

### LESSON 2 RUTH

#### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Celebrates Faithfulness

**SCRIPTURE:** Ruth 1–4

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Ruth cares for her mother-in-law, Naomi, and God honors her faithfulness by providing her with a husband and giving her a place in the family tree of Jesus.

**OBJECT LESSON: Sticky Magnets**

**ACTIVITY: Sticky Textures**

**WORSHIP**

**God's Big Story**

**Prayer and Blessing**

**ACTIVITY: Glean Team!**

**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Object Lesson: Sticky Magnets

**SUPPLIES:** magnetic whiteboard or metal cookie sheet, large magnets

**Welcome, everyone! Today, we'll learn about how God celebrated a woman named Ruth who stuck with someone through hard times. To help us see how Ruth stuck with someone, let's see how these magnets stick to the board!**

Allow the kids play with the magnets on the board. Ensure the kids do not put the magnets in their mouths. Let them try to put the magnets on various surfaces in the room to see which surfaces are “sticky” and which surfaces are not.

## Activity: Sticky Textures

**SUPPLIES:** various kinds of tape (masking, clear, duct, washi), hook and loop fasteners, magnets, magnetic whiteboard, felt board, felt characters, sticky putty

Set out various pieces of tape, such as clear, masking, duct, and washi. Also set out the hook and loop fasteners, magnets and whiteboard, sticky putty, and a felt board with felt characters. Have kids explore and play with things that have different “sticky” textures.

**Do you see what all these objects have in common?** Allow the kids to respond. **They are all sticky and hold things together! Being faithful just means sticking with someone! God celebrates when we are faithful and stick with others, even when things get hard!**

**Our Wonder Truth today is GOD CELEBRATES FAITHFULNESS.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

- **GOD**—Point up.
- **CELEBRATES**—Shake hands with excitement.
- **FAITHFULNESS**—Clasp hands together with fingers entwined.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** “O Come All Ye Faithful” from [The Jesus Family Tree Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today, we're learning about how God celebrates faithfulness! There's a Christmas song called “O Come All Ye Faithful” that is a celebration of faithfulness to God. It's also a celebration of the best gift God ever gave to us—Jesus!**

Play “O Come All Ye Faithful” from [The Jesus Family Tree Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** toy food, baby dolls or stuffed animals, tape (optional)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** God's Big Story Sheets, [God's Big Story Video](#)

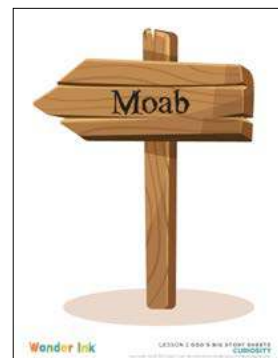
**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Ruth.** Encourage the kids to say "Ruth." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Ruth!**

Show the kids the [God's Big Story Video](#) read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.

Ahead of time, print the God's Big Story Sheets. Tape the "Home" sign to a wall (or have someone hold it up).

Gather kids in front of the Home sign, where you will begin the story.

**Leader Tip:** If your area is a small space and doesn't allow for a lot of movement, consider holding up each sign at the appropriate time during the script and allowing kids to follow you around the room in a follow-the-leader style.



**Today, we're going to hear about a woman named Ruth who stuck with her mother-in-law, Naomi, during hard times.**

**Ruth married a man, but he died. His mother was Naomi. God provided food again in the place Naomi was from, so Naomi decided to travel back to her home, Israel. Ruth said she would stick with Naomi and go wherever Naomi went.**

**OK, everybody, let's imagine that we're on a journey just like Naomi and Ruth! Direct kids to walk toward the Home sign.**

### Make It Inclusive!

Some kids may not be able to participate in this way. If so, allow them to hold the signs throughout the story and have the rest of the group walk in place.

**God celebrated Ruth's faithfulness—how she stuck with Naomi. God wanted to bless them. So, God made a way for Ruth to meet Boaz, one of Naomi's family members. Ruth was collecting grain from the field Boaz owned. Boaz decided to marry Ruth, and he provided for her and Naomi. Boaz and Ruth had a baby whose grandson would become the greatest king of Israel—King David.**

Display the Baby sign.

**Ruth made a hard decision to leave everything she knew and care for her family. God celebrated Ruth's faithfulness to Naomi by giving Ruth a new home and a child. Because of Ruth's faithfulness, God made her a relative of His Son Jesus. God celebrates faithfulness!**

## Prayer and Blessing

**Let's talk to God and thank Him for being faithful!**

**God, thank You for how You took care of Ruth. We know that You celebrate our faithfulness to You and to our friends and family. Help us stick with You even when it's hard. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May God help you and show you how much He loves you. May you know God celebrates you and your faithfulness!

## Activity: Glean Team!

**SUPPLIES:** multicolored craft sticks (4 colors), cups that match the colors of the craft sticks (4)

Scatter colored craft sticks around the room. Instruct toddlers to gather the sticks and sort them into the corresponding cups, according to color. Younger toddlers may need help with colors.

**Ruth gathered grain from Boaz's field. Let's see if we can gather these craft sticks and put them back where they belong!**

### Make It Inclusive!

Kids with colorblindness or sight impairments may need extra guidance sorting the colors. They can participate by helping gather the sticks.