

Be a Loyal Servant

Ruth; 1 Samuel 1-3

Objectives:

■ Discuss the importance of being loyal to God and how He can redeem us from our afflictions.

Reinforces Principles of:

■ Loyalty, Faithfulness

Reverence Time

Song: I Feel My Savior's Love, verse 4, Children's Songbook page 74

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/i-feel-my-saviors-love

Scripture: Ruth 1:16

"And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"

Video: Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-loyalty

Lesson Summary:

Naomi and her husband moved to Moab with their two sons. The sons married Orpah and Ruth. Naomi's husband and her sons died suddenly. Naomi told her daughters-in-law that they could go back to their own families, but Ruth wanted to stay with Naomi, promising to follow her and her God. Naomi and Ruth moved back to Judah. As Ruth was out gleaning in a corn field, she met Boaz. Boaz owned the field and offered to help Ruth. Ruth told Naomi about Boaz and Naomi realized that Boaz was a near kinsman who could marry her and take care of her and Naomi. The Lord blessed Ruth for her loyalty and faithfulness.

Hannah was sad because she hadn't been able to have children. She went to the temple and prayed outside the temple wall that she would be blessed with a son. She promised the Lord that she would give her son to Him to serve Him. The priest saw her and after talking with her, he promised her that her prayer would be answered. Hannah soon had a son and named him Samuel. The Lord blessed Hannah for her faithfulness. Hannah was loyal to God and fulfilled her promise. When he was old enough, Hannah brought Samuel to the temple to serve the Lord.

Quote:

"We show our loyalty to the Lord by being obedient to parents, being respectful of our brothers and sisters, following Church leaders, and fulfilling our church callings and priesthood responsibilities. Loyalty includes being obedient to the laws of the land and the commandments of God. Loyalty to employer and employee, demonstrated by an honest day's work and an honest day's pay, is part of our loyalty to the Lord, for what we do unto each other we do unto Him. It means standing up for that which is right when our associates would persuade us to do wrong." Rex D. Pinegar

Questions: How did Ruth show her loyalty to her mother-in-law?

How was Ruth blessed for her loyalty and faithfulness?

How did Hannah show her faith in the Lord?

How was Hannah blessed?

How can we show our loyalty to God?

Activity Time

Gleaning Ears of Corn

Description:

Ruth gleaned ears of corn to feed her family. These ears of corn will help your family glean knowledge from this week's lesson as you answer the questions.

What you need:

A copy of the of the "Gleaning Ears of Corn" game (art work included with this lesson) and scissors and 2 baskets (or shoeboxes).

Preparation:

- 1. Print out the "Gleaning Ears of Corn" game.
- 2. Fold along dotted line.
- 3. Cut out the ears of corn. (Be careful not to cut along dotted line.)
- 4. Place ears of corn, question side down on the floor.
- 5. Divide into 2 teams.

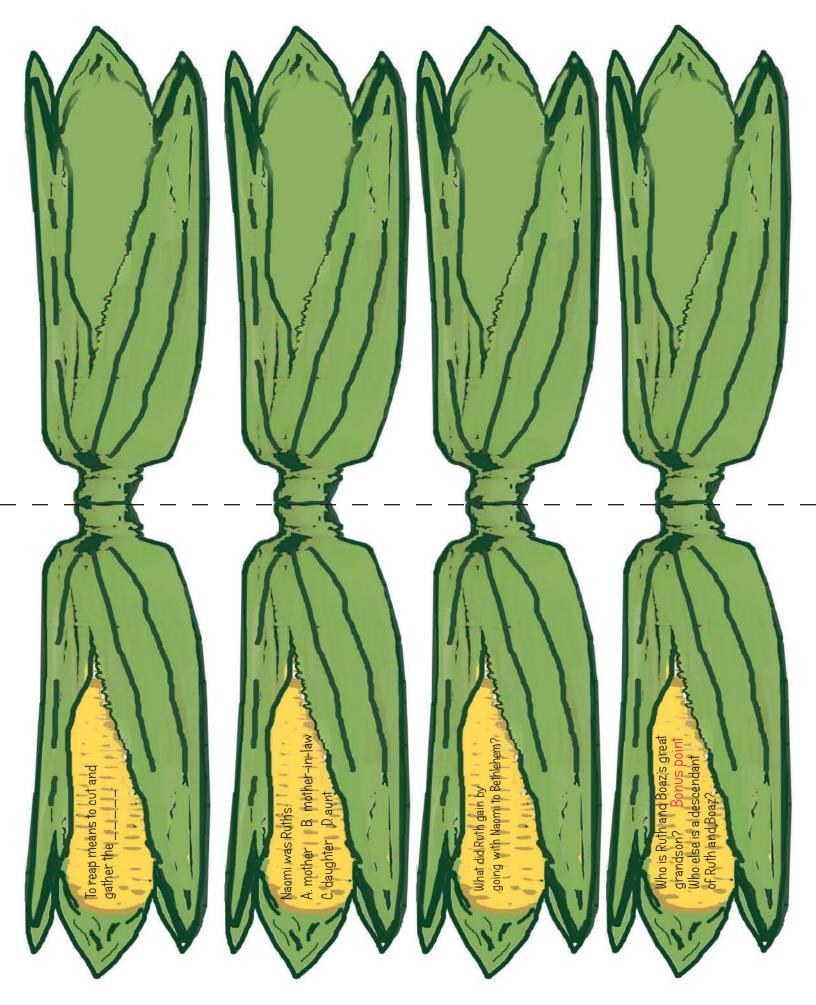
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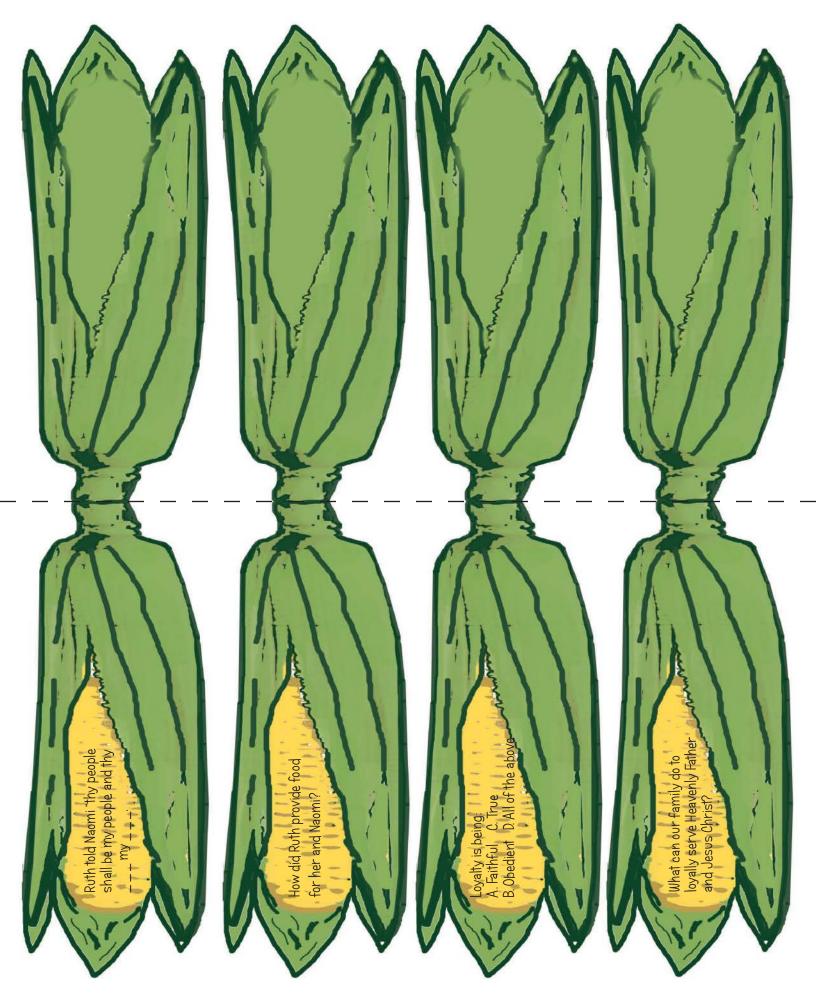
Read Leviticus 23:22: "And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God."

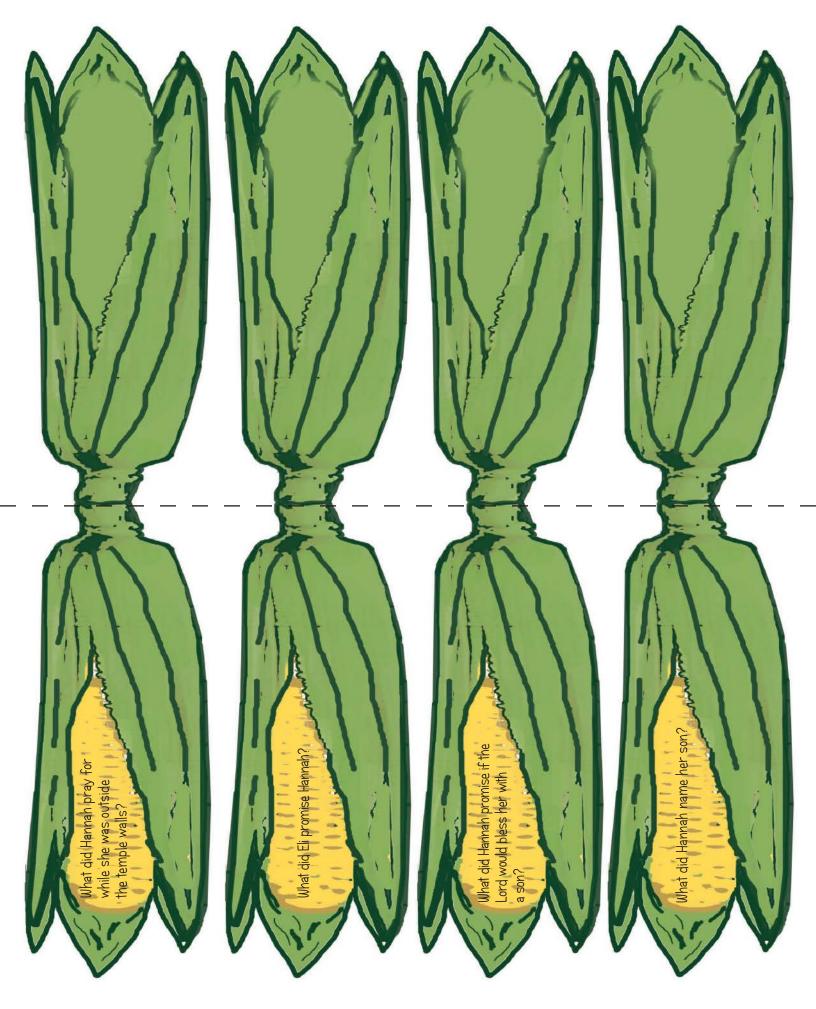
Explain: To reap means to cut and gather the crops. In the Bible the Lord instructed the land owners to leave some of their crops for the poor. These are called the gleanings. The poor would then go to the fields and glean (gather) what was left in the fields.

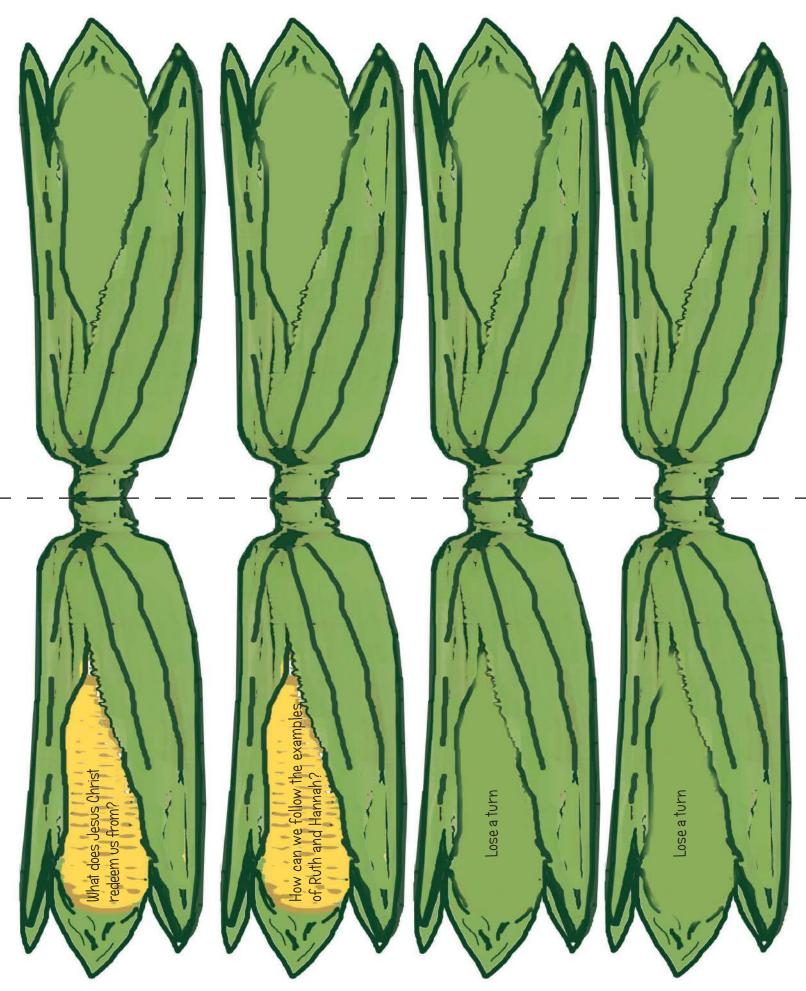
Pick a number or draw straws to determine which team goes first. Each team takes a turn "gleaning" (picking) an ear of corn and answering the question. Team members are not allowed to help (except in the case of younger children). If you answer your question correctly, place your ear of corn in your team's basket. If you answer your question incorrectly, place the ear of corn back on ground (face down). There are two empty corn husks. If you pick an empty husk your team looses a turn. There is one corn husk that has a bonus question. If you answer the bonus question correctly your team receives an extra point (team members can help answer the bonus question).

After all the corn is gleaned the team with the most ears of corn in their basket wins. Do not count the empty husks, but remember to count the extra point for the bonus question.









Treat Time Corn Pones

Prep Time: 20 minutes Bake Time: 25 minutes

Ingredients: 2 Cups cornmeal

1 Teaspoon salt 1/4 Cup sugar

1/3 Cup vegetable oil 1 1/4 Cups BOILING water



Instructions:

Pre-heat oven to 425 degrees. Combine corn meal, salt, sugar & oil in a bowl. Add BOILING water and mix to make a thick cornmeal mush. WAIT 3 to 5 minutes while the boiling water cooks the mix and thickens it to a point that you can spoon up heaping tablespoonfuls to form in the shape of an ear of corn with your hands. Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet and put in pre-heated oven. Bake for 20-25 minutes.

Tip: Form into a football shape in your hand and then place on baking sheet then press with fingers into the shape of an ear of corn. (This can be a fun way for children to help.)

Treat Time: Serve warm with honey, butter, or jam.

Makes 20 to 25 corn pones