

## READ IT

This Rotation's Bible story is

### **Ruth**

from Ruth 1:1-22; 2:1-17.

#### **God gives us families to love.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Glean
- Ruth
- Gratitude
- Famine
- Naomi
- Boaz

Ruth and Boaz eventually had a son named Obed. Obed was King David's grandfather! King David was chosen by God to be the king of Israel.

#### **Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 110-117

*Spark Bible* pages 290-292

#### **Family Prayer**

Dear God, thank you for giving us a great family to love and food to eat. We know we can depend on each other and we can depend on you. **AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### **Family Conversations**

- 1** Tell a story about your best friend.
- 2** What can our family do to make our neighbors feel welcome?
- 3** Who have you met who has changed your life?
- 4** Talk about what your names mean. If you need to, gather around the computer to look up your names and their meanings.



#### **Eye Spark**

Every time you see an airplane, walk ten steps and imagine what it would be like to travel across the country on foot.



#### **Ear Spark**

Every time you hear someone's stomach growl, give thanks for food.

## LIVE IT

### **For families to do together**

Bake a cake or a loaf of bread to share with another family. Talk about what it would be like to have to collect the grain from the fields to make flour, get eggs from a chicken, and sugar from a plant. Ruth had to do a lot of work for bread!

### **For younger kids**

Collect food to donate to a local food shelf.

### **For older kids**

Plan and prepare a meal for your family. Give thanks for food and family and love.

## TRY IT

### Art

Use construction paper to make a chain link for each person in your family and extended family. Put names on each link and glue them together. God has given everyone family members to walk with on our spiritual and physical journeys. Give thanks for your chain no matter how many links it has.

### Computer Lab

Find a local farm online, and read about how they grow their food. Go visit one, and ask them questions about farming today. Take a look at the fields and imagine harvesting everything by hand. See if you can find any leftovers on the ground. That's what Ruth and Naomi collected!

### Creative Drama

Write your own Ruth-related skit. Everyone chooses a character and decides what they will say and do. Use costumes and props found around your house. Practice your skit a few times. Then share your skit with a homebound church family member.

### Video

Take a couple of nights and watch a movie and its sequel. Talk about how the movies relied on each other to keep the story and characters going. That's how family is. We rely on each other to know who we are!

### Bible Skills and Games

Tape a piece of computer paper to each family member's back. Take turns writing on each other's papers why you're thankful for that person. For example, "Makes me supper!" might be something your kids write on your back.

### Cooking

Talk about the parts of a meal. The meat, vegetable, fruit, beverage, etc. Talk about how each part has an important role, just like the members of your family. Ruth and Naomi relied on each other, and your family does too. Make a meal together with all the important parts.

### Music

Ruth spent a lot of time gleaning, or picking up grain, in the fields. Clean the house together as a family. Sing "I've Been Working on the Railroad" or "Just Whistle While You Work" to make the time go by faster. Music is a great way to distract yourself and bond with your family!

### Science

Some things we can see, like trees. Some things we can't see—like wind and the bonds we have with each other and God—but they are there. Connect all your family members by looping yarn around their wrists. Try to move around the house this way. Our bonds are strong and when one person does something, it affects everybody!