

## Ruth – God’s Bigger Dream

Watch the Bible Project overview of Ruth at this link. This is good for any teenagers and/or adults.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0h1eoBeR4Jk> (7:11)

Questions to discuss or think about.

1. What dreams have you had that have been broken or damaged? What dreams or goals are in jeopardy because of the current coronavirus scare? Describe Naomi’s condition after being in Moab for 10 years?
2. One of the repeated words in the story of Ruth is *hesed*, which is a word that is often translated faithfulness but is based on a covenant love – a love that is based on promises made, a faithful and dependable love. In what ways does Ruth demonstrate this to Naomi throughout the story?
3. List the “coincidences” in Ruth 1:22-2:10.
4. Where have you seen God working behind the scenes as you look back at your life? Why do we often look past these events in our own lives as an indicator that God is working? How can we be more aware of them? *(An interesting exercise would be to keep a list as a family throughout the week of the “coincidences” that happen throughout the week that seem to point towards God working. Write them down and discuss them at the end of the week and thank God for his activity.)*
5. Ruth chapter 3 sounds a bit like the TV show The Bachelor. Naomi is the matchmaker and she encourages Ruth to make the first move. In the culture of her day this was very bold and very risky. Put yourself in her shoes. How do you think she was processing this moment? What other risks did Ruth take in following Naomi in this story? Why do you think risks are part of following God’s dreams for us instead of our own?
6. What are the deepest fears that you are facing right now? What might God be doing in you through and in these fears?

### Kids Resources

Kids can watch a kid’s version of the story of Ruth at this link.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irThVpdeSXk> (3:37)

For those that like to color, here is a coloring page from the story of Ruth that you can print.  
<https://ministry-to-children.com/ruth-coloring-page/>

The following is a puzzle you can make and put together with your young ones.  
<https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/ruth-and-boaz-word-tiles/view/>