

# BibleWise

## Discussion Questions – Ruth and Naomi

### Read Ruth

- Ask the students to tell the story of Ruth.
- Who is Ruth? (teachers may want to read [Bible Characters](#) (from our 2004 archives) and [Ruth](#) (from our 2004 archives) in Bible Overview)
- The name Ruth means friendship.
- What is a friend?
- Describe your best friend.
- What qualities are necessary to make a good friend?
- Are you a good friend?
- After reading the story of Ruth, what qualities did Ruth express?
- Are these qualities similar to your description of a good friend?
- Would Ruth make a good friend? Why or why not?
- How can you improve your FQ (friendship quotient)?
- Why is it important to be a good friend?
- Have you ever considered making God your best friend?
- Have you thought of a brother or sister as a friend?
- Do you realize God gave you your brother(s) or sister(s) to love and to be your great friend(s)?
- How might you work on your friendship with your siblings?
- Do you let your friends get by with bad behavior (shop lifting, lying, cheating, gossiping, bashing)?
- How do you help a friend who makes bad choices?
- Who are some of the best friends in the Bible?

In Kids Korner - Bible Characters, [Lily and Shep](#), are talking about Ruth's qualities. There is an exercise to list Ruth's qualities and then go through the story and find specific examples for each one.

Ask yourself "What does the story of Ruth teach me?"

- Love all my relatives (Ruth 1:12-19)

- Don't feel sorry for myself
- Fight for what is right
- Hold on to good
- Be kind, courageous, and obedient
- Trust God with all my heart
- Leave idols behind
- Work for a living
- Expect good and treat others with respect even if you feel like an outsider