

## Lesson #81: Ruth Is Faithful

[Ruth 1:1-22](#)

**Youtube Link:** [https://youtu.be/km9\\_og7nPIE](https://youtu.be/km9_og7nPIE)

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/sZ3NiC14mzo>

**Worship Theme:** God provides comfort.

**Memory Verse:** "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. I will follow Jesus <https://youtu.be/aasilZXGorc>
2. I have decided <https://youtu.be/MR1Yv--Q4oo>
3. Our God Is So Strong <https://youtu.be/VvrF94VKKHA>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Follow the Buyer"



1. Ask the children to sit on chairs in a circle.
2. Teacher selects 1 child to be a buyer and remove his chair. The other children will be ingredients.
3. The buyer will name the ingredients he needs to make his food. Then he will select any child to be the ingredients. When a child is select, he has to follow the buyer. The children who are selected as the ingredients will also need to follow the motions of the buyer. For example, if the buyer acts tired, falls down, or sits down (or any other motions) the rest of the children have to follow the buyer.
4. When the teacher says, "The buyer has no money," then all the children have to find a seat to sit down. If a child is not able to find a chair, then this child becomes the next buyer.
5. After the game, explain to the children that the ingredients had to follow the buyer. Today we will learn about Ruth who was faithful to follow her mother in-law and God.

### Introduction:

We know God is perfect. There is no one else like him. God never does wrong. God answers our prayers. We know God is merciful. God takes care of us whether we deserve it or not. God will always be there to comfort us. And we know he never changes. When we trust God, he gives us that peace. It's part of his comfort to us. It's a feeling inside that everything is going to be okay because God will take care of things. Today, we will learn about God who comforted two women who were in a sad situation.

### Bible Story:

There was a woman named Naomi who lived in Bethlehem. Her hometown was experiencing a famine—no one had food. So Naomi and her husband and her two sons moved to Moab. There was plenty of food in Moab. While Naomi lived in Moab, her two sons got married, so her family got even larger. Then a sad thing happened. Naomi's husband and both sons died.

After the death of her husband and her two sons, Naomi was especially lonely because all the rest of her family still lived in Bethlehem. Naomi decided to move back to Bethlehem. Because her daughters-in-law were not Jews (they were Moabites), she told both of them that they were free to move back to their homes. One of them, Orpah, decided to move back to her family and live in Moab.

The other one, Ruth, told Naomi that she wouldn't leave her because she didn't want Naomi to be alone. In Ruth 1:16, Ruth says to Naomi, "*Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people*

*will be my people and your God my God.*" Ruth knew that life as a widow will be hard, especially because she also had to take care of Naomi, her elderly mother-in-law. But Ruth had faith in God and decided to be loyal to her mother-in-law. So Ruth and Naomi headed back to Bethlehem.

Rough times happen to everybody. But God always sends us his comfort because he loves us and wants to care for us. The Bible tells us that God's comfort often comes from other people who believe in him. Ruth was a great source of comfort for Naomi who won't have to live by herself as an old widow. God wants to comfort all of us when we are suffering, and God also wants to use us to bring comfort to people around us!

#### **Questions to discuss:**

1. What are some sad things that happened to Naomi? (famine in her country, husband and sons died, she was lonely)
2. What are some good things that happened to Naomi? (there was lots of food in Moab, her sons got married, Ruth decided to move to Bethlehem with her and live with her)
3. What are some sad things that happened to you or your family? (let the children answer)
4. How were you or your family comforted when sad things happened to you? (let the children answer)
5. How can you be used by God to comfort others? (be a good friend; help others; comfort people who are sad, etc.)

#### **Game: "Paper Airplane"**

Material Needed: Paper - 2 different colors



1. Divide the children into 2 teams.
2. Give paper to each child, and have them make a paper airplane.
3. Once all the children have their paper airplanes, have them stand in line with their team.
4. One from each team will stand at the starting line and throw their airplanes. The one who threw it farther gets a point for their team.
5. The team that has the most point wins the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that although we cannot see the air and wind that carried the airplane, it was there. In the same way, although we cannot see God, God is always there to carry us and comfort us when we need God.

#### **Memory Verse:**

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**Craft:** "Ruth Is Faithful" - Coloring Page

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

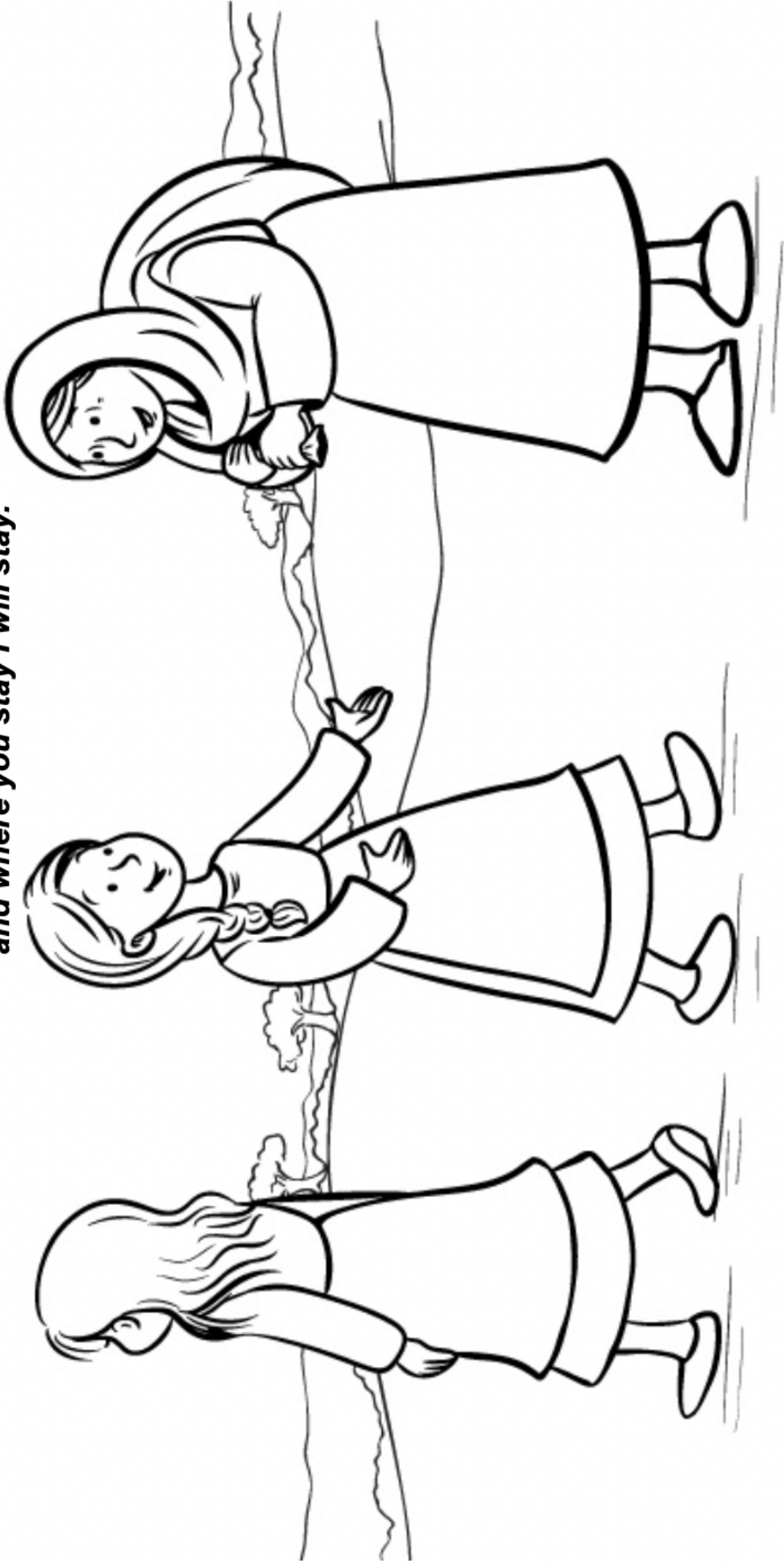
**Pray**

#### **Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

Jesus is a faithful friend to us, and he's pleased when we seek to be like him by being faithful to our friends and loving them no matter what. In the Bible story today, Ruth had a choice: Do what would be most beneficial for herself or do the faithful, loyal thing and go with her aging mother in-law. When have you been tempted to abandon a friendship for your own benefit? Ask God to give you faith and strength today so that you can be loyal in your friendships.

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*“Where you go I will go,  
and where you stay I will stay.”*



**Memory Verse:** \_\_\_\_\_