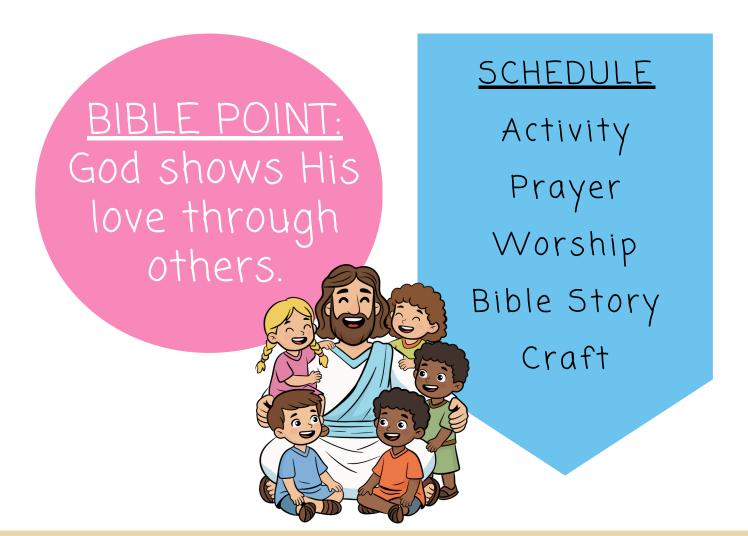


Ruth Stays with Naomi



ACTIVITY:

Talk to your child about the Bible. Talk about how it is God's Word. We read it so we can learn about God and share with others.

Talk to your child about how we are going to learn about a special relationship between two women. One of the women worked very hard to provide for the both of them.

Fill a small basket with pretend or real food.

Teach child to share with you and/or sibling. Say,

"Ruth helped Naomi by bringing her food. We can
help others too!"

Place dots on the floor out of construction paper and use tape to place it. You may also do this outside with chalk. Play a game of follow the leader and have your child follow you. Let them lead and say, "Where you go, I'll go!" End by saying: "Ruth followed Naomi because she loved her!"

PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler.

Pray for your child's salvation.

Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for friends and family. Help me show love and kindness every day. We love you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

WORSHIP:

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them.

Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.

Sing "I Can Help" Song Game
Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"

"If you see a friend in need, lend a hand (clap clap)

If you see a friend in need, lend a hand (clap, clap)

You can help them with a smile,
You can walk with them a while,
If you see a friend in need, lend a hand (clap, clap)



BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth." Hug the Bible to your chest. "Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from Ruth 1 & 2.

"Naomi decided to go back home to her own land. She told Ruth they could stay behind. But Ruth loved Naomi and wanted to help her. So they walked together all the way back to Naomi's home. They helped each other and stayed together- always.

When they got home, Ruth wanted to help Naomi. She went to pick up grain from the fields. She worked hard every day so they would have food to eat. God gave Ruth a kind heart and strong hands to help her family.

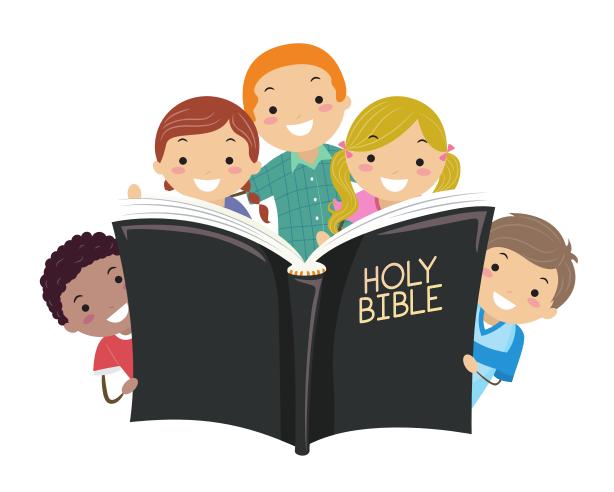
God was so happy that Ruth showed love and kindness. He took care of both Ruth and Naomi.

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

GOD MADE US TO LOVE OTHERS.
YOU CAN BE A GOOD FRIEND.
HELPING MAKES GOD HAPPY.
GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH.



TEACHING PICTURE



CRAFT:

Craft attached. For this craft, talk to your child about the lesson. Talk about how the Bible is God's special book and everything in it is true. Once your child is done with their craft, end in prayer.

