

I'm in the Lord's Army



Lesson 13

Loving and Being Loved

Theme: Love — Loving God and family

Memory Verses

(Lessons 1-4)

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

(Lessons 5-8)

“So the Lord gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it. ... Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.”

Joshua 21:43, 45

(Lessons 9-12)

“In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.”

Judges 17:6

Daily Bible Readings

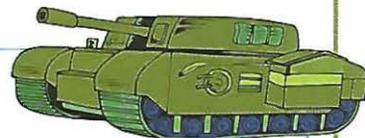
Thursday Judges 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25

Friday Ruth 1

Saturday Ruth 2

Monday Ruth 3

Tuesday Ruth 4



**Judges 17:6; 18:1; 19:1,
21-25**

Explain what it means that everyone does what is right in his own eyes.

An Israelite man named Elimelech and his wife Naomi left their land to go to Moab because there was a famine in

the land of Israel. A famine is when there is not enough food in the land for everyone to eat. The land of Moab had enough food, but the land of Israel did not.

A Moabite Woman Comes to Israel

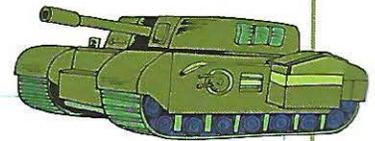
While in the land of Moab, Elimelech and Naomi's sons married Moabite women named Orpah and Ruth. In time, Elimelech and his two sons died. This left Naomi alone in Moab with her daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth.

Naomi wanted to go home to Israel. She told the two girls that she would understand if they stayed in the land of Moab where they were born. Orpah decided to stay, but Ruth said she would go to Israel with Naomi. Ruth told Naomi, "... where you go, I will go ... your people shall be my people, and your God, my God." Ruth had learned about God and wanted to serve Him, and she also loved Naomi.

Reaping and Gleaning

When Naomi and Ruth returned to Israel, it was the time of year when people picked grain from the fields to be used for food. The people who owned the fields hired workers to help them. God's Law instructed people who owned land to leave some of the grain in the field for poor people to gather. This is the way poorer people would have something to eat. Gathering the leftover grain was called "gleaning."

Naomi and Ruth did not have fields of grain, so Ruth went out to glean in another person's field. She ended up in the field of Boaz, a relative of Naomi. Boaz had heard about Ruth and he told his servants to watch out for her and make sure she got plenty of grain. Boaz was a good man.

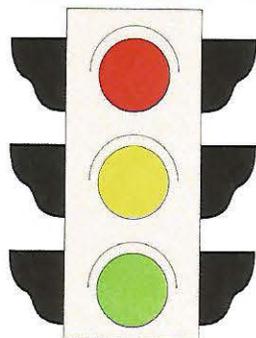


Ruth 1

Elimelech and Naomi went to the live in the land of _____ because there was a famine in the land of Israel.

Naomi's sons married two Moabite girls named Orpah and Ruth. Which girl returned to Israel with Naomi after the men died?

I can make good rules for myself.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — **always**

Yellow — **sometimes**

Green — **rarely**

God Provides for Ruth and Naomi

God's Law was that when a man died, his closest relative would take care



Ruth 2

True or False? Ruth went out into the fields to gather grain that was left behind by the reapers.

Ruth was treated well when she went to the field of Boaz. Boaz was a close relative of _____.

True or False? Boaz had never heard of Ruth before she came to his field.

and Ruth had a son whose name was Obed. Obed later had a son named Jesse, and Jesse was the father of David. This means that Ruth was the great-grandmother of Israel's King David.

Because Boaz loved Ruth, he saved her from a hard life. If Ruth had not married Boaz, she probably would have been poor and might have starved. God took care of Ruth through Boaz.

of the women of the man's family. In these times, if a woman did not have a man to take care of her, she might not be able to survive.

Boaz was a relative of Naomi and was willing to take care of Naomi and Ruth. When Boaz learned there was a closer relative, he checked with him to see if he wanted to take care of the women. This man gave Boaz permission to take care of Ruth and Naomi.

Boaz also took Ruth to be his wife. Boaz loved her. After a while, Boaz

Ruth 3

Boaz wanted to:

- a) send Ruth and Naomi back to Moab
- b) take care of Ruth and Naomi
- c) eat dinner with Ruth and Naomi



Ruth 4

True or False? Boaz married Ruth and they had a son named Obed.

Ruth's great-grandson was:

- a) Jacob
- b) Isaac
- c) David
- d) Abraham

Think About It . . .



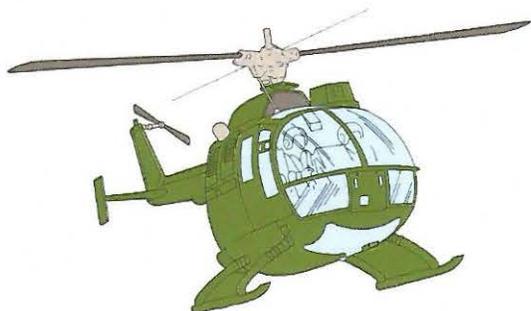
Each of us wants people to love us. But how do you know if they really love you? Name three ways people show they love you.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How do you show your parents that you love them?

How do you show your sisters and brothers and friends that you love them?

How do you show God you love Him?



Operation Bible Facts

Which book of the Old Testament is about a Jewish queen rescuing her people?

Using numbers, put the major stages of Bible history in the proper order:

- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Wilderness Wanderings
- ___ Slavery in Egypt
- ___ Punished by Captivity
- ___ Living in the Promised Land
- ___ Salvation in Jesus Christ
- ___ Law at Mount Sinai

On a map, locate the Wilderness, Mount Nebo and Jericho and mark them with a small ☆.