

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### **Naomi and Ruth**

from Ruth 1:1-22.

#### **Care for each other — even in tough times!**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Naomi
- Ruth
- Orpah
- Follow
- Family

When a woman got married in Bible times, she left her parents and became a part of her husband's family. Ruth loved Naomi because Naomi became like a mother to her.

#### **Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 110-113

*Spark Bible* pages 290-291

#### **Family Prayer**

**Dear God, help us to always follow you and share your love with our family. Amen.**

## TALK ABOUT IT

### **Family Conversations**

- 1** What are in-laws? How does the story of Naomi and Ruth highlight this important relationship?
- 2** How can you show God's love to your family?
- 3** What is the longest trip you've ever taken? How did you get there? Talk about how our journeys today are similar to and different from journeys people took in Bible times.
- 4** Talk about the relationship between some women in your life and their mothers-in-law. Do you see them sharing a close bond like the bond between Naomi and Ruth?

### **Eye Spark**

When you gather for a meal with your family, watch how they love and care for each other, and think of the love Ruth had for Naomi.

### **Ear Spark**

When you hear someone tell you "follow me," think about how you can honor God by obeying God's command to follow and honor.

## LIVE IT

### **For families to do together**

Create a poster with different ways that family members can show God's love to each other. The tasks may be simple, such as "Give someone a hug if they are feeling sad." They could take more time, such as "Help clean up around the house." Hang the poster up somewhere in your house where you will see it often. Pick a new task to try each day.

### **For younger kids**

Show God's love to people who might not have family or a home to call their own. Gather up gently-used clothing items from around your house and donate them to a homeless shelter.

### **For older kids**

Go online and research marriage customs in other countries. Are there countries today where a woman is separated from her own family after she gets married in the same way that Ruth and Orpah were in Bible times?