

Ruth Makes Good Choices

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BIBLE STORY

Ruth 1:6-10, 14-18, 22; 2:1-22

Naomi and her family had moved to Moab. Now Naomi's husband and her two sons had died. The only people left in Naomi's family were her sons' wives, Orpah and Ruth.

Naomi wanted to move back to her hometown of Bethlehem. Ruth said, "I will go with you. I will love God as you love Him."

In Bethlehem, Ruth worked hard to gather grain in a grain field. She would use the grain to make bread for Naomi and herself. God helped Ruth make good choices.

A good man named Boaz owned the land. One day, he saw Ruth in the field. He wanted to help her so he left extra grain for her to gather.

Boaz fell in love with Ruth. They got married and had a baby boy named Obed. God had blessed Ruth and Grandma Naomi with a brand new family.



GOOD CHOICES



This boy promised to help clean up the house before playing with his toys. Color the items that he can use to make a good choice and keep his promise.

If you do not have wisdom, ask God for it. He is always ready to give it to you and will never say you are wrong for asking.

James 1:5

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GOD'S BLESSINGS



As you color the picture, talk about what God blessed Ruth with for making good choices?

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FAMILY FUN

It may be difficult for children to understand why God wants us to work hard at the jobs we've been asked to do. The story of Ruth shows us that because Ruth worked hard and followed God's will, He blessed her with more than she could have imagined.

Discuss together projects that children may not want to work hard at— picking up toys, making the bed, assisting in cleaning the house. Make a list of things that might help make a task easier to accomplish. Occasionally assist your child with picking up; make up a song to sing while cleaning the bathroom; brainstorm a game to play while cleaning the garage. Help your child find positive benefits in making good choices that bless others.

CHAIN OF CHOICES

Cut construction paper of different colors lengthwise to make 2" wide slips of paper. Talk about the importance of making good choices. For each positive choice made, staple the ends of the slip of paper together forming a chain of interlocking links. During your family's evening prayer time, look at the chain and thank God for helping your family make good choices.