

LESSON FOR TODDLERS TO PRESCHOOLERS

Approach: Teaching Bible Truth Blended with Basic Learning
(Alphabet and Phonics; Numbers; Shapes and Colors)

Lesson: Recognition of the Letter **Rr**; How it Sounds and How to Write It.

Main Emphasis: To teach children that God blesses us when we are loyal to Him and to those He places in our lives. God blessed Ruth in many ways, but perhaps the greatest blessing was knowing that she was in the ancestry of Jesus and Jesus is our true friend.

Bible Connect: [Faithful Friendship about Ruth and Naomi](#)

Bible Story: Ruth 1- 4

Memory Verse: Ruth 1:16

"I will go where you go. Your God will be my God."

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this session, the students must be able to:

1. Recognize the Letter **Rr**

Clearing of Difficulties

- Ruth–
- Naomi–
- Oprah–
- Bethlehem–
- Famine– is a situation where most people don't have enough food to eat.

Pre-Session Activity

Game: Do You Trust Me? Have each of the children take turns falling into the arms of the leader. Before each child falls into your arms, ask them, "do you trust me?" Once all of the children have had their turn, explain to them that you were faithful in catching them and in the same way God is faithful in taking care of each of them.

Bible Story

There was a famine in Israel and the food was all gone, Naomi's family went to go to another land.

The family lived there many years and both their sons married girls from there. It was a sad day for Naomi when her husband and both her sons got very sick and died.

Naomi loved Orpah and Ruth.

"Stay here with your own people and your gods,"

she said, "You will find new husbands, but I must go back home to my own country."

So Orpah went back to her own people, but Ruth would not leave Naomi.
"I will go where you go. Your God will be my God" she said

Ruth left her own country and her family, because she loved Naomi and she loved God.
It was barley harvest time when Ruth and Naomi got back to Bethlehem.

Ruth worked in the fields to pick up barley for them to eat. Ruth showed all the barley to Naomi.

"God has looked after us today," Naomi said.

Life Application

You see, in our lives there are a lot of friends who will come and go. Some people we might only know for a brief season. But we have a friend who will always be with us and help us, through any circumstance, no matter what. Do you know who that might be? God, of course! God promises to be faithful forever. He is with us, even when we don't understand why hard things are happening and even when we don't feel His presence. God cares for us and wants to help us. He brings blessings, and He brings peace and comfort when we face trials.

It's important to be a good friend, and it's wonderful to have good friends. But no matter how many friends we have on Earth, we have the hope of our relationship with God. He will never leave us or forsake us. He is loyal and has great things planned for us. He rescues and saves us through His Son, Jesus. We can always trust in Him!

God gives us friends when we need them, and we should treat them like a gift from God. Just like in the story, Naomi could have insisted the women come with her, but she was unselfish and wanted them to be free to go home to be with their families. Ruth had such a good attitude and wanted to help, she moved away from everyone she knew and went to work to help Naomi. She didn't tell everyone what a good friend she was, she knew that she should be a friend like God wanted her to be.

Evaluation

Enrichment Activity

Craft: Make a necklace (or hanging decoration) to remember family and friends in our lives. Have students select a bead or a noodle for each person in their families. Provide string and help (if necessary) to thread the beads and noodles on. Encourage them to use these to pray for loved ones, and to stick to them like a string to a noodle!