



# A Very Kind Woman

The Story — Lesson 9

**Scripture:** Ruth 1—4:17

**Key Verse:** May the Lord reward you for what you have done. May the God of Israel bless you richly.  
—Ruth 2:12, NIV

**Bible Truth:** God’s blessing and salvation extend to people of every nation.

**Age 2—rising 2nd grade:** Read *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 9: “Two Kind People”

**Rising 3rd—6th grades:** Read *The Story for Kids*, Chapter 9: “The Faith of a Foreign Woman”

## STEP 1: Come Together

Gather the family and tell them you’re going to spend a few minutes studying God’s word together. Pray and thank God for giving you time together and for calling us to himself.

Play a game with your younger children to help them see the ways they are alike and the ways they are different. Say, **Stand up if you are wearing the color blue.** (Help your children as needed to know when to stand up and sit down. **Stand up if you have long hair. Stand up if you have a nose. Stand up if you like ice cream. Stand up if you are wearing something red. Stand up if you have ears.** Keep going as long as you like. Say, **In some ways we are alike, and in other ways we are different. Today’s story is about someone who traveled very far to a land where she was very different from other people. But in some ways, she was the same.**

(If you have some handy, grab some trophies or award ribbons for today’s lesson.) Ask your older children if they can tell you the difference between a reward and an award. (A reward is something you might get for doing a good deed. “Re” is a clue that the word means you get something back. An award is something you earn for hard work and accomplishment. Ask them about a time when they got an award or reward. How does the possibility of a reward motivate you to do the right thing? Say, **In today’s story, we’ll meet some people who did the right thing without hoping for a reward.**

## STEP 2: Hear the Story

Read today’s story from your copy of *The Story*, or read Ruth 1—4:17.

## STEP 3: Explore More

Review these catechism questions and answers to follow up on today’s story. Read the questions and answers, then repeat each one, having your child repeat back the answer.

**Question 25:** In the covenant of life, what did God require Adam to do? (To obey God perfectly)

**Question 26:** What did God promise in the covenant of life? (To reward Adam with life if he obeyed God perfectly)

**Question 27:** What did God threaten in the covenant of life? (To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed God)

**Question 28:** Did Adam keep the covenant of life? (No, he sinned against God)

## STEP 4: Dig Deeper

Read (or have your older children read) Matthew 1:5-6 in your Bible. Ruth lost her husband and father-in-law and served her mother-in-law. She was a very special person in God’s plan to bring his Son into the world. We learn in the genealogy of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew that Ruth was one of the great-grandmothers in Jesus’ line. Praise God for sending Jesus to be our redeemer!

## MONDAY .....

**Read** Ruth 1:16

**Ask** What did Ruth say that showed she trusted the Lord at the end of the verse?

**Read** John 17:3

**Pray** and ask God to help you trust in Him, the only true God.

## TUESDAY .....

**Read** Ruth 2:10

**Ask** Why was Ruth surprised that Boaz was showing kindness to her?

**Read** Galatians 3:28

**Pray** and thank God that he doesn't call us into his family because of who we are or where we're from, but that we are His because Jesus rescued us

## WEDNESDAY .....

**Read** Ruth 3:8-9

**Ask** What did Ruth say Boaz was?

**Read** Luke 1:68

**Pray** and thank Jesus for being our Redeemer, for rescuing us from the punishment our sin deserves so that we can be part of God's forever family.

## THURSDAY .....

**Read** (or summarize) Ruth 4:9-10

**Ask** What did Boaz have to do in order to redeem Ruth? *(he had to buy Naomi's land and agree to care for them, as was the custom)*

**Read** 1 Corinthians 6:20

**Pray** and thank God for redeeming us and for paying for our sins with His very life. Ask Him to help you honor Him in all you do.

## FRIDAY .....

**Read** Isaiah 54:5

**Ask** Who is the Holy One of Israel?

**Read** John 6:69

**Pray** and thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to help us believe that Jesus is the Holy One of God and to trust in Him.