

THE STORY OF RUTH

RUTH



CHRIST CONNECTION: God helped Ruth and Naomi. God helps us too. God sent Jesus to save us and rescue us from all our sins.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God gives us all we need in Jesus. Philippians 4:19

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- One day, a woman named Naomi, and her family moved to a place where there was more food.
- Ruth collected leftover food in a field from a man named Boaz.
- Ruth married Boaz and had a baby named Obed.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS: One day, a woman named Naomi, her husband, and their two sons moved from Judah to Moab where there was more food. Later, Naomi's husband and her two sons died. Her sons' wives, Orpah (AWR puh) and Ruth, were with Naomi, but Naomi was still sad. Orpah chose to go back to her family, but Ruth chose to stay with Naomi. Soon, Naomi and Ruth moved to Judah. Ruth collected leftover grain from a field so that she and Naomi would have food. The man who owned the field, Boaz (BOH az), saw Ruth and was kind to her. Boaz made sure Ruth was safe and had enough food. Later, Boaz married Ruth, and they had a baby boy named Obed. Obed grew up to be the grandfather of a man named King David.



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Ruth. Show the Bible Story Poster as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing the song below to the tune of “She’ll Be Coming Around the Mountain”:

“God gives us all we need in Jesus. [Point up to the sky.]
God gives us all we need in Jesus. [Point up to the sky.]
God gives all that we need through His Son who set us free. [Cross arms over your chest.]
God gives us all we need in Jesus. [Point up to the sky.]”

SAY “ God helped Ruth and Naomi through the kindness of a man named Boaz. God helped us too.
God sent Jesus to save us and rescue us from all our sins. ”

2 PICK UP BALLS

Place several small, plastic balls around the floor. Sit the babies in leaders’ laps or in horseshoe-shaped pillows, and point out the balls. Pick up the balls and place them in a basket. Allow the babies to copy your actions. Let the babies continue putting the balls in the basket as you review the gospel gems.

SAY “ Ruth collected leftover food in a field from a man named Boaz. God sent Boaz to help Ruth.
God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us and rescue us from all our sins. ”

3 MAKE SENSORY BAGS



Pour 1 cup of uncooked, rolled oats into a sandwich-size ziplock bag. Seal the bag with duct tape. Sit the babies in leaders’ laps or in horseshoe-shaped pillows. Place the bags in front of the babies. Encourage the babies to mash the oats and explore the bags as you talk about the Bible story.

SAY “ Oats are a food made from grain. Ruth collected leftover food in a field from a man named Boaz. God provided Boaz to help Ruth and Naomi. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s Big Picture Card. Repeat the Christ Connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible Story Poster as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Ruth. Show the Bible Story Poster as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 NAME THAT FOOD

Cut out pictures of different foods, including an image of wheat or grain. Tape the pictures to the wall or floor. Point to each food. Allow the toddlers to name each food. Show the picture of the wheat or grain. Review the Bible story, focusing on how Ruth collected leftover grain.

SAY “What kind of food did Ruth collect from the field for her and Naomi? Yes, grain! Naomi and Ruth moved to a place where there was more food. God gave Ruth and Naomi exactly what they needed. God takes care of us too!”

3 RESCUE THE BALL



Print an allergy alert listing latex. Inflate and tie off a balloon or beach ball. Hit the balloon into the air. Show the toddlers how to help you keep the balloon up by hitting it upward. Encourage them not to let the balloon touch the ground. For increased difficulty, blow up several balloons or use multiple beach balls. Retell the Bible story as toddlers play.

SAY “Great job rescuing the ball from falling! Can you think of someone who rescues us? God sent Jesus to save us and rescue us from all our sins.”

4 DRESS A BABY

Gather baby dolls and doll accessories (including bottles). Give each toddler a baby to take care of. Encourage the toddlers to dress and feed the babies. Remind the toddlers that today's story had a baby in it. Allow toddlers to hold their baby dolls as you review the Bible story.

SAY “Ruth married Boaz and had a baby named Obed. God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth as a baby. Jesus came to save us from our sin.”

5 SORT THE CEREAL



Print an allergy alert. Fill a clear plastic bin with fruity o-shaped cereal and uncooked oats and mix. Lay out several plastic bowls. Instruct the toddlers to pick the cereal out of the oats, and then sort each color cereal into a different bowl. Review the story as toddlers sort.

SAY “What did Ruth collect in a field? Yes, leftover food! God provided food for Ruth and Naomi when they needed it most. God helped Ruth and Naomi. Does God help us too? Yes! Our key passage phrase says, ‘God gives us all we need in Jesus.’”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: PICK UP TOYS

Set out several toys from around the room. Tell the toddlers that you need help picking up the toys. Encourage them to work together to help you pick up the toys. Explain that we can help others when they are in need. Retell the Bible story, focusing on how Ruth helped Naomi by going out and gathering leftover food.

SAY “ God helped Ruth and Naomi. Do we need help too? Yes, we do! We make wrong choices called sin. God sent Jesus to save us and rescue us from all our sins. ”

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SAY “ Our key passage phrase says, ‘God gives us all we need in Jesus.’ God helped Ruth and Naomi, and He helps us too! ”

3 CREATE A PICTURE



Provide each toddler with a sheet of paper. Spread out various types of uncooked pasta noodles on the table. Show toddlers how to arrange the noodles to make a person. Glue in place. Let toddlers make a picture of their families or friends using noodles. Retell the story.

SAY “ In our Bible story, God gave Ruth and Naomi food and, later, a family! Ruth married Boaz, and they had a baby named Obed. God cares about us! ”

4 EXPLORE THE GRASS

Lead the toddlers outside to a fenced-in area or playground, weather permitting. Encourage the toddlers to touch the grass. Remind them how Ruth collected food from a field outside. Follow your church’s safety guidelines when taking children outside.

SAY “ Ruth collected leftover grain from a field so that she and Naomi would have food. God gave Ruth and Naomi all they needed. Does God give us all we need too? Yes! Our key passage phrase says, ‘God gives us all we need in Jesus.’ ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s Big Picture Card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ Connection, and gospel gems throughout the week.