

HOME connection

OT Unit: Women of Faith, Lesson 1

D6 Family Theme:
A CHOICE OF FAITH

Objectives:

Know: Ruth chose to leave her people and false gods to embrace her mother-in-law Naomi, the Israelites, and God Almighty.

Think: Have the mindset that others' needs are as important as my own.

Do: Commit to God and serve those around us in need.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Ruth 1:1-22. Difficult circumstances and grief come to every family. A young Moabite woman made a choice in faith to leave behind her ungodly culture and embrace God and her widowed mother-in-law.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

We stay committed to loved ones even when they are struggling. Pray that you and your family would be aware of those around you that are hurting. Pray that you would stick with them like Ruth stuck with Naomi.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: Naomi gave Orpah and Ruth the chance to return home to their families after the death of their husbands. Ruth took a step of faith in choosing to leave behind what she knew in order to follow her mother-in-law, which meant accepting her God. Ruth was considering Naomi's needs before her own. Prepare a special treat for your child, like cookies or some candy. Put them in a corner of the biggest room in your house, and turn off all the lights. Lead your child to the treat with a flashlight. Explain that he or she made a choice of faith that you would lead him or her safely to the end, just like Ruth trusted Naomi's God.

Option 2: Ask your family why it is dangerous when a lifeguard tries to help someone who is panicking and drowning. (They have to approach carefully, often from behind, or the panicked swimmer may end up taking them both under!). Ask your family to list other situations in which someone who desperately needs help makes it hard to help.

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned Naomi and her husband had two sons who married two women named Orpah and Ruth. Naomi's husband and sons died, and she decided to return to her home. Ruth chose to go with Naomi. God took care of Naomi and Ruth. **God Takes Care of Me** too.



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE

Today your student learned Ruth married one of the sons of Elimelech and Naomi. When Elimelech and their two sons died, Naomi decided to return to her hometown. Ruth chose to go with Naomi. She decided to follow Naomi's God. Ruth made a choice of faith.



4 & 5
GRADE



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Looking at the sacrificial commitment of Ruth, teens discussed the importance of loving and caring for those that are hurting. Look with your teen at some godly examples of commitment in Scripture, and discuss ways your family can make the same commitment to caring for those in need. Make sure your teen received *Forward* or *Velocity* student magazine and your parent newsletter, "What's Up?"



YOUNG
ADULT

The Brink magazine went out today. The group members discussed the loyal love of Ruth and were challenged to serve those in need.



ADULT

FUSION and *FUSIONnext* magazines went out this week, as well as the newsletter for parents of teens, "What's Up?" Adults examined how a young Moabite woman made a choice in faith to leave behind her ungodly culture and embrace God and her widowed mother-in-law.