

UNIT VERSE

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

ROMANS 12:10 (ESV)

Helping Hand

God planned for family members to love and help one another.

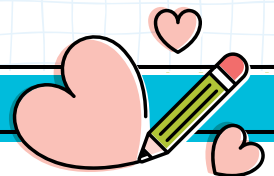
- ① Trace your hand in the space below.
- ② On the tip of each finger and thumb, write the name of one of your family members.
- ③ On the length of each finger, write something that a family member needs.
- ④ In the palm, write a prayer asking God to help you to love and help your family members.



Loving No Matter What

It can be hard to love and help family members who are not very loving or helpful to you. What did Jesus say about that? Read Luke 6:27-31 and write three things Jesus said about how to treat others.

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# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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# CONVERSATION

## Ruth and Boaz

### RUTH 1-4

Naomi had a hard life. She and her husband and their two sons moved to Moab because there was a famine in Bethlehem where they lived. Soon, some terrible things happened. Naomi's husband died, and she was left alone with her sons. The sons married women from Moab, but later her sons died.

Naomi decided to go back to Bethlehem to live near her relatives.

Ruth, one of Naomi's daughters-in-law, decided to go with her. Naomi wanted Ruth to stay in Moab with her family, but Ruth would not leave Naomi's side. Ruth declared, "Where you go, I will go. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

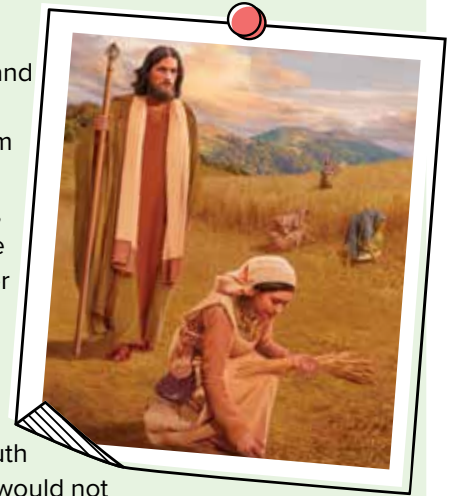
Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem at harvest time. The women had no way to earn money for food, so Ruth received permission to gather grain that was left in the fields by the workers. Boaz, a relative of Naomi, saw Ruth working in his field. He was kind to Ruth and told his workers to leave extra grain behind for Ruth to gather. He told Ruth to work only in his field where she would be safe and to drink the water provided for his workers. Boaz said to Ruth, "I have heard what you have done for your mother-in-law. May God reward you!"

Naomi was proud of Ruth. Ruth was kind to Naomi and took care of her. Naomi's friends told Naomi, "Ruth is better to you than seven sons!"

In time, Ruth and Boaz were married, and they had a son named Obed. Naomi loved the child and helped care for him. Obed grew up and was the father of Jesse and the grandfather of King David. Obed also was an ancestor of Jesus.

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** Romans 12:10

**LIFE POINT:** Family members can love and help one another.



### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that family members love and help one another. Ruth is an example of a devoted daughter-in-law to Naomi. God rewarded Ruth's devotion.

### LIVE IT OUT

Review the story of Ruth and how she helped her family. Encourage your child to think of a family member with a specific need. Help your child decide how to do something that shows God's love.

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God's plan is for all family members to work together so that God is honored by their family.

### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** Romans 12:10

**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 13:4

**Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 13:7

**Wednesday:** 1 John 3:1

**Thursday:** Romans 12:9

**Friday:** Proverbs 17:6

**Saturday:** Colossians 3:13

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out *Ruth and Boaz* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories, games, and more.

