

LEARNER SHEET:

RUTH

Ruth 1–4



PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

DISCUSSION TIME

- **Why do you think Ruth's loyalty to Naomi was so extraordinary? Would you find it difficult to do what Ruth did, considering the circumstances?**
- **Have you ever been in a situation where you had to comfort someone who was sad? What did you say? Was it difficult to know how to act?**
- **What are ways that your family demonstrates loyalty to each other? Ruth took on the traditions of Naomi's people and God. What are some traditions or rituals your family has that have been a part of your family for a long time?**
- **How can you show loyalty and faithfulness to the members of this family (the body of Christ) in the coming days?**



THE BIG IDEA

God's people are faithful to one another.



BIG FUN IDEA

Attend a group member's special event in the near future. This could be a concert, recital, sporting event, or contest. Make plans to sit together at the event. Try doing this for each member of the group during the year.



BIG SERVING IDEA

Show loyalty as a group by establishing a relationship with a children's charity or social service agency. Write regular letters to the children who are affiliated with this organization. Consider taking a trip as a group to visit these people from time to time.

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET:

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KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

LOYALTY

FAITHFULNESS

MOABITE

GENEALOGY

Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Sit in a circle or at a table and hold hands. Ask each person to take turns offering a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessing of family. When one person is done, he or she can squeeze the hand of the person on the left. Continue this pattern until everyone has had a turn. Close by saying, "God, help our family to be faithful to one another and to you. Amen."

TALK TIME

- The Book of Ruth is a beautiful story of loyalty and faithfulness shown by family members. One of the interesting aspects of Ruth's actions is that she was loyal to the family she married into, not the family she was born into. Parents may be able to share some of the challenge of accepting new rituals and traditions when they got married.
- Read Ruth 1:16-17 together. Ruth is making a commitment of loyalty to her mother-in-law after the men in the family die. This commitment involves changing lifestyle, changing faith, and changing culture. What are some ways that your family makes commitments to each other? What are ways you can strengthen your commitment to the members of the family?

Oh, I care...
I just don't
care like
Ruth cares.



WEB TIME

Go to a search engine and type in "name meaning." Select one of the Web sites and enter the following names: Ruth, Boaz, Naomi, Orpah. Are the names indicative of what kind of people they are? Parents can inform children the reason for the names they were given at birth.

RITUAL TIME

Consider a weekly commitment to do something fun together as a family. Go for a hike, play a game, watch a movie, or cook a meal together. You may be surprised at how this enriches the way your family relates to each other.