

# LESSON 5

## RUTH AND NAOMI

### OBJECTIVES

1. To show love to our family and friends through actions and self-sacrifice.
2. To follow our Lord Jesus faithfully until the end, even when the future is uncertain.

### MEMORY VERSE

“For wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.”

(Ruth 1:16b)

### PRAYER

1. Thank God for protecting and guiding us through the week so that we may come to worship Him in Spirit and in truth.
2. Ask God to help us show love to our family and friends through what we say and especially through what we do.
3. Ask God to help us continue to obey His commands and put our trust in Him.



### Overview

1. **The family of Elimelech** (Ruth 1:1-5)
2. **Ruth stays with Naomi** (Ruth 1:6-22)
3. **Ruth and Boaz** (Ruth 2-4)
  - a. Ruth cares for Naomi by gleaning fields (Ruth 2)
  - b. Boaz and Ruth get married (Ruth 3-4)
    - i. They continue to care for Naomi
    - ii. Naomi cares for her grandson, Obed
4. **Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs**—One true God
5. **Life Application**—Showing Love Through Self-Sacrifice
6. **Activity**—Describing Kindness



### Background Knowledge for Teachers

Moab was a land located east of the Dead Sea. The Moabites were descendants of Moab, a son of Lot by his elder daughter. Moab was one of the nations that oppressed Israel during the period of the judges, so there was hostility between the two nations. The famine must have been quite severe in Israel for Elimelech to move his family there.

Gleaning was the gathering of grain that fell to the ground during the harvesting of fruit that was not ripe at first picking. Old Testament law established the right of the poor to glean the staple crops of grain, olives, and grapes (Lev 19:9-10; Deut 24:19-22). This important social mechanism helped meet the needs of the poor without robbing them of the self-respect associated with honest toil. Ruth provides an excellent example of gleaning. Here, the young widow picks up loose grain behind harvesters in the fields of Boaz, making full use of the generous law.

Widowed women were particularly vulnerable and powerless in the ancient world. Widows were taken advantage of or ignored. They were almost always poverty-stricken. The fact that Ruth was willing to face the almost sure fate of poverty showed her selfless love for her mother-in-law.



## Reaching Out to Your Students

The story of Ruth and Naomi illustrates a beautiful picture of true love. Your students may have different concepts of love; they experience love from their parents, from teachers, and from brothers and sisters at church. They are also exposed to different expressions of “love” on television and in movies. Regardless of what kind of understanding your students may have about love, it is important for them to understand what God’s love is.

The story of Ruth and Naomi centers around one very important aspect of God’s love: self-sacrifice. The Bible tells us, “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us” (1 Jn 3:16a). This is the ultimate expression of self-sacrifice, to lay down one’s life for another. This kind of love is not just a feeling (like a person might see on television or in the movies), and is not merely something that we just say. Instead, this kind of love is shown through actions. 1 John 3:18 tell us, “My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue but in deed and in truth.” True love is shown through actions, such as those done by Ruth for Naomi. Ruth expressed her love through words, but followed through with her actions.

Help your students understand that love is not a matter of words, but of actions. This means caring about others before themselves, offering help when people are in trouble, and giving up what they might want, even when it’s hard. Is this hard? Yes it is, because no one in their own strength could ever love God or his neighbor more than himself. However, we know that if we rely on the love of God and let Him fill us, God will give us the power to love others with His special love.

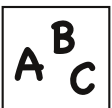
Your students experience the most love at home, from their parents, siblings, and other family members. They probably have also begun to show love to their family members as well through giving hugs and saying, “I love you.” But most children have not yet learned how to show their love to their family through self-sacrifice. For example, when their parents ask them to do some chores, they might complain and say they’re busy playing, but we can help them realize that one way to show love to their parents is to sacrifice their play time to help their parents.



## Opener

*5 Minutes*

Have you ever had to give up something? What was it? Why did you do it? How did it make you feel? [Ask students to share instances when they had to give up something and how they felt when they did it, if they did. If they didn’t give it up, ask them what kept them from giving it up.] Today, we are going to learn about a woman named Ruth who gave up everything she knew and followed God.



## Vocabulary

**glean:** to gather leftover grain (or the like) after the reapers or regular gatherers

**harvest:** to gather grain, fruit, etc., when it becomes ripe or ready for eating

**kinsman-redeemer:** a male relative who had the privilege or responsibility to act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or in need.



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

### FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 to the students now. They will be filling it out as you go over this section. Pause to give the students time to fill in the answers, and make sure they have filled in the answers before moving on.

Let's open the Bible to see how today's story begins. Please turn to Ruth 1:1-5.

### Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem

When Naomi heard that the Lord had given His people a good harvest, she and her two daughters-in-law prepared to leave Moab to go to the land of Judah. As they were going down the road, Naomi said, "Go, return to your mothers. I pray that the Lord will be as good to you as you have been to me and my husband and two sons. May He give each of you another husband." Naomi kissed them, and they cried, not wanting to leave her. But she replied, "My daughters, you must go back home, because I am too old to marry again. Even if I got married tonight and had more sons, would you wait for them to get old enough to marry? No, my daughters! Life is harder for me than it is for you, because the Lord has turned against me."

They cried again, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth kept holding on to her. After this, Naomi said to Ruth, "Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her country and to her gods! Why not go with her?" Please refer to the worksheet and fill in the blanks to see how Ruth replied. "But Ruth said: Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me." After Naomi saw that Ruth had made up her mind to go with her, she stopped urging her to go back.

Discuss with the class why they think Ruth wanted to go with Naomi. Naomi was very old and Ruth was very young; Ruth could have left, married, and had her own family. What made Ruth want to stick with her mother-in-law? (Ruth loved Naomi and didn't want her to be alone.) What did Ruth have to give up or sacrifice in order to go with Naomi? (She gave up a chance to go back to her own home and be married to a man from her own country.) We can see through Ruth's sacrifice how dearly she loved Naomi.

### Ruth Gleans in Boaz's Fields

The barley harvest was just beginning when Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem from Moab. One day, Ruth

said to Naomi, "Let me see if I can find someone who will let me glean by the harvest workers." So Ruth went out and started gleaning in a field owned by Boaz. Now Boaz was a relative of Elimelech, Naomi's husband. When Boaz returned from Bethlehem, he asked the man in charge of the harvest workers, "Who is that young woman?" The man replied, "She is that woman from Moab who came with Naomi. She asked if she could pick up the grain left behind by the harvest workers, and then she went straight to work in the field. Since morning, she has worked without stopping, except for a short break in the shade."

Hearing this, Boaz went over to Ruth and said, "Take my advice and don't work in anyone else's fields. Stay here with my servant girls and follow along behind them as they gather up what the men have cut. I have told the men not to bother you, and whenever you are thirsty, you can drink from the water jars they have filled." Ruth bowed down to the ground and said, "You know that I come from another country. Why are you so good to me?" Let's take a look at the worksheet and see. Boaz answered, "I've heard what you've done for your mother-in-law since your husband died. You even left your own father and mother to come and live in a foreign land among people you don't know. May the Lord reward you for what you have done. Since you have come to Him for help, I pray that He will be very good to you!"

Ruth graciously thanked him and continued to glean. At mealtime, Boaz invited Ruth to sit and eat with them. Right away she sat down with the workers, and ate until she was satisfied; she even saved some for later. When Ruth got up to go back to work, Boaz told his men, "Don't stop her, even if she picks up grain from where it is stacked. Be sure to leave some stalks of grain on the ground for her to glean, and don't bother her!" Ruth worked in the field until evening, and after she had pounded the grain off the stalks, she had a large basket full of grain. She took the grain to Naomi and showed her how much she had picked up from Boaz's field. She also gave her the food she had saved earlier.

"May the Lord bless him!" Naomi replied. "The Lord has shown that He is still kind to the living and to the dead. Boaz is a close relative of ours." Ruth told her, "He even said I could stay in the field with his workers until they had finished gathering all his grain." Naomi replied, "My daughter, it's good that you can work with his servant girls, because something bad could happen to you in someone else's field." From then on, Ruth kept close to Boaz's servant girls while she picked up grain in the field.

### Ruth and Boaz Marry

One day, Naomi sent Ruth to Boaz. She wanted to know if he would marry Ruth and buy the land that had been

owned by Naomi's husband and sons, since he was a kinsman-redeemer. Boaz told Ruth there was a closer relative that had to be given the chance to buy the land first. Boaz went to the town gate and sat there until the other kinsman-redeemer arrived. In front of the ten elders of the town, Boaz told the other man about the land Naomi wished to sell and about Ruth. The other man did not want to redeem the land, so he told Boaz to do it. Then the man took off his sandal and gave it to Boaz as a sign that the transfer of the land was final. Thus, Boaz acquired the land and married Ruth. They had a son and named him Obed. Naomi helped to care for him and he brought her joy. And the women of the town told Naomi that she was blessed to have such a loyal daughter-in-law as Ruth.

#### FOR TEACHERS

At this time, go over the answers on the worksheet with the students, making sure they have filled in the blanks correctly. Once the students have completed Worksheet #1, hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #2 and fill out the worksheet as a class.

#### Bible Discovery Worksheet #1: A True Love Story

##### Two Widowed Women

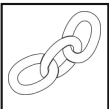
husband; father-in-law  
Moab  
mother-in-law

##### Love Conquers

"For wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."  
evening  
repay; rewarded

#### Bible Discovery Worksheet #2: I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

- 1a. b
- 1b. c
2. a
3. b
- 4a. a
- 4b. We need to shine the light of Jesus in our daily lives through our actions. To follow Jesus means to learn from Him—to love others like He does, manifesting His characteristics of love through our actions and speech. That way, we're on the right path to enter the kingdom of heaven!



## Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

### One True God

Ruth's love for Naomi was so great that she was willing to sacrifice all that was familiar to her to follow Naomi into a future of uncertainty. As they journeyed together through life, Ruth was able to know the God of the Israelites through Naomi, and later through Boaz, too. Ruth learned that the true God is one that cares for His people, both dead and alive, as He cared for Elimelech's family by watching over and protecting Ruth and Naomi. She also learned that the true God is one that blesses people in ways that they cannot imagine. Naomi and Ruth could never have imagined their life to turn out so blessed. They must have imagined that they would live difficult lives gleaning among the harvest workers for the rest of their lives. After all, they were both widows. However, God once again showed His great love for His creation by allowing Ruth to marry Boaz and have a child, bringing joy back into their family once again. Today, we must also remember that in times of hardship, we are never alone. Our God is always watching over us and He will provide the best path for us because He only wants the best for us.



## Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **Why did Elimelech and his family leave Israel?** There was a famine in the country and he heard that there was food in Moab.
2. **What happened to Elimelech and his two sons when they were in Moab?** Elimelech died, and his sons took wives, but his sons also died, too, leaving his wife and two daughters-in-law without husbands.
3. **Why did Ruth want to stay with Naomi?** Because she loved Naomi and wanted to stay with her to protect and watch over her since Naomi was an older woman and would be by herself with no one to take care of her.
4. **How was Boaz kind to Ruth?** He allowed her to glean in his fields and told his servants to purposely leave extra grain for her to glean so that she would have more than enough food.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. There was a famine in the country and he heard there was food in Moab.
2. Because she loved Naomi. Since Naomi was an older woman and would be by herself with no one to take care of her, Ruth wanted to stay with her to protect and watch over her.
3. He allowed her to glean in his fields and told his servants to purposely leave extra grain for her to glean so that she would have more than enough food.
4. She refused to leave her mother-in-law and instead traveled with her to Bethlehem
5. Answers may vary.
6. Answers may vary.
7. We can: help them out when they need instead of spend time playing; honor their needs first before ours; pray for them daily if they are not church members yet, etc.
8. Answers may vary.



## Life Application

10 Minutes

**SHOWING LOVE THROUGH SELF-SACRIFICE**

The Bible tells us that love is not self-seeking. In other words, to love someone is to be willing to sacrifice for that person. It may be your time, labor, money, etc. We can infer from today's story that Naomi treated Ruth very well and with great care and love since Ruth, in return, loved Naomi dearly. We can also see how Boaz was a kind, generous, God-fearing man who immediately did everything he could to help Ruth. In addition, he is also a very responsible person, as he chose to become the kinsman-redeemer instead of waiting for the duty to fall on him. 1 John 4:8 tells us, "God is love." Through their love, Ruth came to know the love of our Lord Jesus. Through our personal relationships with others, we can exhibit the many characteristics of God, such as love, joy, mercy, kindness, gentleness, etc. In doing so, we use our actions to preach the word of God rather than simply learn the teachings without sharing the good news with others.

**In the following scenarios, examine the action of self-sacrifice and the characteristics of love shown through such action.**

1. Every day after school, Charles plays basketball with his friends. Charles loves sports, especially basketball, and after school is the time of the day that he looks forward to the most. However, Charles' mom is sick this week and has asked Charles to help take care of his little brother after school. Charles, even though he really wishes he didn't have to miss basketball every day for a week, promises to help his mom. In addition, Charles also offers to do some housework for his mom since he knows that she needs to rest more.

**a. What did Charles sacrifice in order to help his mom?**

Charles sacrificed his favorite time of the day: playing basketball with his friends. He also sacrificed his time and labor to take care of his little brother and to share his mom's housework.

**b. Why do you think that Charles was willing to make such a sacrifice?**

Charles loves his mom and didn't want his mom to have to worry about taking care of his little brother or housework while being sick. He also knew that his mom needed to rest, so he used his basketball time to help with his mom's work so that she could have more time to rest.

**c. What characteristics of love do you see in Charles' actions?**

*Kindness:* Charles showed great consideration and care for his mom by sacrificing his time for her.

*Self-control:* Even though Charles really wanted to play basketball, he put his mom as his priority, above his own personal interests.

*Patience:* In order to help his mom, Charles wasn't able to play basketball for one full week. However, Charles didn't complain but waited patiently for a week so that his mom could fully recover.

2. Andy's little sister accidentally broke his favorite toy, and he was very upset that she did so. Andy was extremely sad, but he accepted his sister's apology and didn't want to make her feel even worse. Later, their mom said that if Andy wanted the same toy again, his little sister would have to use her own money to buy it for him. Andy, even though he was very sad to see his toy broken, decided that he would not ask for a new one from his sister since he knew that she had been saving up for a long time to buy her favorite toy. He didn't want her to use the money she saved.

**a. What did Andy sacrifice for his little sister?**

Firstly, Andy accepted his sister's apology, sacrificing his own pride so that his sister wouldn't feel guiltier than she already did. Secondly, Andy had to sacrifice his toy. He could have gotten a new toy from his sister, but he chose not to.

**b. Why do you think that Andy was willing to make these sacrifices?**

Andy loves his little sister. He was very upset at first about the broken toy, but Andy chose not to let his negative emotions out because he didn't want to see his little sister feel worse than she already did. In addition, he was willing to give up his chance of getting a new toy because he wanted his sister to be able to get what she really wanted instead of spending money on something else. He would rather give up his favorite toy than see his sister without her favorite toy soon.

**c. What characteristics of love do you see in Andy's actions?**

*Kindness:* Andy didn't want his little sister to feel bad. Rather than focusing on how bad he felt, he stepped into his sister's shoes and showed compassion towards his sister. He cared about his sister's feelings more than his own.

*Forgiveness:* Andy didn't get angry with his little sister for breaking his toy but accepted her apology right away. He didn't hold any grudges or bitterness.

*Peace:* Andy didn't want this problem to become bigger. He controlled his anger and didn't let it affect his sister or his relationship with her. Andy also didn't want this problem to cause his sister to wait longer for her favorite toy, which would probably disappoint her for a long time.



## Activity

## Describing Kindness

10-15 Minutes

Kindness is a word full of meaning. There are many other words we can use to help explain what it means to be kind. Find and circle the following words hidden in the puzzle. Each word describes an attitude that is essential to showing kindness.

helpful

sympathetic

gracious

friendly

pleasant

devoted

thoughtful

merciful

loving

gentle

compassionate

benevolent

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## A Story of True Love

### “For wherever you go, I will go.”

The story of Ruth and Naomi spread quickly after they moved back to Bethlehem. Many people there, including Boaz’s servants, heard about it and shared their story with others. It encouraged people to love one another with **self-sacrifice!**

#### TWO WIDOWED WOMEN

“For wherever you go, I will go,” said Ruth to her mother-in-law.

Ruth’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ just passed away. Now she has nothing left but her own family in \_\_\_\_\_, where she is from. As unfortunate as it sounds, she is luckily still very young and has a good chance of remarrying so that she doesn’t have to live the rest of her life in poverty. No one in her position would question the idea to return to her family and wait to be remarried. In fact, Naomi, Ruth’s

\_\_\_\_\_, who also became a widow at the same time as Ruth did, also told Ruth to do so. But Ruth, concerned about Naomi’s later life, insisted that she follow Naomi back to her hometown instead of stay in Moab.



#### LOVE CONQUERS

Naomi once again urged Ruth to stay in Moab with her family, but Ruth would not leave Naomi’s side. She said, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

What a great sacrifice! Ruth didn’t care if she was going to be poor for the rest of her life. She loved Naomi so much that she didn’t want to leave her alone, old and lacking. She knew that Naomi needed someone to take care of her, both physically and emotionally. Rather than waiting for someone to marry her, love, and provide for her, Ruth determined to stay with Naomi, to be the one to love and provide for this old mother whom she loved.

The Bible said Ruth worked steadily from the morning until very late. She gleaned in the field until \_\_\_\_\_. After she finished her work, she carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered! Even though life was not easy, Ruth had no regrets. She was happy as long as her mother-in-law was well taken care of. Boaz heard all that Ruth had done for her mother-in-law since the death of her husband. He said, “May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ you for what you have done. May you be richly \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord, the God of Israel.”



## What does it mean to follow Jesus until the end?

### I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

*"I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day.  
I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray.  
I don't worry over the future, for I know what Jesus said.  
And today, I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead.  
Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand;  
but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand."*

These lyrics are the first verse of "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow". Can you relate to them? It is indeed true for everyone that we don't know anything about tomorrow. We can always plan for tomorrow, but we do not know what will happen between now and then that could change our plans. With God's protection, we can live from day to day. This hymn tells us that we shouldn't worry about tomorrow, but hold tight the hand of Jesus and walk with Him until the end. Why? Because God knows the future. He provides us with light and gives us directions for where we should go. Let's read the following verses and examine what exactly it means to follow Jesus until the end.

1. *"Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.'" (Matthew 16:24)*

A. \_\_\_\_ : First of all, in order to follow Jesus, we must deny ourselves. What does that mean?

- To think that we are useless
- To humble ourselves before God
- To think that everything we do is wrong

B. \_\_\_\_ : Every Christian has a cross to carry. We must carry this cross on our own to follow Jesus. What does carrying our own cross mean?

- To wear something with a cross all the time so that people know we're followers of Christ
- To carry our own burdens and worries
- To be responsible for our own salvation by following Jesus until the end, even though it is not an easy journey to complete

2. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

Following Jesus means to trust His guidance with all our heart, even though we cannot see what is ahead. We may think that one way is better, but if Jesus tells us to go the other way, we must put our trust in His wisdom rather than our own. The first thing we should do when making decisions in our walk of life is to acknowledge God.

\_\_\_\_ : How can we acknowledge Him?

- Use the Bible as our guide to make sure that our decisions are in accordance with God's words and pray for God's guidance
- Ask God to walk with us towards the direction we think is best
- Be assured that God will help us no matter what

3. "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

To follow Jesus means to be strong in our faith in God, even though we cannot see Him. Many visible things in our lives are temptations that draw us away from God. But it is the intangible and invisible God that we should rely on. Therefore, we should not walk by sight.

\_\_\_\_\_ : What does it mean to walk by sight?

- a. To wear glasses so that we can see as clearly as possible
- b. To only trust and take pleasure in things that we can see with our eyes
- c. To always open our eyes when we walk

4. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" (John 14:6)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ : To follow Jesus is to walk in the truth. What does that mean?

- a. To always be in accordance with God's wisdom, pleasing Him in everything we do
- b. To always be honest and true
- c. To meditate on what is right or wrong all the time

B. \_\_\_\_\_ : Following Jesus will lead us to God, our heavenly Father. How should we follow Jesus in order to see God in heaven? Use 1 Corinthians 11:1 as a reference verse.

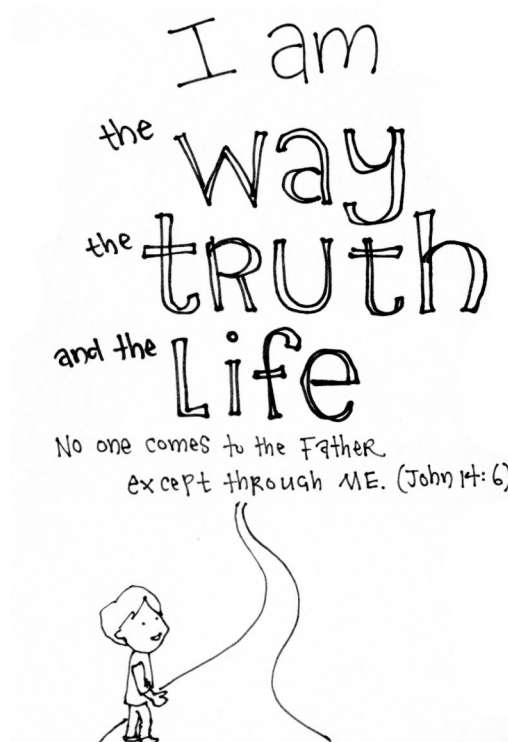
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## Showing Love through Self-Sacrifice

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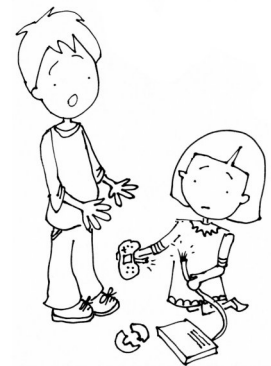
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# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly Bible Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

|      | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Read |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Pray |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

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## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Ruth 1:16b**)

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### Short Answer

1. Why did Elimelech and his family leave Israel?

2. Why did Ruth want to stay with Naomi?

3. How was Boaz kind to Ruth?

4. How did Ruth show her love towards Naomi?

## Life Application

5. Often, we express our feelings towards our family members, friends, and teachers through words. How can we show them through our actions just how much we love them?
6. Choose a family member or friend to whom you would like to show more love, and write down below how you will do that this week.
7. How can we sacrifice for our family members?
8. Our Lord Jesus has sacrificed so much for us because of His great love. Think of ways you can sacrifice for others for three days. For example, sharing a portion of your snack or lunch with a friend, spending time helping a friend with homework instead of playing, helping out around the house instead of watching TV, etc. How would you feel after those three days?

I sacrificed: \_\_\_\_\_

This is how I sacrificed: \_\_\_\_\_

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