

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD BLESSES

Part of The Big God Story
Ruth 1—4

Ruth made the choice to follow the God of Israel and serve Him. While caring for her mother-in-law, Naomi, Ruth made a lasting impression on Boaz. Ruth and Boaz were both used by God to bless each other and their families.

JUST FOR FUN

Serve some type of grain with your dinner meal. Talk with your children about where the grain comes from and how it is harvested, then read together **Ruth 2**. After you've finished reading, discuss together what a nice gesture it was for Boaz to allow Ruth to have some of the best grain. Ask your children why they think Boaz would be so kind to someone he didn't know. Then, share a story about a time that others have blessed you. Thank God together for the people He has used in your life to bless you.

Did You Know?

- After becoming a widow, Ruth pledged to stay with her mother-in-law rather than returning to her homeland to find a new husband.
- Ruth was a Moabite woman who chose to leave behind the gods of her culture to follow the one true God.
- God used Boaz to bless Ruth for her faithfulness and to provide for her and her mother-in-law.

Teachable Moments

After reading Scripture, discuss the following together:

- What do you think it was like for Ruth to move to a land she didn't know?
- How did God use Boaz to care for Ruth and Naomi?
- How can God use you to care for those around you?

Remember Verse

For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.
Psalm 52:9

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:
(Child's name), may you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.