a woman named Ruth who was used by God in amazing ways even though she was a foreigner and faced many hard circumstances.

MAIN IDEA: Ruth deliberately chose to trust God even though she faced loss and hardships. God protected and provided for Ruth, and she even became a part of the family God would one day use to provide salvation through Jesus Christ.

Bad things happen in life, but Ruth teaches us to put our full trust in God even when we've suffered loss. Through her loving devotion to Naomi, we learn that God puts people in our lives to help us grow closer to him. Also, Ruth's life shows the amazing, redemptive power of God – the same power that would one day raise Jesus from the dead! Her story of loss, obedience, and blessings show us that God had a special plan for Ruth, and he also has a special plan for us.

Power Point

God has a special plan for our families.

MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 6:1,
“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Activity: Magazine Pictures

Gather: Magazines with pictures of families that children can tear out.

Discuss how God uses families by looking through magazines. Ask the class to find pictures of families, tear them out and glue them to a piece of construction paper to make a collage. As they make their creations, have them explain what their creation represents. Especially talk about the examples that closely match God's desire to use faithful, obedient families to show others His love. Remind the children that God is pleased to use families who desire to serve Him (just like He used the people/families we are learning about in the bible)

Song: Father Abraham Had Many (Kids) Sons

Introduce the song by saying that Ruth was a foreigner in Israel, but God included her in the family line of Abraham that led down to Jesus.

There are several versions of this song on YouTube for you to use in your class. Some have the lyrics and some have the motions.

In Exodus 3:6, God says to Moses, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” The family line from Abraham down to Jesus is important to God. Ruth had a purpose for her life that fit into God's plan.

Explain to your class that our families are very important to God.





Candy Object Lesson

Topic: God created us beautifully different on the outside but all special to Him

Object: M&Ms Candy or Skittles

Bible Verses: Psalm 139:14, 1 John 4:9-16, 1 John 4:19

Key Takeaway: Ruth was a foreigner, but God wanted her in the family line that Jesus was born into. We should see all our different skin colors and tones as part of God's creativity and beauty while remembering we each are special to God and created to be filled with His love.

Hold up a clear jar filled with either M&Ms or Skittles. Ask students which of the colors is their favorite. Get several answers and then ask if "Jon's" choice of color is better than "Amy's". Ask does the yellow taste better than the green?

We know that although these candies are different colors on the outside, they are the same yummy sweetness on the inside.

God has created each of us unique in many ways too.

One way is that we look different on the outside. Have students compare the color of their arms. No matter what color people may call us, there are so many shades of every color that we're all different, unique and special!

We LOOK different in other ways too!!!:

- * Have those with brown eyes stand. Everyone sit.
- * Those with curly hair stand. Everyone sit.
- * Those with earlobes attached at the bottom stand. Everyone sit.
- * Those who can curl or roll their tongue stand. Everyone sit.
- * Those with dimples stand. Everyone sit.
- * Those who are left-handed stand. Everyone sit.
- * Those who have freckles stand. Everyone sit.
- * Those whose hairline on their forehead makes a point or widow's peak stand. Everyone sit.

There is no one exactly like you! You are unique & special!

Have students open their Bibles to the verse Psalm 139:14 –

"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well."



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