

Talk About It:

- Who is the oldest person in your family? Who is the youngest?
 - What is one special thing your family likes to do together?
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Read About It:

Read this story about Ruth and Naomi, from Ruth 1:1-18*

Naomi and her husband lived in the land of Bethlehem, but then there was a famine. A famine is when the land is SO dry that they are unable to grow any food! Naomi and her husband didn't know what to do, so they left the land of Bethlehem and moved to the land of Moab. Naomi, had two sons who married women they met in the land of Moab.

But something horrible happened. Naomi's, husband and two sons died! Now that she was all alone, Naomi decided she would go back home to the land of Bethlehem. But Naomi wasn't alone. She still had her daughters-in-law, the women her sons had married. They decided to travel to Bethlehem with Naomi, even though it wasn't their home. But Naomi told them it would be best for them to go back to their own land and families.

One of her daughters-in-laws left, but the other one, Ruth, held on to Naomi and said, "Where you go, I will go, your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." So, Naomi and Ruth traveled together back to Bethlehem as a family to take care of one another.

- After Naomi's husband and sons died, she felt like she was all alone, but her daughter-in-law, Ruth, chose to stay in her family.
- How did Ruth show Naomi that she cared about being part of her family?
- Do you think Naomi was thankful that Ruth chose to stay with her and move back to Bethlehem?

*adapted from <https://ministry-to-children.com/lesson-god-is-faithful-ruth/>

Sing About It:

Sing about how thankful you are for all God has done for you, including giving you a great family! Find this song on YouTube:

[Thankful](#) (Lifetree Kids, Pets Unleashed VBS Music Video, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

- God gives us all kinds of families. Some have a mom and dad, some have one parent, and some kids have lots of brothers and sisters, or none at all. Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth were a family who worked hard to take care of one another.
 - Who is in your family?
 - How do you take care of one another?
 - Why are you thankful for your family?
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Make It:

A family tree is a chart showing the names of the people in your family. Print this [Family Tree](#) and fill in the names of your family. You might need to ask a grownup for help. When you're finished, write across the top, "Thank you, God, for my family" and put your Family Tree where you can see it and remember to pray for your family each day.

Do It:

We can be thankful for our families because God gives us family to take care of one another and to enjoy life together. Here are some ways you can show your family that you're thankful for them:

- Say "thank you" when someone in your family does something to help you
 - Write a note to the grownups in your house to tell them how thankful you are for them
 - Draw a picture to give to the oldest person in your family showing how thankful you are for them
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Pray About It:

Thank God for each person in your family. Ask God to help you find ways to show your family how much you love them.

Memorize It:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 107:1