Preschool | November 1

Today's Bible Story: Ruth and Naomi • Ruth 1:1–4:22
Key Question: Who helps us love faithfully?
Teaching Focus: God helps us love faithfully.
Monthly Memory Verse: *"Trust in the Lord and do good."* • Psalm 37:3a NLT

1. Opening & Prayer

"Hi, friends! Today we're going to watch a Bible story called *Ruth and Naomi*. As you watch, listen carefully to find out: **Who helps us love faithfully?** But first, let's pray.
Dear God, thank You for loving us and helping us love others. Help us listen and learn how to be kind and faithful. We trust You. In Jesus' name, amen."

2. Video Lesson on Jellyfin & Practice Monthly Memory Verse

3. Ruth and Naomi Together!



What You Need:

- Ruth and Naomi activity page, one per child
- Crayons or washable markers
- Heart stickers and permanent marker

What You Do:
Before the Activity: Place one activity page, crayons or washable markers, and several heart stickers at each child's spot. Write each child's name on the back of the page.
During the Activity: Encourage the children to color Ruth, Naomi, and the wheat. Invite them to place heart stickers around Ruth and Naomi to show how they cared for each other. Point out that they are walking together and holding hands.
After the Activity: Connect the picture to the Bible Story and review the Teaching Focus.

What You Say:
Before the Activity: "Come on over, artists! In today's Bible Story, Ruth chose to stay with Naomi and care for her. Ruth and Naomi loved each other faithfully. Let's make a picture of them walking together."
During the Activity: "Color Ruth, Naomi, and the wheat. *(Allow time to color.)* Your pictures look wonderful! Now add heart stickers around Ruth and Naomi. These hearts remind us that Ruth loved Naomi and stayed with her. God helped Ruth love faithfully."
After the Activity: "You can take your picture home and tell your family about Ruth and Naomi. Ruth stayed with Naomi and cared for her. **Who helps us love faithfully?** God does! ***[Teaching Focus]*** **God helps us love faithfully.**"

4. The Rizers: John 3:16 (For God So Loved) | Optional Worship Song

What You Need:

- QR code for The Rizers: John 3:16 (For God So Loved) (below)
- Device to scan the QR code and play the song
- Speakers, if needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Scan the QR code and have the song ready to play. Invite the children to stand where they have room to move.

During the Activity: Play the song and invite the children to clap, sway, and sing along. Use three simple motions: place both hands over your heart for God's love, make a large circle with your arms for the world, and point up for Jesus. Repeat the song if time allows.

After the Activity: Remind the children that God loved the world so much that He gave us Jesus. Review the Key Question and Teaching Focus from today's Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, we're going to sing a Bible verse song about how much God loves us! Stand up and make a little space. Watch me and join in with these simple motions."

During the Activity: "When you hear about God's love, put both hands over your heart. When you hear about the world, make a big circle with your arms. When you hear about Jesus, point up. Let's sing and remember how much God loves us!"

After the Activity: "God loves you! John 3:16 tells us that God loved the world so much that He gave us Jesus. Today we heard how Ruth stayed with Naomi and cared for her. Who helps us love faithfully? God does! [Teaching Focus] God helps us love faithfully."