

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program A-1

God Provides Through Boaz

Ruth 2:1-23

Ruth Series: Lesson #2

Bible Verse: Give thanks to God. Psalm 136:26

Past verses: Love one another. 1 John 4:7

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Giving thanks to God

Prop ideas: Samples of grain (wheat, barley, oats, rice), flour and bread (rolls, crackers)

SAMPLE STORY

Ruth and Naomi lived alone with no husbands. They had no crops of their own to harvest and needed some way to get food. Ruth told her mother-in-law, Naomi, that she would go glean in the fields behind the harvesters. (That meant that she would gather the leftovers).

Ruth did not know it, but she began gathering in a field belonging to Boaz, a relative of Naomi's. He told the workers to be nice to Ruth and leave extra grain for her to pick up. He even gave her food to eat at lunchtime like he gave his own workers. At the end of the day, Ruth took her grain and threshed it (separated the grain from the husk). She had almost 30 pounds! Naomi was thrilled to see how much Ruth had. She was thankful to God for the food.

God takes care of us as well. We should always thank Him for the wonderful food we have to eat. What else can we thank Him for? (Family, home, church...) *Say a prayer of thanksgiving.*

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Playing with Play-Dough

Coloring Ruth And Boaz Booklet

Playing Hide The Shoe Game

Talk about: God told people to always leave some grain, fruit or vegetables in the fields as they harvested. These were left for the poor people, widows, orphans and foreigners to gather, or glean. Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz. Boaz told his workers to be sure to leave extra in the fields for Ruth. God provided food for Ruth and Naomi through Boaz.

COLORING PAGE

Ruth Cares for Naomi

Materials: Coloring Page
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color. Spread the crayons out so that everyone can reach them. Let them draw their favorite food on the back if desired.

Talk about: Ruth helped care for Naomi by working in the fields for grain. When Boaz gave her food for dinner like his own servants, she saved some and took it home to Naomi. Naomi and Ruth were thankful to God for the good food they had to eat.

PRETEND PLAY – HOME-LIVING

Materials: None

Do: Encourage pretend play in the kitchen. Give ideas about what to eat. Be sure to have someone 'do' the dishes!

Talk about: We live in a country with lots of food available. Be sure to 'Thank God for all of our food,' real and pretend.