

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Ruth 2; 4

BIBLE VERSE:

Psalm 117:2

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God loves and cares for families.

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God is always at work.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God is always working to accomplish His redeeming purposes.

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21; 6:1-2

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

2 Corinthians 5:21

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *2 Corinthians 8:7-15*

MONDAY: *2 Corinthians 8:16-24*

TUESDAY: *2 Corinthians 9:1-9*

WEDNESDAY: *2 Corinthians 9:10-15*

THURSDAY: *2 Corinthians 10:1-6*

FRIDAY: *2 Corinthians 10:7-11*

SATURDAY: *2 Corinthians 10:12-18*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Ruth* and *2 Corinthians* together as a family:



- **God loves and cares.** While the story of *Ruth* started with a lot of troubled times, we see God's hand at work bringing *Ruth* and *Naomi* back into the land of *Naomi's* family. While *Naomi* had originally asked *Ruth* to return to her mother's house, *Ruth* was convinced that being with *Naomi* was the place for her. The reality was that God in His abundant love and care for both women led them to return.
- **Kinsman redeemer.** The Israelites had been given a plan by God to redeem those of a family who were left in a situation just like *Naomi* and *Ruth*. A kinsman redeemer was a man from a family who would be responsible for redeeming, or buying back, the land of a deceased relative. In this case, since the land also included the widow of the property owner, the redeemer would marry the woman and raise children who would one day own the land of the deceased man. As God had planned it, *Boaz* was indeed a kinsman redeemer for *Naomi's* family. *Ruth* let *Boaz* know he was a kinsman redeemer for her family and *Boaz* agreed to redeem the land and marry *Ruth*. *Boaz* made this legal at the city gate with 10 elders from the city.
- **New life.** *Ruth*, *Boaz*, and *Naomi* all experienced a new beginning in their lives once *Boaz* redeemed the land and married *Ruth*. *Naomi* had someone to care for her, and *Ruth* was married to a man who could provide for her. *Ruth* and *Boaz* experienced more new life when baby *Obed* was born. *Obed* became the grandfather of King *David*, through whom came Jesus Christ. Paul's second letter to the Corinthian church dealt with new life in Christ. Paul described the salvation experience as being made new—the old ways have passed away and the new man has emerged. Paul emphasized that new life only comes through faith in Christ. As God worked in the lives of *Ruth* and *Boaz*, He continues to work in our lives today. God is always at work to accomplish His redeeming purpose in the lives of those who have placed their trust in Him.