

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.

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GOD BLESSES

Ruth

Ruth 1—4

God blessed Ruth and Naomi. He took care of their needs by working through Boaz.

JUST FOR FUN

During dinnertime, **read Ruth 2:8–13**. Discuss with your children how God provided for Ruth. He provided a way for her to gather food from the fields of Boaz, a generous man who loved God and obeyed His words. God took care of Ruth and made sure she had what she needed. Take some time to respond to God together as a family. Pray and ask God how He would have you respond to the needs of those in your neighborhood and community. Do you know a family that may need a meal? Or, perhaps there's a local canned food drive in which your family could participate. Giving to others is a tangible way of thanking God for the way He takes care of His children.

REMEMBER VERSE

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

Luke 1:68

DID YOU KNOW?

- After the death of her husband and sons, Naomi prepared to return to her homeland.
- Naomi's daughter-in-law Orpah returned to the home of her mother, while Ruth insisted on staying with Naomi.
- Ruth pledged to make her home with Naomi and worship the God of Israel as her God.

DEVELOPMENT

Your child is learning more about the world but may have trouble understanding issues such as hunger or homelessness. Offer him plenty of opportunities to ask questions, and then take time to patiently answer each one.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **How did God care for Ruth?**
- **How can I know God is taking care of me?**
- **How can I let others know that God will take care of them?**

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know that you're blessed by God. May you go out and be a blessing to others this week!**