

2nd-4th GRADES

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In today's story we learned about how Elimelech's family moved from Bethlehem in Canaan to Moab during a famine. We learned about the word "Faith". To have faith is to believe in something. It is important to believe in something true.

Whom did Elimelech and his family have faith in? Who did they believe in? Elimelech, Naomi, and their sons believed in the true God and the Savior God promised to send. **Whom did the people of Moab believe and trust in?** The Moabites trusted in false gods who could not help them because they were not real.

After Elimelech passed away, Naomi and her sons continued to live in Moab and they continued to trust in the true God. When Naomi's sons married Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth, Naomi and her sons shared their faith with Orpah and Ruth. Soon Orpah and Ruth also believed and trusted in the true God and the promised Savior. What a blessing it was for Orpah and Ruth to learn about and have faith in God.

After about 10 years, Naomi's sons died. Knowing that the famine was now over in Canaan, Naomi decided to move back to her homeland. At first both Orpah and Ruth decided to go with Naomi, but Naomi encouraged them both to stay in Moab since this is where their families were from and "there was nothing for them in Canaan". Orpah decided Naomi was right, and ended up staying in Moab. Ruth on the other hand, did not want to leave Naomi. She said to Naomi, "Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Nothing but death itself will ever separate us."

Ruth was showing great love to her mother-in-law by not wanting to leave her, but she was also showing great love to God as well by surrounding herself with people who were going to encourage her in her love for God. In Moab where they worshipped false gods she would not have had the support and encouragement she is getting from her Christian family in Canaan or the opportunities to worship God. She made a great choice!

ACTIVITY: What a wonderful gift it was that Naomi and her sons shared their faith with Orpah and Ruth. What a blessing it was for Orpah and Ruth to learn about God and the gift of a Savior that takes away all of our sins and the gift of eternal life in heaven because of all that Jesus does for us. This week think of one person that has shared God's word with you and write them a "thank you note". Maybe that is your mom or dad, maybe it is a grandparent or an aunt or uncle, maybe a pastor or a teacher, or a friend. Take a piece of paper, decorate it any way you want, write a bible verse on it if you would like, but most importantly, say "Thank you for sharing God's word with me!" Have your parent help you deliver the note.

It is good for us to have family and friends who can lead us hear and learn about Jesus as Naomi and her sons led Ruth and Orpah to learn about the true God. It is also good to help share God's Word with our friends and family too so others can hear about what a great God we have!

PRAY: Holy Spirit, thank you for giving us the precious gift of faith in Jesus our Savior. Keep our faith strong so that someday we can bless your name in heaven. Amen.

Worksheet: Please do worksheet titled "Search for Ruth's Treasure" on separate attachment. Please note the answer key is on the 2nd page if this document.

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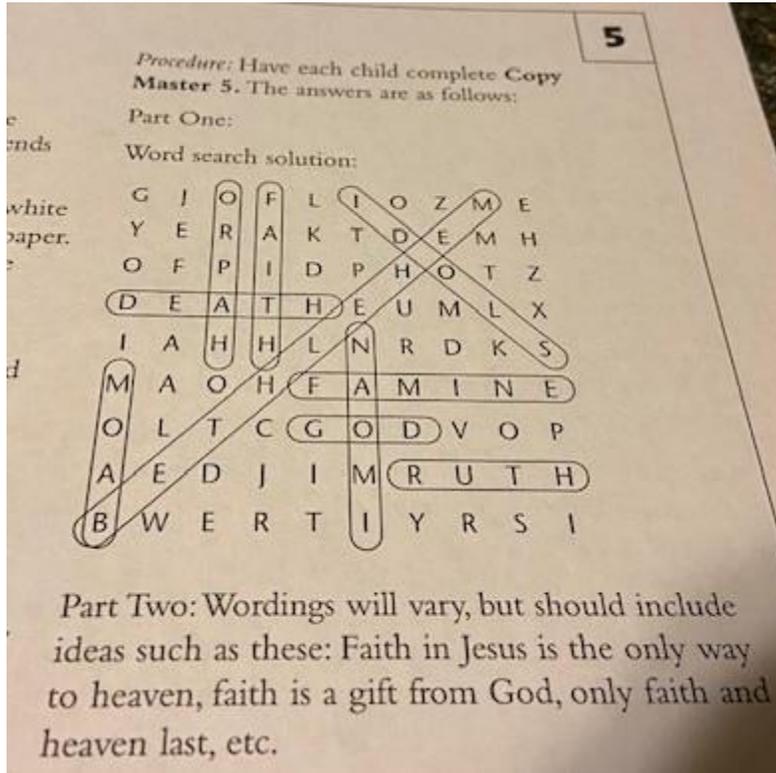
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