

# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, October 18, 2020

### Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



*“The Lord always keeps his promises to the living and the dead.”*

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** Ruth 2:1–4, 14–23; 4:13–22

#### **Activities and Background:**

Ruth whose Israelite husband dies shows unprecedented loyalty to her Israelite mother-in-law and faithfulness to the God of Israel. She then finds a new husband amidst her former husband’s people and becomes the great-grandmother of King David. We also need to know something about grain. The seeds are located in the head or spike of the plant and is what is used to make flour and bread. The grain stalks are harvested in bundles then to separate the seeds from the plant, one beats the bundle. The seeds are then gathered and used.

1. Read the scripture story.
  - I wonder what kind of grain was growing in the field. Does the scripture say?
  - I wonder if Ruth had worked in a field before.
  - I wonder why Boaz was kind to Ruth.
  - I wonder what the other workers thought when Boaz instructed them to leave some of the grain behind for Ruth to pick up.
  - I wonder how God kept his promise to those living and those dead.
  - I wonder how God keeps his promises to us.
2. Here is an opportunity to talk about the different types of families. God created a unique family. A daughter-in-law and a mother-in-law devoted to one another were a family.
3. Here is an opportunity to talk about what are the characteristics of a family – care for one another, devotion, etc.
4. Create your own family tree. Create a family tree for Jesus. How does Ruth fit into that family tree?
5. Visit a farm with grain fields. What part of the plant is the head? Where are the seeds? What part of the plant is used? When the scripture says Ruth beat it down what does that mean?
6. Read the story one more time and draw a picture to remind you of the story.
7. End with a prayer for family members.