

# TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of Ruth, there was a woman named Ruth. Ruth's husband had died and now Ruth had no one to help take care of her.

At that time, it was very hard for someone like Ruth to find a job and buy food. So on many days, Ruth didn't have enough to eat and she felt very, very hungry.

One day, Ruth went to the field of a man named Boaz. She went to find some grain for making food. There were workers in the field cutting and gathering the grain, but sometimes they would forget some grain on the ground. Ruth would look for the grain they had left on the ground and pick it up.

Just then, Boaz came to the field and saw Ruth picking up his grain. He didn't recognize Ruth and knew she wasn't one of his workers. So he asked the man in charge of his workers, "Who is this young woman in my field?" Suddenly, Ruth was scared that Boaz was going to be mad and tell her to leave his field.

But that's not what Boaz did. Instead, Boaz said, "Dear woman, you can stay here. Walk behind the women who gather the grain. Whatever they leave behind, you can have it. No one will bother you. And if you feel thirsty, you can get a drink from my water jars." Ruth said to Boaz, "Sir, why are you being so kind to me?" But Boaz wasn't finished being kind. He invited Ruth to eat with the workers. She ate all she wanted and even had food left over. Then Boaz told the workers, "When you're picking grain, leave some extra on the ground for Ruth to pick up." When Ruth heard what Boaz said, she felt so, so happy!

## ACTIVITY: JULY 26, 2020

**BE KIND** (Response to God Activity)

**Supplies:** GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

**Question:** Why do you think Boaz was so kind to Ruth?

**Directions:** Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a BIG smiley face. As the children draw, ask them to share one kind act they can do this coming week.

**Say:** Look at your picture. When we are kind to people, that's what they look like. They are so, so happy. Let's say a prayer and tell God about the kind things we're going to do this week.

**Prayer:** Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by telling God about some of the kind things the children shared. Ask God to help the children do those kind things.

**WHAT'S THE  
BIG IDEA?**



**THE BIG IDEA:** GOD WANTS ME TO BE KIND!  
**BIBLE BASIS:** RUTH 2