

RUTH TRUSTS GOD

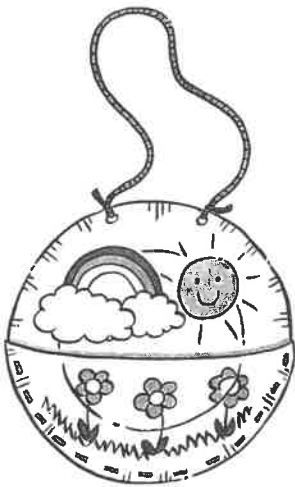
Ruth 2-4

What Kids Will Do: Create bird feeders as reminders of God's perfect provision.

What Kids Will Need: small paper plates, child-safe scissors, stapler, hole punch, yarn, birdseed, crayons or markers, newspaper, bowl

Preparation Place: Cover tables with newspaper, or have children sit on a sheet on the floor as they work on their crafts.

EASY Steps BIRD'S CAFÉ



1. Give each child two small paper plates. Have each child fold one of the plates in half and then cut it in half on the crease.
2. Staple the half-plate onto the bottom of the whole plate, creating a pocket. Have children use crayons or markers to decorate their plates.
3. Punch two holes at the top of the whole plate, and have each child slip a piece of yarn through both holes, knotting each end to create a hanger for the "pocket."
4. Once the bird feeders are complete, set out a large bowl of birdseed, and have the children scoop some into their feeders. Demonstrate how children can hang their bird feeders outside their homes to care for God's feathered creatures.

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PRESCHOOL CONNECTION

When children have finished, collect craft supplies. Read Ruth 2-4 aloud from an easy-to-understand Bible translation or picture Bible so children know the passage is in God's Word. Then ask:

- How did God care for Ruth?
- How can we care for God's creations?
- Ruth trusted God to take care of her. What are some things that you can trust God for?

Say: Ruth knew that she could trust God to take care of her. And God did! He gave her food to eat, a warm place to stay, and a husband who loved her; and he even took care of her family, too.

Let children take turns each telling one way God takes care of them.

WOWS that work

If you have a longer amount of time, try this variation: fill muffin tins with water. Have children sprinkle raisins, berries, seeds, and nuts into the water-filled tins and then place a folded chenille-wire hanger into each cup. Freeze the muffin tins. Once they are frozen, pop out the bird-friendly treats and hang them outside. As the water melts, birds will enjoy the frozen goodies inside!

Women In the Bible – Galatians 5:22

B. Ruth

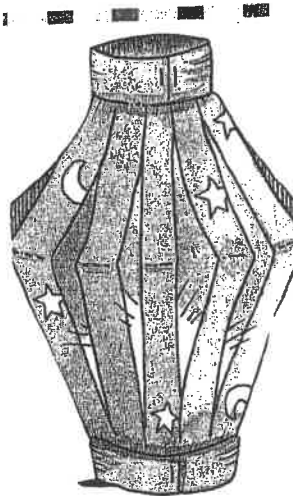
Theme: Be humble and faithful

Art Activity: Light Lanterns

Materials: colored copy paper or construction paper, scissors, stapler, metallic stickers, baby food jar, votive candles.

Activities:

1. Hold your paper horizontally. Fold the top of the paper down to meet the bottom.
2. Cut slits in the paper, from the fold to within an inch of the edges. Cuts should be about two finger-widths apart.
3. Unfold the paper, and wrap it around to form a cylinder. Staple the ends that form the seam together. Randomly place stickers on the outside of the lantern.
4. Place a votive candle inside baby food jar, and set the lantern over the jar.
5. Discuss how Jesus is like a light. How can we be humble and faithful to him?
We need to shine on!







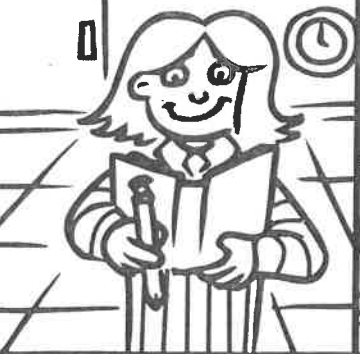




SOMETHING IN COMMON!

Ruth

The Challenge

Go around the frame starting at the word "Ruth" and write down every other word. When you've gone around the frame twice, you'll discover something wonderful about Ruth.

	Ruth	the	cared	way	for
exactly				God	
				Naomi	
us!				cares	
heart,				with	
	of	whole	each	her	for

The Super Challenge

Each of the people above have something in common with the two others in the same row of pictures. All the people in the top row are females. Look at the other rows across, down and diagonally. Can you tell what's alike in each row?



Ruth worked in the fields until the barley and wheat were harvested.