

ONE CONVERSATION™

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

CONNECTION POINT: Family members can love and respect one another and pray to God about their needs.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Anyone who has ever helped raise a child knows it's sometimes difficult to explain the reason why the child must do something or can't have something. Children often don't ask for what is best for them, but they must learn to trust the parent or adult. As we come to God with our requests, we must trust Him also. As we pray, we surrender our requests to His will.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

**MATTHEW 6:10-11A;
JAMES 4:6-10,13-17**

A Prayer of Surrender

PRESCHOOL



RUTH 1-2; 4:13-17

LIVE IT OUT: As a family, choose an extended family member to receive a special token of love. If a member is ill, take her a meal or a special treat. If there is someone you have not seen lately, schedule a visit. Help him know that he is loved.

Naomi was sad when her husband and sons died. She decided to return to her hometown. She told her son's wife, Ruth, to go home to her own family. But Ruth loved Naomi and went with her.

So Ruth and Naomi went to Bethlehem. They needed food to eat. Ruth went into the fields to gather grain for their food. She walked behind the workers and picked up any grain they left on the ground.

Ruth was in a field that belonged to Boaz. Boaz saw her and made sure she had plenty of grain. Boaz knew Ruth was kind and helpful to Naomi. Naomi and Ruth were thankful for the food and for Boaz caring about them.

Later, Boaz and Ruth were married. Ruth had a baby boy. Naomi helped to take care of the baby. They named the baby Obed. Ruth, Boaz, Obed, and Naomi were a happy family!

KIDS



RUTH 1-2; 4:1-17

LIVE IT OUT: Review the Bible story and say the Weekly Bible Verse, Romans 12:10, with your child. Talk about ways Ruth showed love for her family. Talk about ways people in your family show love for one another. Challenge your child to perform a loving action in secret for one person in your family.

Naomi was going home to Bethlehem. Ruth, her daughter-in-law, traveled many miles with Naomi to Bethlehem.

Ruth found a field and worked hard picking up grain the workers dropped. The field belonged to Boaz.

Boaz spoke to Ruth. "Stay with my workers to gather grain. My men will keep you safe." Ruth asked why Boaz was so kind to her. "I have heard about the good care you give to Naomi," Boaz said.

Later Boaz invited Ruth to share his lunch. Ruth saved part of her lunch to give Naomi. Boaz told his workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to pick up.

Naomi was excited when Ruth told her about Boaz. In time, Ruth and Boaz were married. They had a son and named him Obed.

Obed grew up. He became the grandfather of King David!

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Approach prayer with humble submission to the will of God.

- What ideas or images come to mind when you hear the word *surrender*?
- What keeps us from surrendering to God's will?
- What things in your life aren't aligned to God's will? What will you do to change it?
- What are the consequences of pride in our lives?
- Why is humility essential to a lifestyle of prayer?
- How is prayer an expression of dependence upon God?
- What steps can you take to more fully surrender to God?

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **CHRIST:** Share your testimony with your student and tell him or her about surrendering your life to Christ.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ask your student how he or she can better love a friend or family member, even if it means sacrificing something they want.
- **CULTURE:** Our culture sees life as being all about me. How can you and your family live in a way that demonstrates that we are not to live for what we want, but for what God wants?