

THE STORY FOR CHILDREN

The Story For Children devotionals are broken up into three days. Each day has something to read together, do together, think about together, and pray together with your children. These times together with your family will help your children understand and live out The Story of God's Word!

Chapter 9 – The Faith of a Foreign Woman Day One – Total Commitment

Today's reading: Pages 96-97

This reading covers: Ruth 1

Summary: Ruth shows what total commitment looks like.

Do Together: For Chapter 9 your family will act out the book of Ruth each day. These are the characters that you will need, but you can always add some people in like Naomi's husband and sons who die in the first scene. You can either pass the book from one person to another or someone can rewrite each person's parts from the book so that each character has his/her own script.

Roles:

Narrator - either a boy or girl

Naomi - preferably the oldest girl in the family

Ruth - preferably the youngest girl in the family

Orpah - preferably another young girl

Boaz - a boy in the family

Think About: How did Naomi feel when there was a famine, she had to move, her husband died, then her two sons died? Why did Ruth stick with her mother-in-law and not move back home? What did this show about Ruth?

Also Read: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Prayer: Lord, help us when we feel like nothing is going right. Help us to be like Ruth and help others when they are in the same situation. Thank you for those who act like Ruth and help our family. In your name we pray, Amen.

Chapter 9 – The Faith of a Foreign Woman Day Two – Family Care

Today's reading: Pages 98-99

This reading covers: Ruth 2-4

Summary: Boaz shows what it means to truly care for your family.

Do together: Continue with your play from the night before. Now enters the character Boaz and you start to see God's plan unfolding. Make sure you stop this act with "And she lived with her mother-in-law" so that you leave the cliff-hanger of what happens between Ruth and Boaz.

Think about: What kind of man is Boaz? Name some of his characteristics or traits. What do you think is going to happen between Ruth and Boaz?

Also read: Colossians 1:9-12

Prayer: Lord, make us like this man Boaz who has integrity and cares for others. May we lead our lives in a way that is pleasing to you, so that we can see your story as it unfolds in our lives. Thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Chapter 9 – The Faith of a Foreign Woman Day Three – God’s Story

Today’s reading: Pages 100-101

This reading covers: Ruth 4

Summary: At the end of Ruth’s story we see that God’s story is still unfolding.

Do together: Finish out your play starting with the narrator’s bolded text at the bottom of page 65. You get to hold a wedding ceremony and show the new baby boy, Obed. You may want to celebrate the finale of Act 3 by serving ice cream.

Think about: Why did God bless Naomi, Ruth and Boaz with this baby boy? How does God bless us when we persevere through hard times? Who do you think is the ultimate hero of the story and why? Be sure to make it known that the little baby, Obed, is the grandfather of a man named David and ancestor of Jesus.

Also read: James 1:2-5

Prayer: Lord, Thank you for keeping us and providing friends and family when we go through tough times. Also, thank you for your blessing when we come out of those tough times. Make us a hero in your story. In Jesus’ name, Amen.