

## *Unit 2: Obedience in the Bible*

### *Lesson 3: Ruth's Obedience*

*4<sup>th</sup> grade or Juniors*

#### *Performance Objectives:*

1. The student will recite Ruth 3:5 from memory with no more than one help.
2. The student will be able to complete the worksheet, following each instruction as carefully as possible. Two mistakes will be allowed.

*Materials Needed:* Visuals for the verse and all songs.

#### *Opening Activities:*

Prayer

Sing "Obedience"

Introduce memory verse

Sing "Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord"

Sing "I Will Do Right"

#### *Sequence of Activities:*

A. Review and Motivation. Ask questions from last week about the disciples' obedience.

B. Ruth is an amazing example of obedience, because she had a pattern of obedience in her life. She had left her home, her family, and everything she knew to go to land of Judah with Naomi, her mother-in-law. Ruth 1:16 says, "...whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:". Once they arrived in Judah, they had no way to support themselves. Ruth went out to the nearby fields to gather food for them. As the workers collected the harvest, little pieces would be dropped here and there. Many of the poor women would walk behind the workers and 'glean' the fields, picking up whatever was dropped. The field that Ruth picked to work in belonged to a man named Boaz. He was related to Naomi. When Naomi found out that Ruth had been in his field, Naomi told her to go see Boaz. Naomi gave specific instructions as to what Ruth was to do. "Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. And it shall be, when he lieth down that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee, down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do." And do you know what Ruth said after she heard all of that? "All that thou sayest unto me I will do." The task was not easy, and Ruth had no idea what would happen, but she still obeyed and did exactly what Naomi had said to do.

C. When I was growing up and our family would clean the house to get ready for company, my parents would give specific instructions to my sisters and me. They would name off everything there was that needed to be done and it all sounded very overwhelming. But then they would write the list down on a piece of paper. Then they would get three more pieces of paper, and, either they would assign certain chores to each of us, or we would get to choose which chores we would be doing that day. Once we each had our own list, the huge job of cleaning the whole house did not seem so hard. So the next time your parent or teacher tells you to do something and it seems hard, remember Ruth, who said, "All that thou sayest unto me I will do." If you have the right attitude, God will help do everything you are told to do.

D. Go over Ruth 3:5 until everybody can say the verse without looking.

E. Application activity. Worksheet with detailed instructions (i.e. color by number)

*Evaluation:* Each student should be able to say Ruth 3:5 without looking (or with no more than one help). The worksheet should be challenging but not too difficult for the students to accomplish. Ask the students to follow the instructions, instead of choosing their own colors.