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WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

BIG IDEA:
God is with us wherever we go.

WEEK 6

RUTH'S JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

RUTH 1:16–18

MEMORY VERSE

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Ruth 1:16 (NIV)

BIG IDEA

God places people in our lives to help us on the journey.

BOTTOM LINE

God often shows His love through family and friends.

SUPPLIES

- Masking tape
- Cones or chairs
- Small objects (beanbags or blocks)
- Puzzle (cut in half)
- Bibles
- Coloring supplies
- Paper

TIME BREAKDOWN

Welcome & Hook	3 min
Bible Story	8 min
Main Activity	10 min
Teaching Connection	3 min
Prayer & Wrap-Up	2 min

TOTAL: 26 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY

Ruth 1:16–18

Naomi decided to return to Bethlehem after losing her husband and sons.
Ruth could have stayed in Moab with her family, but instead she chose to stay with Naomi.
Ruth promised, "Where you go I will go."
Together they traveled to Bethlehem.
God was with them on the journey and was leading them toward His plan.

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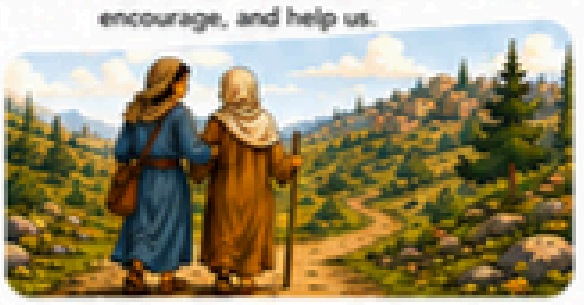
KEY POINTS

- ✓ Ruth chose to stay with Naomi.
- ✓ Their journey was built on love and faithfulness.
- ✓ God brought them to Bethlehem together.
- ✓ God often shows His care through family, friends, and community.
- ✓ We can walk alongside others just as Ruth walked alongside Naomi.

WHAT THIS MEANS

We were never meant to walk alone.
God places people in our lives to love, encourage, and help us.



LIFE APPLICATION

This week, look for ways to show God's love to someone else.
Be a Ruth to someone on their journey.
Encourage, help, pray, and walk together!

MAIN ACTIVITY

JOURNEY PARTNERS

Pair children together. Give each pair a task to complete together, like carrying an object or walking a path.

Switch roles and try again.

Talk about how it feels to have a partner on the journey.

TEACHING CONNECTION

Ruth's journey to Bethlehem was not a solo trip.
She had Naomi beside her.
God often guides and cares for us through the people He places in our lives.
Sometimes God helps us through our family.
Sometimes through friends or teachers.
Sometimes through our church family or neighbors.
Look around—God has placed people in your life for a reason!

OPTIONAL TEACHING ILLUSTRATION

PUZZLE PARTNERS

Give two children half of a puzzle each.

Can either person complete it alone? What happens when they work together?

Explain: God made us to live in relationships. Just as puzzle pieces fit together, God uses people in our lives to help us on the journey.

PRAYER & WRAP-UP

Dear God, thank You for the people You place in our lives. Thank You for family, friends, and teachers who help us and walk with us. Help us to be good friends and to help others on their journey. Thank You for always being with us. Amen.

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Ruth could have stayed behind, but she chose to stay with Naomi.

She promised, "Where you go I will go."

Together they walked toward an uncertain future.

God brought them to Bethlehem together and cared for them through their relationship.

Their journey reminds us that God often shows His love through family, friends, and community.

He places people in our lives to encourage us, help us, and walk beside us along the way.

JOURNEY TALK

Ask together:

- Who is someone that has helped or encouraged you recently?
- How do you think God showed His care through that person?
- Why do you think Ruth stayed with Naomi?
- How can having people beside us make a difficult journey easier?

FAMILY ACTIVITY
ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS

Create a card, drawing, or note for someone who may need encouragement.

Ideas:

Grandparent | Teacher | Neighbor | Friend | Church volunteer

Write or draw something that reminds them they are loved and appreciated.

Talk about:

- How does encouragement help people?
- How might God use our words to show His care?

JOURNEY TRUTH

We were never meant to walk alone.
God often shows His care through family, friends, and community.
And God can use us to help others on their journey too.

FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank You for the people You place in our lives to love, help, and encourage us. Thank You for family, friends, teachers, neighbors, and church family.
Help us notice people who may need encouragement.
Show us how to be faithful, kind, and helpful like Ruth.
Use our family to help others on their journey.
Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD

This Week's Journey Challenge

Choose one person to encourage this week.

Write an encouraging note | Call or visit them | Pray for them | Help with a task | Tell them why they matter to you

At the end of the week ask:

How did I help someone on my journey this week?

WALK TOGETHER

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TO HELP US ON THE JOURNEY.