



FOR PARENTS

Today your child learned how God wants us to love our families. The class learned this lesson from the example of Ruth in the Book of Ruth. Ruth showed her love for Naomi by staying with Naomi and by providing food for Naomi. God was pleased with Ruth. God wants every member of our families, including young ones, to show their love for family members.

Try to provide an opportunity for your child to use these puppets to retell the story of Ruth for your family. Encourage all of your family members to think of and carry out acts of love for each person in your family. For relatives who live nearby, you might arrange a visit or extend an invitation. If family members live far away, perhaps your child could make a picture to send, send an email, or suggest calling relatives on the phone.

FOR TEACHER

Before class:

- Remove this page from the book.

Optional:

- You or the child may want to write the child's initials on each of the pieces before they're punched out.

During class:

- Have the children punch the figures out. You might tell your children that you will help them punch out the figures, if they want help.
- Fold the puppets back on the broken lines. Add tape along the top and side of each puppet.

- Show your students how to put the puppets on their fingers and pretend to have the puppets talk to each other.
- To make the house and grain stalks stand, fold them back on the broken lines. Then place them on a table for scenery as children act out the Bible story with their puppets.

Optional:

- Show how to glue the puppets to craft sticks to make stick puppets.
- Provide the children with envelopes or plastic sandwich bags in which to take their projects home.

Talk about:

- The ways Ruth showed her love for her family.
- God wants us to love our families.

