

Ruth Chooses the True God

Ruth 1-4

Famine came to Israel. Life was hard, so Elimelech and his wife Naomi decided to move away from Israel. They moved to the country of Moab with their two sons. The people in Moab did not worship the true God. They believed in a false god and worshiped idols.

Elimelech and his family lived in Moab for many years. The two sons married Ruth and Orpah, women of Moab. Later Elimelech and his two sons died. Now Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah were widows. What should they do?

Naomi heard the famine was over, so she decided to go back home to Israel where the true God was honored. She started on the fifty-mile journey to her hometown of Bethlehem.

Ruth and Orpah went with her part of the way. Then Naomi thanked them and told them they could go back to their homes. “May God help each of you to find a good husband,” Naomi said.

The three women cried at the thought of parting. Orpah kissed Naomi good-bye and started back. But Ruth clung tightly to her mother-in-law. What should she do? Should she go with Naomi to a strange land? Or should she stay with her own

people? Should she worship the false god of Moab, or the true God of Israel?

Ruth made up her mind. “Don’t make me turn back,” she told Naomi. “Where you go, I will go. Where you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.”

Ruth and Naomi arrived in Bethlehem during the barley harvest. Farmers cut the grain and tied it into bundles. Poor people came and picked up stalks that were left lying on the ground.



Ruth went to gather grain for Naomi. She worked all day, stopping only for a short rest. The owner of the field, Boaz, came by to talk to his workers. He saw Ruth and asked about her. The workers told him who she was. “Don’t go anywhere else to get grain,” Boaz told her. “You may always come to my fields. When you’re thirsty, you may get a drink from my workers’ water pitchers. You may eat with them too.”

“Why are you so kind to me, a stranger?” asked Ruth.

“I have heard of your kindness to Naomi,” Boaz said, “and how you left your people to come to a strange land. The God of Israel, whom you have come to trust, will reward you.”

Boaz told his workers to be kind to Ruth and to leave plenty of grain for her. She and Naomi had plenty to eat.

Boaz loved Ruth, and she became his wife. They took care of Naomi, and Naomi took care of Obed, the baby boy God gave them. God blessed Ruth for the good choices she had made.

Remember This?

Follow the directions for each sentence below.

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- Was Elimelech Naomi’s husband? If “yes,” put **H** above 2. If “no,” put **N** above 2.
 - Was there a famine in Moab? If “yes,” put **F** above 6. If “no,” put **E** above 6.
 - Did the Moabites worship the true God? If “yes,” put **M** above 7. If “no,” put **G** above 7.
 - Were Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah widows? If “yes,” put **S** above 5. If “no,” put **R** above 5.
 - Did Orpah stay in Moab? If “yes,” put **O** above 4 and 8. If “no,” put **E** above 4 and 8.
- Did Ruth choose to go with Naomi? If “yes,” put **C** above 1. If “no,” put **K** above 1.
- Did Ruth continue to worship idols? If “yes,” put **Y** above 3. If “no,” put **O** above 3.
- Did Naomi take care of Obed? If “yes,” put **D** above 9. If “no,” put **Z** above 9.

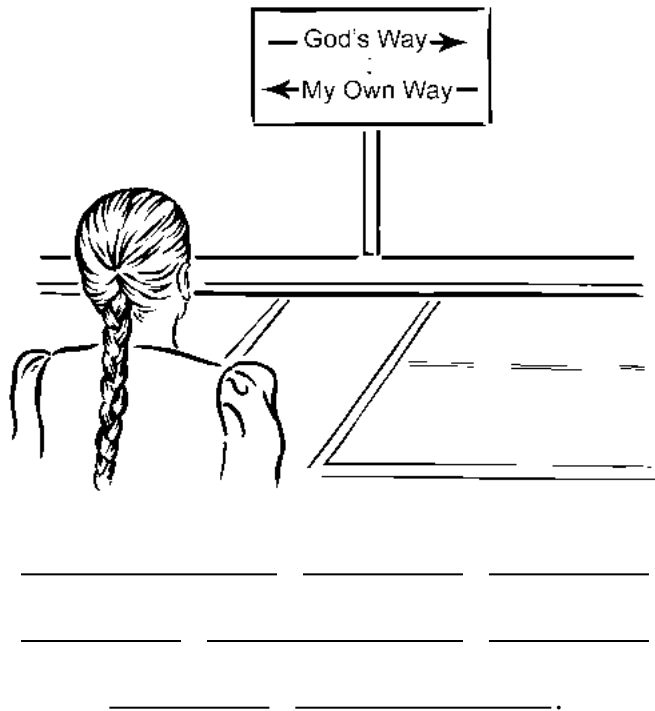


Copy the memory verse on the lines.

Memory Verse

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.

Joshua 24:15



Let's Make Something

Turn to page 75. Follow the directions to make a fold-out story of Ruth in the space below.

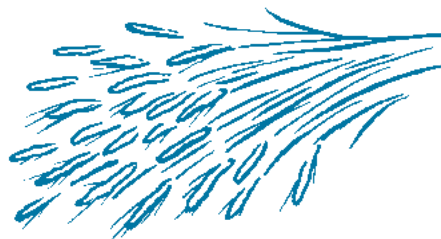


A Lesson From Ruth and Boaz

Follow the directions.

1. By going with Naomi, Ruth made her happy.
Color all the **1** squares **yellow** for happiness.
2. It was kind of Ruth to gather grain for Naomi.
Color all the **2** squares **green** for grain.
3. Boaz blessed Naomi by making sure Ruth found lots of grain.
Color all the **3** squares **blue** for blessed.
4. Boaz loved Ruth even though she was a foreigner.
Color all the **4** squares **red** for love.

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Use the map on page 63 to do this exercise.

- Find the land of Moab, where Ruth, Naomi, and Orpah lived. Color it pink.
- Find Bethlehem, the town Naomi and Ruth moved to. Put a blue circle around it.

* For more activities for Lesson 4, turn to pages 48–49.

Samson Defeats the Philistines

Judges 13–16

The people of Israel were suffering under one of their enemies. Wicked Philistines were ruling over them. God sent a man named Samson to help His people.

From the beginning, Samson was special. An angel told his parents to never let their son cut his hair or drink wine. This would show he had a special work from God. The angel told them Samson would deliver Israel from the Philistines.

God blessed Samson and he grew into a very strong man. Once a lion attacked him, but he ripped it in pieces with his bare hands. Another time Samson caught three hundred foxes and tied them together with torches between their tails. Then he set the torches on fire and let the foxes loose in the Philistines' grain fields. The Philistines were outraged and were determined to capture Samson.

The Philistines came to get Samson. He let himself be tied with two ropes. But as the Philistines began to cheer, he easily broke the ropes. Snatching up the jawbone of a donkey, he killed one thousand Philistines.

Another time Samson was visiting a city when the Philistines shut the city gates to trap him inside. But Samson got up at night, ripped the gates out of the wall, and carried them to the top of a nearby hill.

As long as Samson obeyed God, God made him extremely strong. But Samson made some mistakes. He became friends with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines offered Delilah money if she could find out what made Samson so strong.



Delilah tried to make Samson tell his secret. “Where does your great strength come from?” she asked.

Samson didn’t tell her. “If I was bound with new bowstrings, I would be weak,” he lied. So the Philistines wrapped him up in seven new bowstrings while he was sleeping, but when he woke up, he broke them easily.

Two more times, Delilah tried to find out Samson’s secret, but Samson refused to tell her.

Finally Samson got tired of Delilah’s nagging. He told her everything. “If my hair was cut, my strength would leave me,” he said.

Delilah cut his hair when he was asleep, and when Samson woke up, he was as weak as other men. The Philistines poked out his eyes and made him a slave. While he worked hard in the prison, Samson’s hair

began to grow back.

One day more than three thousand Philistines gathered in their temple to celebrate their victory over Samson. They brought blind Samson out to make fun of him. “Take me to the pillars of the temple,” Samson asked the young man who was leading him.

Samson stood between two pillars. “O God, remember me and strengthen me one more time,” he prayed. Then he heaved with all his strength, toppling the pillars that supported the roof. The temple crumbled, killing everyone. Samson died with his enemies, but he killed more Philistines in his death than he did while he was alive.

For twenty years, God had used Samson to help His people.

Remember This?

Underline the correct answer in each sentence.

1. The Philistines were **friends, enemies** of the Israelites.
2. **An angel, a prophet** told Samson’s parents that their son would be special.
3. In order to keep his great strength, Samson was never to drink **milk, wine** or **cut his hair, wear sandals**.
4. Samson once ripped a lion to pieces with **his bare hands, the jawbone of a donkey**.
5. Samson set foxes with torches loose in the Philistines’ **houses, temple, fields**.
6. When Samson was trapped inside the city walls, he carried the **gate, walls** away.
7. As long as Samson obeyed **God, the Philistines**, God helped him have victory.



Use the map on page 63 to do this exercise.

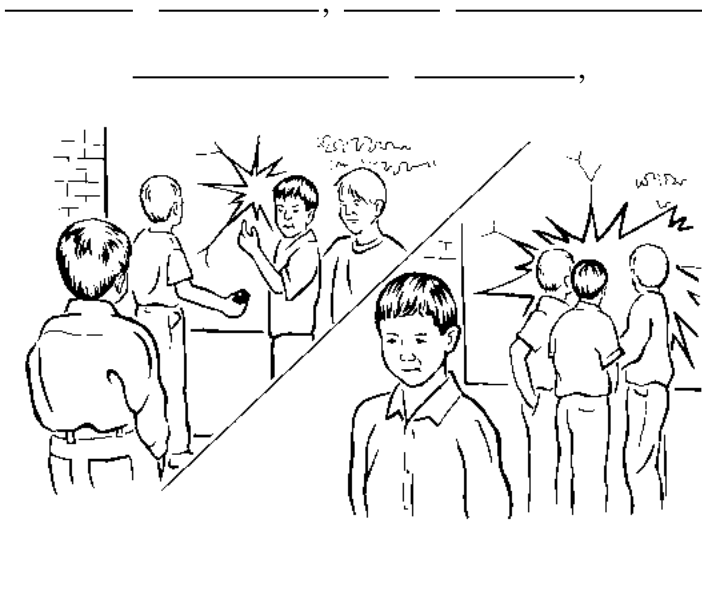
- Find the land of Philistia where the Philistines came from. It lay along the Mediterranean Sea. Color the Mediterranean Sea blue.

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Memory Verse

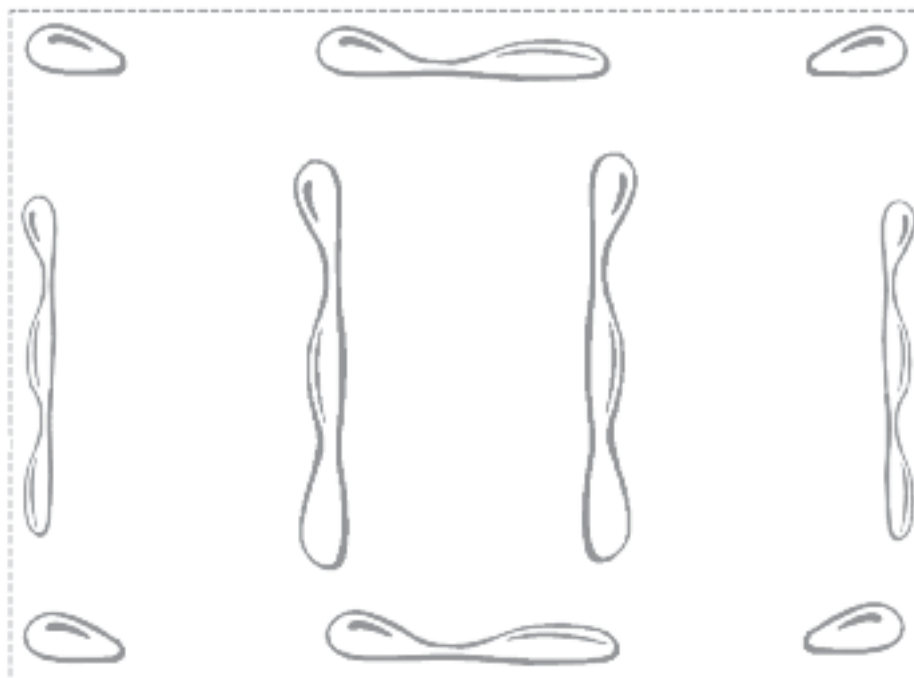
My son, if
sinners entice
thee, consent
thou not.

Proverbs 1:10



Let's Make Something

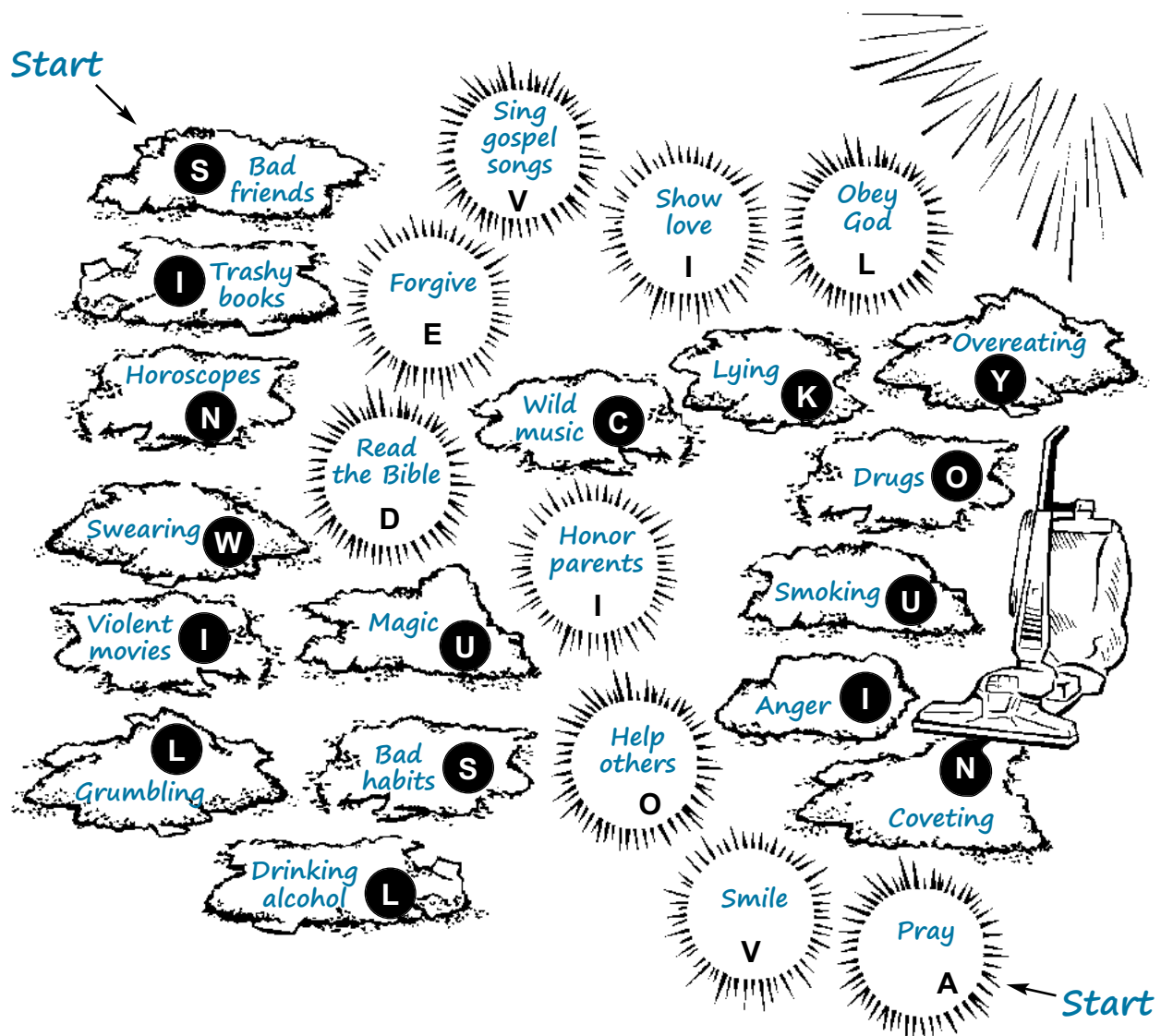
Turn to page 73. Follow the directions to make a paper scene from the story of Samson.



Stay Out of Trouble

Samson thought that playing around with sin wouldn't make any difference to God. He was wrong! Sin always takes us away from God.

Use a black pen or crayon to connect the letters of all the sin-filled dust piles.



Write the letters from the dust piles in order on the lines. _____

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We don't have to be sucked in by sin!

Use a blue pen or crayon to trace a path of the good things that will help us to keep away from sin. Write these letters in order on the lines below.

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* For more activities for Lesson 5, turn to pages 50-51.