

Summer Fun with Ruth: Love in Action

For the next four Sundays we will be focusing on the story of Ruth during worship. Here are fun things that you can do as a family to learn more about her story.

Read the Story

Spark Story Bible "Naomi and Ruth" p. 110-113 (we're focusing on this story on June 14)

Spark Story Bible "Ruth and Boaz" p. 114-117 (we're focusing on this story on June 21)

Watch a video of the story:

Ruth part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YleRJmLDeQ0>

Ruth part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgaydncn7hw>

Act it out! Now that you know the story, why don't you act it out? Find some costumes, decide who the characters are and following the Story Bible, do a play. You might even take a video and send it to your grandparents, friends and pastors!

For older kids: Spark Bible Book of Ruth chapters 1-4. Here's a great video that explains the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0h1eoBeR4Jk>

Love in Action Chalk Art Show June 21, 6:30-8 p.m.



All Ages Chalk Art Project: You are invited to create chalk art around the theme Love in Action for our Drive-by Art Show

Who: People of all ages. No artistic talent required!

What: We're going to turn the Prince of Peace parking lot into a sidewalk chalk art gallery!

When: Come anytime during the week of June 12-21 to create your art. Then celebrate Father's Day by coming to the Drive-By Art Show is Sunday, June 21, 6:30-8 pm.

How it works: Pick a parking spot to fill with your creation. We'll use both the upper and lower lots, so lots of space for social distancing! Sign your name on your work.

Supplies: Bring your own sidewalk chalk or use chalk in the container by the front door of the church. We'll also have orange cones available. For safety, you may want to park your car next

to the space(s) you're working on and set out cones as a protection for those driving by. If there are others there when you arrive, pick a spot away from one another.

Love in Action Drive By Chalk Art Show: Invite your family and friends to drive by and see the art in progress and for our Chalk Art Show June 21, 6:30-8 pm

Did you know?

- There are two books of the Bible named for women. Can you find the other one?
- When you google images for Ruth you get (a) Ruth in the bible, (b) Babe Ruth the baseball player, and (c) Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the U.S. Supreme Court Justice.
- We have two people in the congregation named Ruth. Can you name one of them?
- This story takes place in Bethlehem. It is the same little town of Bethlehem where Jesus is later born. The word Bethlehem means "house of bread."

Music

Listen to O Little Town of Bethlehem. Now sing along!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vc4CexxlX8>

Or Try it as Karaoke:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=O+Little+Town+of+Bethlehem+Karaoke+YouTube&&view=detail&mid=2396EB29AC3FBF6B81932396EB29AC3FBF6B8193&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DO%2BLittle%2BTown%2Bof%2BBethlehem%2BKaraoke%2BYouTube%26FORM%3DVDMHRS>

Fun with Maps

Ruth was from the ancient country of Moab.

- Moab no longer exists and is now part of the country of Jordan. Moab was located along the west side of the Dead Sea and has mountains.
- Bethlehem is very close to Jerusalem. Jerusalem is on the northeast side of the Dead Sea.
- Find Jerusalem and Moab on Maps M6 and M7 in the back of your Spark Bible.
- Looking at the distance key, how far apart are they? What would it be like to walk that far?
- Look up Moab and Bethlehem on Wikipedia to learn more.

Discussion topics:

- **Death.** In this story, Naomi's husband dies. Then her two sons die. One of them is Ruth's husband. After Orpah returns to her family, it is just Naomi and Ruth. Talk about dying. Has someone you loved died? Have you had a family pet who died? How did you feel? Was it easier as time went by?

- **Acceptance of outsiders.** Ruth is from another country – we call her a foreigner. She was an outsider. How was she treated by the people in Bethlehem? How do we treat people who are different or from other places? Do you know anyone who has moved her from somewhere else?

Caring for those who are hungry...

In Bible times, one of the ways that people cared for the poor was the practice of gleaning. Gleaning meant that farmers left some of their crops in the field and others were allowed to come along and pick it up to feed their families. This is what Ruth was doing as a way to have enough for herself and Naomi to eat.

In what ways do we now care for people who do not have enough to eat?

Look through your cupboards or buy some extra food next time you shop and donate it to the local food shelf. How does it feel to provide for others?

Grow & Give from Your Garden

For the next four weeks our theme is Love in Action as we explore the book of Ruth. That story is about how neighbors helped to feed Ruth and Naomi. You have the opportunity to help feed neighbors in our community this summer by growing vegetables for Sheridan’s Story.

Here’s the invitation for this summer service project from Sheridan’s Story:

You can join our initiative right from home. From broccoli to zucchini and anything in between, consider growing produce at your home, business, or faith community! We will add your produce as part of our distributions to children and families.

If you need help getting started, we've partnered with a local organization, Giving Gardens. They can help you with supplies and installation, and we then ask that you please donate to them to cover the costs of their services. To connect with Giving Garden, please complete the form here: www.givinggardensmn.org/contact-us

*When the harvest is ready, you can drop off your produce donations at our office located at 2723 Patton Road, Roseville, MN 55113 on **Mondays and Tuesdays from June 15 – September 30, 2020.***



Family Tree

Family is an important part of the story of Ruth. Let's explore your family by making a family tree. Ask your parents about stories from when they were growing up. Here's how to get started with your family tree:

For younger kids: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/136022851218366399/>

For older kids: <https://www.wikihow.com/Draw-a-Family-Tree>

Looking at Ruth 4:17, draw a family tree. Now look at Matthew 1:5-6. These are the same people. Read through Matthew 1:16. Who is a descendant of Ruth and Boaz? If you're really adventurous, make a family tree of all this!

Color Pages

Each week during our Love in Action series we'll have a new color page about Ruth. They will be posted on the www.poprozeville.org website. Thank you to Ashwini Sandanayake for drawing these!

It's Field Trip Time!

Naomi and Ruth lived in the small town of Bethlehem, an area surrounded by farm fields. Have you ever visited a farm? Maybe you know someone who has a farm that you could visit. Learn about what crops they grow and what animals they have.

Did you know that you can visit farm fields very nearby? The U of M St. Paul Campus includes the School of Agriculture. They have farm fields at Cleveland and Larpenteur near the State Fair Grounds. Go visit the farm fields and see if you can identify what they are growing. How tall are the crops right now? How long until you think they will be harvested?

While you are in the area, visit the outdoor exhibits at the Bell Museum at the same corner. They have displays of different regions of Minnesota. Ruth and Naomi walked a long way as they traveled from Moab to Bethlehem and probably passed through regions with various kinds of rocks and plants. Pretend that you are taking a walking tour of our state!

If you have time, peak through the fence at Gibbs Farm to see the animals. You might also take a walk around the St. Paul campus. What animals do you see?

Share Highs & Lows & Say the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.