Lesson Eight Overview

Ruth

Theme— Service

Scripture
Ruth 2:8–16

Memory Verse
2 Peter 1:5a—*"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue..."*

Lesson Outline

Introducing the Story
Our true story from the Bible is about a woman whose life shone with virtue. She not only said she loved God, but she showed it through her virtuous life.

Telling the Story
1. **A Move to Moab** *(Ruth 1:1–2)—Flashcard 8.1*
2. **Death in Moab** *(Ruth 1:3–5)*
3. **Ruth's Loyalty** *(Ruth 1:6–18)*
4. **Life in Canaan** *(Ruth 1:19–22)*
5. **Ruth's Job** *(Ruth 2:1–23)*
6. **Naomi's Plan** *(Ruth 3:1–18)—Flashcard 8.2*
7. **God Rewards Ruth** *(Ruth 4:1–22)—Flashcard 8.3*

Applying the Story
The more you make decisions to add virtue to your faith, the more your virtue will grow. God will bless your virtue, just as He blessed Ruth's.

Suggested Classroom Schedule

Before Class	Complete attendance record. Provide students with coloring pages/activity pages.
Opening	Welcome
Prayer	Prayer requests and praise reports from the children
Song Time	
Memory Verse	2 Peter 1:5a
Song Time	
Object Lesson	The Inside Matters
Bible Lesson	Ruth
Application/Invitation	Help saved students apply lesson. Invite unsaved students to receive Christ.
Snack	Wheat Thins
Review Game/ Questions	Glean or Go
Craft	Paint Stirrer Ruth Puppet
Closing	Give announcements and pray. Distribute take-home papers.

LESSON EIGHT

Ruth

Theme: Virtue

TEACHER'S CHECKLIST

- ❑ Read Ruth 1–4.
- ❑ Study Lesson Eight.
- ❑ Flash cards 8.1–8.3
- ❑ Prepare snack—Wheat Thins.
- ❑ Gather for "Use an Object"—grain.
- ❑ Print memory verse flash cards from the Ministry Resource download.
- ❑ Gather for verse review—ten Styrofoam bowls, Cheerios.
- ❑ Gather for object lesson—two oranges, a knife.
- ❑ Gather for craft—paint stirrer sticks, brown fabric, muslin fabric, shredded tan paper, wiggle eyes, raffia, glue.
- ❑ Print for craft—Bible verse template from the Ministry Resource download.
- ❑ Print and duplicate Coloring Pages or Activity Pages on the Ministry Resource download (one per student).
- ❑ Print and duplicate Take-Home Paper on the Ministry Resource download (one per student).

SNACK SUGGESTION

Wheat Thins
This week, serve wheat thins or another cracker or snack containing wheat or grains. Explain that Ruth gathered grain during the barley harvest to help support her and her mother-in-law, Naomi. (Perhaps provide a gluten-free snack alternative as well.)

SCRIPTURES

Ruth 2:8–16

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Peter 1:5a
"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue…"

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?
11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, 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.
12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.
13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.
14 And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.
15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:
16 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

BIBLE LESSON

Introducing the Story

Have you ever seen a person who you just knew loved God with all their heart? How could you tell they loved God so much?

We can't see another person's heart, but we can see their actions. When a person says, "I'm a Christian," and we see their generosity instead of selfishness, or their joy instead of complaining, we believe they love God. When a person says, "I'm a Christian," and we see their trust in God instead of worrying about problems and their patience instead of anger, we believe they love God.

For a person to love God with all their heart, they must first put their faith in Jesus Christ's death on the cross to pay for their sins. Then, God saves them from their sin by His grace.

After salvation, a person grows in love for God by spending time with Him. They read their Bible, talk to Him in prayer, listen in church and Sunday school,

TEACHER'S NOTE

grace—a free gift, unearned, undeserved, and unmerited. Grace is anything good that God gives us that we don't deserve.

When the world looks at you, can they see Jesus in you?

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

and obey God's instructions. The better they get to know God, the more they love Him. The more they love Him, the more their actions will show others that they love Him. They have added something to their faith. They have allowed virtue to grow in their lives.

Virtue is the choice to live an excellent life. Virtue is seen when we do what is right from a pure heart of love for God. When people see virtue in our lives—virtue that grows out of our faith in God—they believe that we really love God.

2 Peter 1:5a

5a And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue.

DRAW IT!

Definition of Virtue: behavior showing high moral standards

Conformity to a standard of right

moral excellence; goodness; righteous

Our true story from the Bible is about a woman whose life shone with virtue. She not only said she loved God, but she showed it through her virtuous life.

The Story

1. A Move to Moab (Ruth 1:1–2)

Along with the land of Canaan, God gave the Israelites a promise. "If you love Me with all your heart, and if you obey My Word, I will bless your land with rain for your crops and grass for your cattle—you will have everything you need.

"But if you serve false gods, I will stop sending the rain. There will be no crops or grass for your cattle. The land will not provide for your needs if you stop loving and serving Me" (see Deuteronomy 11:13–17).

For a long time, the Israelites happily loved and served God. They thanked Him for being so good to them. And God did exactly what He had promised—He blessed their land, and it supplied all of their needs.

But soon, the Israelites made friends with people who worshiped false gods. Little by little, the Israelite people stopped worshiping the true God and began worshiping false gods. God did exactly what He had said He would do—He sent a famine. There wasn't enough to eat.

One Israelite man, Elimelech, became afraid when he saw God had stopped sending rain. The grass had dried up and his cattle didn't have enough to eat. There was no wheat or barley to grind into flour to make bread for his family.

Elimelech listened to his own fearful heart instead of asking God to provide for his family in Canaan. "I hear there's plenty to eat in Moab," he said to his wife Naomi. "We'll go there for a short time, until the famine is over; then we'll come home to Bethlehem in Canaan. Life will be easier for us there." So, Elimelech,

TEACHING TIP

Ask students how they feel when they are ***very*** hungry. Use this feedback to explain how difficult it would have been to live through a famine.

Example: Friends want to cheat on a test, drink, smoke, go to movies, or other bad places, you say NO!

get new friends

having the strength to do right in the face of wrong

Flash Card 8.1

Example: All of your "friends" want to do something wrong, but you stand up to them and stand for the right.

Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, left Canaan and journeyed to Moab."

2. Death in Moab (Ruth 1:3–5)

They soon found that life wasn't easier in Moab. Their hearts were broken when Elimelech died.

Proverbs 14:12

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Mahlon and Chilion had grown up, and they wanted to find wives. While they knew God had told the Israelites to marry only other Israelites who knew the true God, they didn't trust Him enough to wait. "There are no Israelite girls in Moab," they thought. "We can't wait until we go back to Canaan—we will just have to marry Moabites."

Deuteronomy 7:3–4

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

So, Chilion married Orpah, and Mahlon married Ruth.

Orpah and Ruth may have had this conversation as they began learning about God. "I've always wondered about the true God," Ruth said. "Looking up at the night sky, I used to think, 'Wow! There are millions of stars. There has to be a true, awesome God who made them!' It's almost like the stars are calling to me in my own language, telling me that a wonderful Creator made them."

Psalm 19:1–3

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

"I had no Bible to read and no one to help me know the true God. Still, I had a longing deep in my heart to know Him."

Naomi told Ruth and Orpah about Canaan. "It's a wonderful land, but the best part of Canaan is our God—the true God who created the whole world. He created me, my husband, my two sons—and He created you, Orpah and Ruth. I want you to know Him."

Ruth was happy being married and learning about God. Before long, though, it seemed her happiness would be gone. Ruth's husband, Mahlon, died. And his brother Chilion died, too. Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth mourned for a long time.

3. Ruth's Loyalty (Ruth 1:6–18)

"We've been here ten whole years," Naomi thought sadly. "We planned only a short stay in Moab. Now, my husband and two sons are dead. Life in Moab has been hard."

"I've heard there is food again in Canaan," she said. "I must go back—to the people who know and love the true God." She packed her belongings; and Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah began the long journey to Canaan.

Before long, Naomi spoke, "Go back home, where you will be able to get married again. That will be good for you."

"Please let us go with you," they begged.

"You won't find husbands in Canaan," Naomi said. "Things will be hard for me. With no husband or sons, I won't have a way to support myself or you. Go back home."

Ruth and Orpah cried, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye; but Ruth hugged Naomi and held onto her tightly.

"Your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods," Naomi said. "You go with her."

"Don't ask me to leave you and to go back to my people," Ruth cried. "They're not my people anymore. You are my people. Where you go, I'll go. Where you live and die, I'll live and die. And, Naomi, the gods of the Moabites are not my gods anymore—your God is now my God. I believe in the true God!"

Ruth had trusted in God, and the virtue she had added to her faith showed in her choice to serve God and take care of Naomi.

When Naomi saw she couldn't change Ruth's mind, they journeyed to Canaan together.

TEACHER'S NOTE

Every year at harvest, the Israelite landowners would send their servants into the fields to harvest crops. The poor people of the land, like Naomi and Ruth, had no way to secure food, but God had designed a special plan to provide for the poor. He commanded the Israelite landowners to allow the poor to follow behind the landowners' servants as they reaped (harvested) the crops. These poor people would gather up the fruit or grain dropped by the reapers. This was called gleaning, and it is how the poor worked for their own food. (Leviticus 19:10)

USE AN OBJECT

Bring in some kind of grain to represent the grain that Ruth would glean from Boaz's field.

4. Life in Canaan (Ruth 1:19–22)

"We never should have left," Naomi said sadly. "We should have realized God would provide everything we needed in Canaan if we only followed Him. I left with my husband, my sons, and all we needed. I come back with nothing. When you don't walk with the Lord, it is just as He has said—you will not be happy."

Although there was now plenty of food in Canaan, Naomi and Ruth had no husbands to provide for them. They would have to work if they were going to eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

But Naomi was getting older, and she didn't have the strength to go to work.

"Naomi," Ruth said, "I'm here for you. I want God to use me to provide for you. I will go glean in the fields behind the reapers. Pray that a farmer will show favor to me."

Ruth's faith in God was continuing to grow, and her growing virtue showed in her choice to continue serving God and taking care of Naomi.

5. Ruth's Job (Ruth 2:1–23)

Ruth came to the field of Boaz, a wealthy relative of Elimilech's who loved God with all his heart. Ruth worked hard all day in the hot sun, barely stopping for rest.

When Boaz saw Ruth, he asked the reapers, "Who is that woman? I have never seen her before."

"That's the Moabite woman who came back with Naomi."

Everyone in Bethlehem had heard of Ruth. She had left her home, her family, her way of life—everything she knew—to walk with God and to take care of Naomi. Everyone admired her virtue.

As Elimelech's close relative, Boaz knew it was his job to help provide for and protect Ruth. "Stay in my field; follow my maidservants," he said, "and do not glean in another field. I have commanded the servants to keep you safe."

Ruth was so thankful that God—the true God—was providing for her. She bowed before Boaz and asked, "Why are you doing this for me? You don't even know me."

"Ah, but I have heard about you," Boaz gently answered. "You left your home and everything you knew, to take care of Naomi. I see your courage, working among strangers, to provide for Naomi.

"You have come to trust in the true God, and I see your virtue. I ask God to reward you for your trust."

"Your words have greatly comforted me," Ruth answered. "Thank you for your kindness."

Boaz spoke again, "Come, we'll share our lunch with you." Ruth ate as much as she wanted, and she saved the rest to take home to Naomi. Ruth's virtue was seen in her sharing with Naomi. (See Ruth 2:14, 18.)

That night, Ruth returned home tired, but happy. "Where have you gleaned today?" Naomi asked. "How did you get so much grain?"

"I gleaned in Boaz's field," Ruth answered. "He told me to stay in his fields until the end of harvest"

"Praise the Lord!" Naomi said. "God is taking care of us. Boaz was Elimelech's close relative."

So, Ruth worked in Boaz's field until all the crops had been harvested. Ruth's virtue showed in her diligence.

Ruth 3:11
Boaz calls Ruth a virtuous woman

6. Naomi's Plan (Ruth 3:1–18)

"You have been good to me," Naomi said when the harvest was finished. "You have taken care of both of us. Now I would like someone to take care of you.

"Boaz is our near-kinsman. If a relatives dies, Boaz is to take care of the people and property that belonged to that relative. If the relative was a man, Boaz is to marry the man's widow and raise up a child in the man's name.

"You must go to Boaz and ask him to do the job of a near-kinsman—to be your kinsman-redeemer.

"Tonight Boaz will winnow barley in the threshingfloor. You need to dress your very best and go to the threshingfloor without letting anyone see you.

"After the men have finished their work and eaten, they will lie down to sleep around the grain to protect it from thieves. Their heads will be toward the grain, and their feet will be away from the grain. They will look like the spokes of a wheel. Be sure to notice where Boaz lies down.

"After he has fallen asleep, go quietly to his spot, uncover his feet, and lie down at his feet. When he wakes up, he will tell you what to do."

TEACHER'S NOTE

winnow—to separate the chaff (the useless outside coating of the grain) from the grain by means of wind; They would often pour it out of a container in a current of air, and the chaff would blow away while the grain dropped into another container.

Read Prov. 31:10-31

Flash Card 8.2

TEACHER'S NOTE

The Hebrew word *gaal* (goel) appears thirteen times in the book of Ruth. It means to redeem, and refers to the law from Deuteronomy 25:5–6 that commands the next of kin to buy back a deceased relative's property, marry his widow, and raise up a son in the deceased relative's name. The combined meaning in English is kinsman-redeemer, and this is the duty Boaz eventually performed in Ruth's life.

It was strange to Ruth, but she trusted God and Naomi, so she did exactly what Naomi had said. She went to the threshingfloor, and when Boaz was asleep, she uncovered his feet and lay down.

At midnight, Boaz awoke, feeling afraid. He turned and saw a woman lying at his feet. "Who are you?" he whispered.

"I am Ruth. You are our family's near-kinsman. I ask you to perform the duty of a kinsman-redeemer to me."

Boaz rejoiced in his heart, because he loved Ruth. "Bless you, Ruth. I see your kindness and your virtue. You haven't chosen a husband because he is rich or handsome, but you have chosen a husband because he follows God. I will gladly do what you ask. All our city sees your virtue—that you trust the true God and walk in His ways.

"There's one problem. There is a relative who is closer to Elimelech than I am. I will meet him tomorrow and ask if he wants to perform the duty of a kinsman-redeemer. If he chooses, he will be your husband; if not, I will be your husband forever."

Ruth returned home and told Naomi all that Boaz had said.

"All there is to do now is wait," Naomi said. "Boaz will not rest until he has his answer."

7. God Rewards Ruth (Ruth 4:1–22)

Boaz went early in the morning to the city gate. "I love Ruth—I hope I can marry her," he thought.

"Hello!" Boaz called out to the closer relative. Then he called ten businessmen of the city to be witnesses, and they all sat down.

Boaz began, "Naomi, who came back from Moab, wants to sell her property. You are the closest relative, and if you want to buy it, you may; if not, then I will buy it."

Flash Card 8.3

"I will buy it," the relative answered.

"When you buy the field from Naomi," Boaz continued, "you also buy it from Ruth. She will become your wife, and you will raise up children in Mahlon's name."

"I can't do that," the relative said. "Raising up children in Mahlon's name would damage my own children's inheritance. I can't marry Ruth—you buy the land and marry her." And he gave Boaz the property title.

Boaz's heart was joyful as he spoke to the witnesses. "You have seen that I have bought all that was Elimelech's and his sons' from Naomi. You have seen that Ruth is to become my wife, and I will raise up a child in Mahlon's name."

The witnesses answered, "We are witnesses. God bless your marriage to Ruth, and God bless your home."

God did greatly bless them and gave them a son named Obed, who had a son named Jesse, who had a son named David, who became the king of the whole nation of Israel. Many years later, Jesus Christ was one of Boaz and Ruth's great, great…great grandchildren!

APPLYING THE STORY

Ruth's people worshiped idols, but when Ruth finally heard about the true God, she trusted in Him. By his grace, through her faith, He saved her from her sins.

Ruth didn't stop there. She wanted to know God with all her heart. She learned all she could; as she learned, her faith grew. As her faith grew, she added virtue to her faith. She began to live to please the Lord.

What are some ways we saw virtue in Ruth's life?

- Ruth left her homeland to care for her mother-in-law.
- Ruth left the false gods of the Moabites to serve the true God of Heaven.
- Ruth worked hard to provide for Naomi's needs.
- Ruth was courageous, working in a strange land with people she didn't know.
- Ruth saved food from her lunch for Naomi.
- Ruth followed Naomi's instructions, even when they seemed strange to her.

We are not the only ones who see virtue in Ruth's life. Who else saw virtue in her life, and what happened because they saw her virtue?

- Boaz saw her virtue, and he allowed her to glean extra grain. He also chose to marry her.
- Naomi saw her virtue as Ruth provided for her, and it caused Naomi to want a godly husband for Ruth.
- The people of the city saw virtue in her life, and it caused them to rejoice when she married Boaz.

Ruth never regretted her decision to believe in the true God, and to love and serve Him with all her heart. Ruth was blessed by God—when virtuous Boaz saw her virtue, he wanted to marry her!

If you have trusted in Jesus through faith, you, like Ruth, can add virtue to your faith. Just as your body grows bigger and stronger as you choose healthy food,

virtue will grow in your life as you choose to obey and serve God from your heart of faith.

- You can choose to give it your all when you have a job to do.
- You can do a job you haven't been asked to do.
- You can share your lunch with someone.
- You can obey with a happy heart even when you don't understand why you have to do something.
- You can be courageous and share the gospel with someone or give a tract to someone you don't know.
- You can be kind to someone who is different than you—someone whom others are unkind to.

The more you make decisions to add virtue to your faith, the more your virtue will grow. And God will bless your virtue, just as He blessed Ruth's.

REVIEW GAME/QUESTIONS

Glean or Go

Materials Needed

Small prize for winning team

Playing the Game

Divide the class into two teams. Instruct the teams to form two lines (one line each), facing each other.

Encourage the students to pretend they are in a field harvesting or gleaning grain. The object of this game is to be the team with the most gleaners at the end.

Ask the first person on Team A a question. If the student answers correctly, they may make a member of Team B "go" and leave the field. Next, ask a question to Team B. If they answer the question correctly, they may either dismiss a member of Team A or re-enlist someone who has been forced to leave their team.

The team with the most students "gleaning" at the end of the game wins!

1. If someone tells us they love God, how can we know if they really do?
   Answer: By their actions

2. What is virtue?
   Answer: The choice to live an excellent life

3. What country did Elimilech and Naomi move to when there was a famine in Israel?
   Answer: Moab

4. What were the names of Chilion's and Mahlon's wives?
   Answer: Ruth and Orpah

5. Why did Naomi and Ruth go back to Israel?
   Answer: Their husbands had died, and the famine was over.

6. How did Naomi and Ruth get food in Israel?
   Answer: Ruth followed behind the reapers and gleaned whatever they dropped.

7. Whose field did Ruth glean in?
   Answer: Boaz's field

8. What was the one thing standing in the way of Boaz marrying Ruth?
   Answer: There was a man who was a closer kinsman to Elimilech than Boaz was.

9. What very important person was Ruth the great, great, great…great grandmother of?
   Answer: Jesus Christ

10. What are some ways that we can add virtue to our faith?
    Answer: Answers may include: 1. Choosing to give it your all when you have a job to do. 2. Doing a job even when you haven't been asked to do it. 3. Sharing your lunch with your sister, brother, mom, dad, or friend. 4. Obeying with a happy heart even when you don't understand why you have to do something. 5. Being courageous and sharing the gospel with someone or giving a tract to someone you don't know. 6. Being kind to someone who is different than you—someone whom others are unkind to.

Teaching the Memory Verse

2 Peter 1:5a

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue;

Materials Needed

Memory verse cards from Ministry Resource download
Ten Styrofoam bowls
Cheerios
Marker

Set Up

Divide the bowls into two sets of five. For each set, write a portion of the verse in every bowl.

- Bowl 1: And beside this
- Bowl 2: giving all
- Bowl 3: diligence
- Bowl 4: add to your faith
- Bowl 5: virtue

Then, fill the bowls with Cheerios, being sure to cover the words.

Teaching the Verse

Read the verse aloud one time. Then repeat together as a class three or four times.

Divide the class into two teams. Give each team the five bowls. (You may want to set these bowls on a table and call the students to the front when it is time to participate.) Explain: On this table, I have two sets of cereal bowls. Each bowl contains a handful of Cheerios, but a portion of today's memory verse is written on the bottom of the bowl too! So, when I say, "Go," you will need to eat the Cheerios in your bowl, and then work as a team to put the bowls in the correct order.

OBJECT LESSON—The Inside Matters

Materials Needed

2 Oranges
Knife

Preparation

Using the knife, carefully peel one orange, so that it can easily be reclosed without much manipulation. Remove the fruit from the peel of the orange, and replace it with something less desirable. (You can mash the original fruit, or insert trash, moldy foods, or vegetables.) Reclose the orange, taking care to ensure that there are very limited signs of tampering.

Lesson

Select two volunteers to come to the front of the class to eat the delicious looking oranges. Once the students are next to you, take some time to discuss how good the oranges look.

Proceed to cut the good orange in half first. Show it to the class, and discuss how good the orange looks even on the inside! "Who wouldn't want to eat this orange!?" Then, hand it to one of the students who volunteered.

Next, hand the second "orange" to the second volunteer. Ask him to peel it carefully in front of the class. Allow the student to discover that this orange was not beautiful inside like the other one was.

Explain, "Both of these oranges looked great from the outside! But, something was wrong on the inside of this second orange."

Application

Just because something looks good on the outside, doesn't always meant that it is good on the inside, too. Both oranges looked great, but once we peeled open the second orange, we realized the inside wasn't great at all.

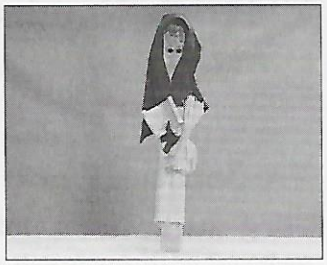
What do people see when they look at you from the outside? They probably see a good boy or girl who goes to church, dresses nicely, and remembers the memory verses. But, what does God see when He looks at your heart…at the inside of you that only He can see?

Are you like Ruth? Are you beautiful on the inside? Do you possess virtue? Do you possess goodness and kindness?

This week, strive to be like Ruth! Don't act good at church only to go home and be disobedient to your parents. Be pure from the inside out, and practice living a consistent, virtuous Christian life.

CRAFT—Paint Stirrer Ruth Puppet

Supplies



Paint stirrer stick
Brown fabric
Muslin fabric
Shredded tan paper
Wiggle eyes
Raffia
Printable Bible verse
Glue

Instructions

1. Cut a piece of brown fabric, 12 inches by 12 inches.
2. Drape over the top of the paint stirrer stick and glue in place.
3. Cut a piece of muslin fabric, 8 inches by 4 inches. Wrap around the paint stirrer stick and glue in place.
4. Cut a small piece of brown fabric, 2.5 inches. Tie around the middle of the puppet for a belt.
5. Add wiggle eyes and a smile.
6. Glue some shredded paper just above the wiggle eyes for hair on the paint stirrer stick.
7. Print and cut out the Bible verse. Roll the right and left side of each verse to make a scroll. Glue onto the puppet.
8. Take ten pieces of raffia. Fold in half. Fold in half again. Using a small piece of raffia, tie the raffia together in the middle. Using scissors, cut both ends. Glue to the puppet. (This is Ruth's wheat that she gathered).

Application

Encourage the students to love God with all their hearts. During craft time, discuss with your students how they should act toward God and others if they love God with all their hearts (read their Bible, be kind to siblings and friends, obey God, etc.).

Note: Next week's craft requires a picture of each student. Consider taking these pictures this week so they are ready for next week's class!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Find the following items on the Ministry Resource download:

- Coloring Page (for younger children)
- Activity Page (for older children)
- Student Take-Home Paper
- PowerPoint Presentation