

If your family includes children of varying ages, consider rewording the questions to help your child better understand what's being asked.

 The book of Ruth shows a beautiful tapestry of God's providence. Providence means that God continually cares and rules over all of creation. In the tapestry of life, do you find yourself focusing more on the "under side" with all its knotted ends and frayed edges or the "upper side" with its beautiful bigger picture?



- 2. What hard things are you walking through right now? How do you receive hope that God is with you in the midst of hurt and suffering?
- 3. What hints can you notice in your life that might lead to a fresh start and a new opportunity? Is your heart open to the changes God might be providing for you?

IDEAS FOR LIVING SENT THIS WEEK

Children –ask someone in your family or a neighbor about how you might help them like Ruth helped Naomi. Maybe you could help clean up or help in the yard? Make sure you help with a good attitude.

Adults – think of a time you were suffering in life and the Lord brought you through it to make a fresh start. Praise God for his faithfulness. Write the story down. Pray about someone you know who may need to hear your story of hope and renewal, and look for opportunities to share with him or her.

