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Ruth and Naomi

A story of love, loyalty & obedience

Family Home Evening Packet



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\$5.00

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Home Evening Outline

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Suggested Songs: "Kindness Begins With Me", pg. 145 (Children's)
"I'm Trying To Be Like Jesus", pg. 78 (Children's)
"Scatter Sunshine", pg. 230 (Hymn)
"Love One Another", pg. 308 (Hymn)

Scriptures: 1 John 4:7, Mosiah 23:15, Galatians 6:2

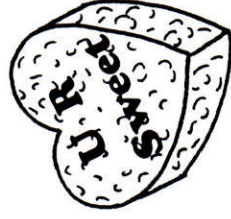
Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Heart Attack Activity (Option #1): Preparation - Choose a person or persons to whom you would like to give a "Heart Attack." Choose someone that you admire, but also someone who might be in need of service. You are granted permission to reproduce the "Love-O-Grams" and "Heart Attack" sheets as many times as needed for your family activity, but they should not be reproduced to share with friends or other family members. Reproduce, color and cut out a "Love-O-Gram" as desired. Fill out the information on the "Love-O-Gram." In the space that reads "This coupon is good for:", fill in the act of service you wish to perform for the person. In the space that reads "Redeemable from the _____ family", write your family's name. Fill out the "Heart Attack" sheet with all of the traits you admire in the person or persons you have chosen. Cut out multiple hearts in different colors, and have all family help in writing inspirational, loving messages on the hearts. Make the heart-shaped treats shown above or bake heart-shaped sugar cookies and frost with fun, loving messages. Place several treats on a plate for each person chosen.

Activity - (Be sure to bring a roll of tape with you) Essentially, this is a "Bring and Run" activity. Sneak up to the person's door and tape the hearts with messages on them all over the front of the person's windows and door. Leave the plate of treats, the "Love-O-Gram" and the "Heart Attack" sheet on the porch. Ring the doorbell and run! Be sure to set some treats aside for your family to eat when they return from this activity.

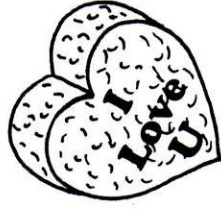
Option #2 - Have a "Heart Attack" activity with your family. Have each family member color one "Love-O-Gram" coupon. Place each family member's name in a container. Take turns drawing out names. Once a name has been drawn, each family member then fills out the "Love-O-Gram" with the act of service they wish to perform for the family member whose name they drew. Then write the name of each family member at the top of the "Heart Attack" sheets. Pass each sheet around to every family member and have him write down the trait that he admires most about that person. When everyone is finished, give the sheets to their owner. Have each family member decorate a treat for the person whose name they drew and present it to them with the Love-O-Gram.

Love-A-Lot Rice Crispy Treats



Ingredients

- 5 cups of multi-colored, fruit flavored rice crispy cereal
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 4 cups marshmallows



Melt butter and marshmallows in a pan, stirring constantly to prevent burning. Pour mixture over rice crispy cereal and mix. While still warm, press mixture out onto waxed paper, about an inch thick. Quickly, using a heart shaped cookie cutter (preferably metal), cut out heart-shaped rice crispy treats. If desired, with frosting, write cute messages on the treats.



Ruth and Naomi



There is a most beautiful story in the Bible that tells of love, loyalty and obedience. It is the story of Ruth and Naomi.

It was in the days when the judges ruled the land and there was a great famine in Bethlehem. Food was hard to get and people were hungry. It was here that Elimelech took his wife, Naomi, and his two sons, Mahion and Chilion, and went to live in the land of Moab. They knew that they could find food there. Soon after, however, Elimelech died, leaving Naomi and her children alone.

Mahion and Chilion soon married women from Moab named Orpah and Ruth. Ten years later both men died, leaving Naomi alone with her two daughters-in-law. Naomi longed to return to Bethlehem and so she told Orpah and Ruth that they should return to their own Moabite families and she would go back home.

At first, both women argued and they told Naomi that they would go with her to Bethlehem. Soon Orpah agreed to return to her people. Ruth, however, pleaded with Naomi to let her stay, saying, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." (Ruth 1: 16, 17) Rarely in the scriptures do we read such beautiful words of loyalty, love and devotion that Ruth showed for her mother-in-law, Naomi.

Ruth and Naomi made the trip to Bethlehem and arrived in time for the barley harvest. It was then that Naomi instructed Ruth to go down into the corn fields of one of Elimelech's kinsmen, Boaz, or in other words, one of her late husband's relatives. Boaz was very wealthy and Naomi knew that Boaz would be kind to Ruth and let her gather food. Imagine how tired you would be picking up corn that had fallen in the fields.

Ruth would follow the reapers or pickers as they cut the corn from the stocks and she would pick up the pieces of corn that fell to the ground. It was very hard work.

One day while Ruth was gleaning the corn, Boaz came into the field where she was working and he asked his servant who was in charge of the reapers who this woman was. The servant told Boaz that Ruth was a Moabite woman who had come with Naomi from the land of Moab and that she had pleaded with him to let her "glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves."

Boaz was a nice man and treated his servants kindly. He told her to stay in his field and gather the corn. He also told her to drink freely from the water that his servants brought and that no one would bother her.

Ruth fell to the ground and bowed down before him, saying, "Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?"

Boaz replied: "It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore." Boaz invited her to eat with him and he instructed his young men to let her glean all the corn she wanted. Then Boaz, who had a good heart, did a very kind thing. He also told his servants to let some of the handfuls of corn that were being reaped, fall in Ruth's path so she could gather them. When Ruth returned to Naomi's that night, she told her of all the wonderful things that had happened and they both praised Boaz. Ruth continued to glean every day until the end of the harvest. © 2003 Hatch Patch Creations

In ancient Israel, it was the custom that the closest relative had a right to purchase all property that belonged to Elimelech. Boaz was the second nearest relative and he could not purchase anything that belonged to Naomi unless the first relative gave his permission. Naomi knew how kind Boaz was and wished that she could sell her property to him, including selling Ruth to him so that she could be his wife. Naomi told Ruth that she must put on clean clothes and go to where Boaz was winnowing the barley on the threshingfloor. Ruth was told to wait until Boaz had fallen asleep and then she was to uncover his feet and lie on the floor by them. This she did. At midnight, Boaz awoke and was afraid when he found Ruth by his feet. She calmed him and asked him to let her be his handmaiden.

Boaz praised her and told her not to fear, for he knew how kind she was and how virtuous she was. He also knew that there was a relative closer than he was and that he would have to go to him for permission to buy Ruth.

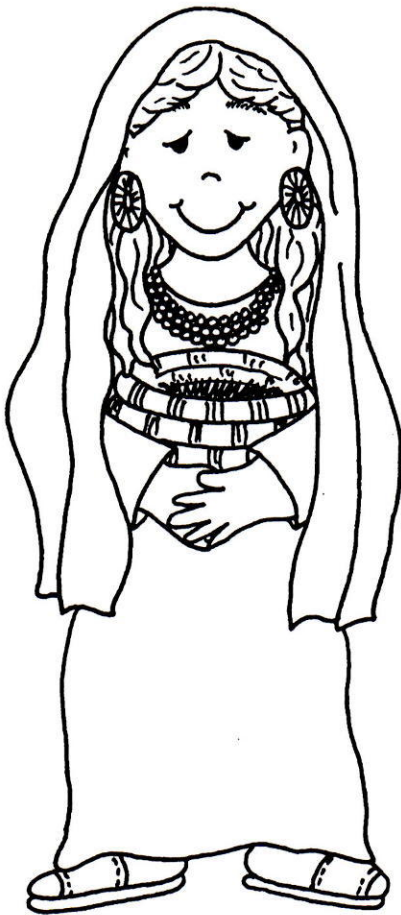
Boaz soon left to find the other kinsman and to his delight, this man had no desire to buy Naomi's property or to purchase Ruth. In those days, when an agreement was made between two men, the man who gave up his options would take off his shoe and give it to the other man. This is what the other kinsman did and he gave it to Boaz. Boaz let all of the other people know that he was going to purchase Ruth for his wife and buy all that had been owned by Elimelech and his sons.

Soon Ruth and Boaz were married and had a son that they named Obed. Obed later became the father of Jesse, who was the father of David. These two wonderful people were the grandparents of the David who killed Goliath and who later became a King in Israel.

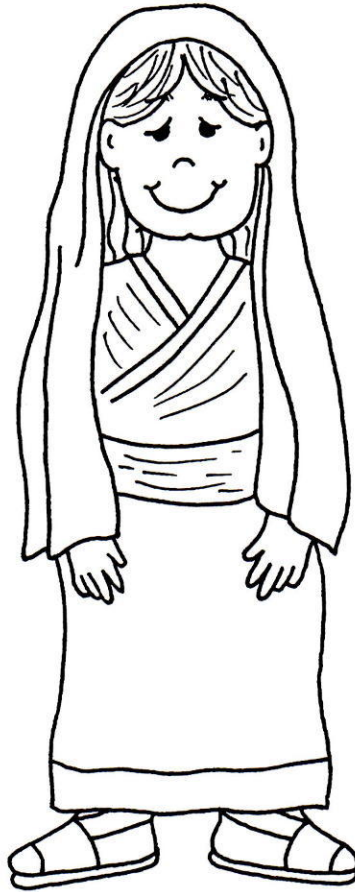
The story of Ruth is one of the most beautiful we know. Ruth taught us all how to love unconditionally. She gave up all that she knew to take care of her mother-in-law, even conforming to believe in the God of Israel. She nurtured and cared for Naomi and worked hard just to feed them. She was also obedient to Naomi and because she did as she was told, she became the grandmother of one of the most recognized men of the Bible, David. We can learn so much from Ruth. Her love of family, her great sacrifices for the happiness of others, her loyalty, and her obedient spirit all teach us how to be better, Christ-like people.

DISCUSSION:

- Would you be willing to leave your mother and father and family to help another?
- Do we love others as Ruth loved Naomi?
- How can we develop the Christ-like qualities that Ruth had?



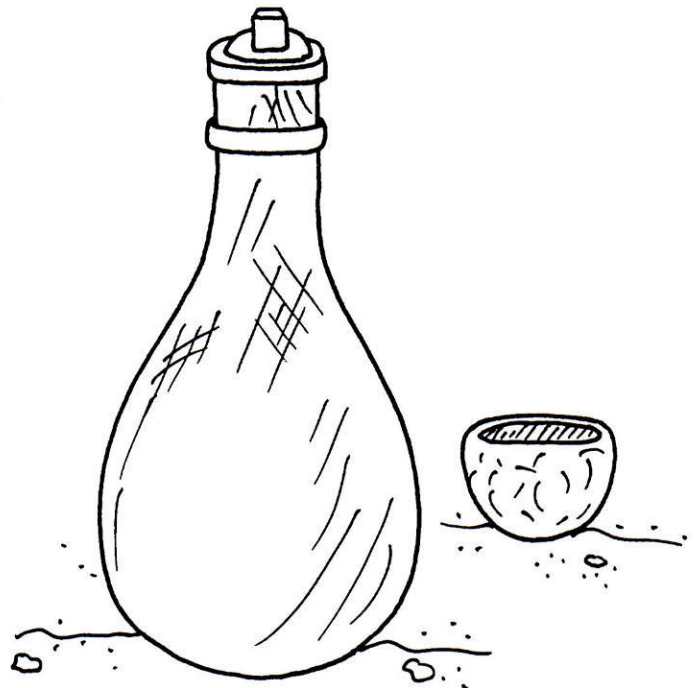
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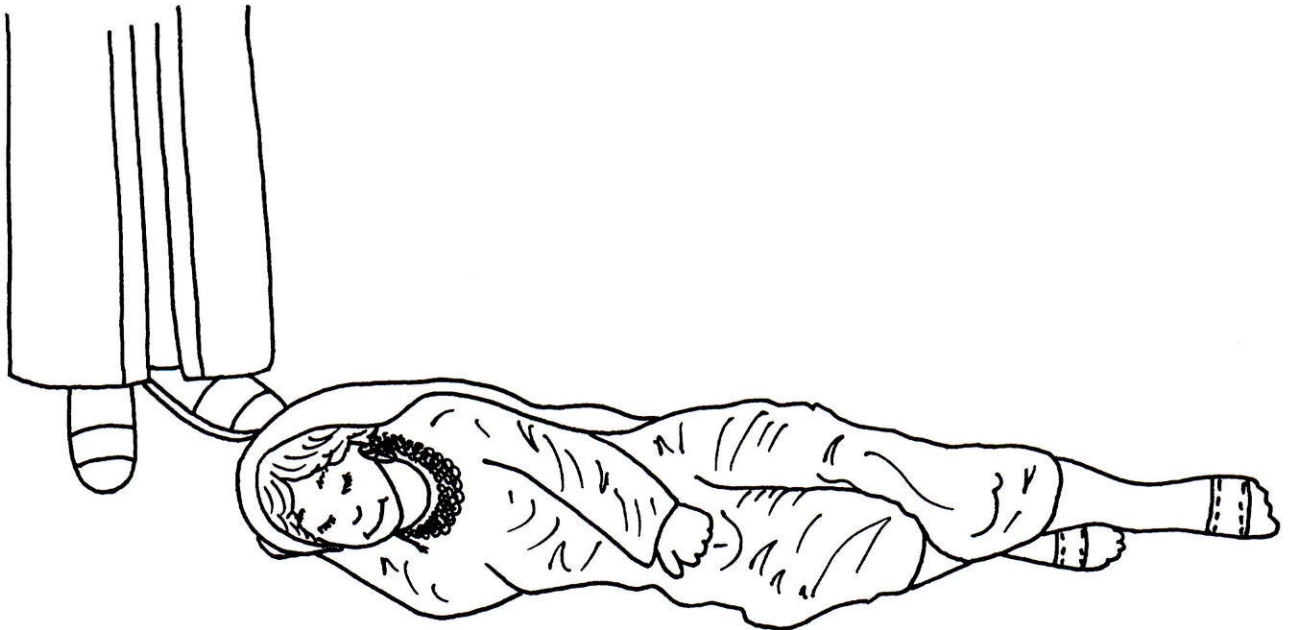
Boaz



Water jug



Ruth gleaning the corn



Ruth laying at Boaz's feet

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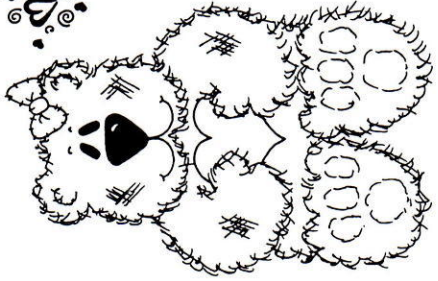
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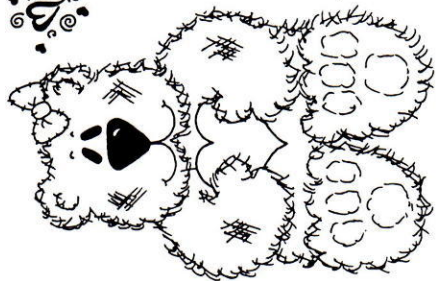
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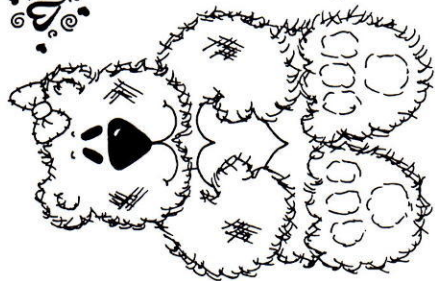
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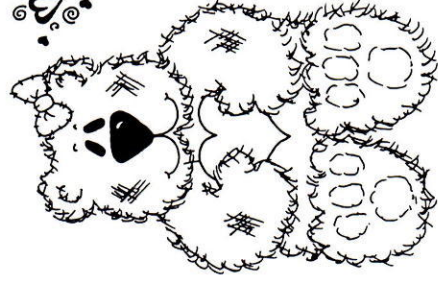
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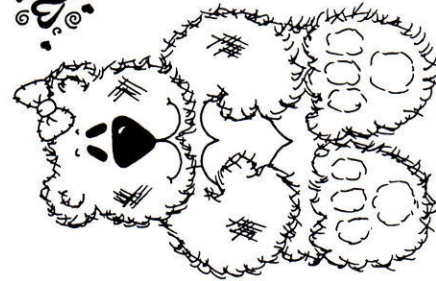
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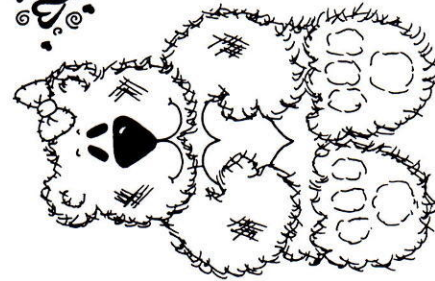
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