

Text Ruth 1:1 - 4:22, John 1:12,
Galatians 3:26, 1 John 3:1-2
Focus You can choose to join God's family
Verse 1 John 3:2 ". . . now we are children of
God . . ." NKJV

Songs of Praise and Worship

Prayer/Offering

Story 1 Ruth Chooses (Bible)

Craft 1 Ruth (coloring)

Snack Time

Story 2 The Swan (creation)

Craft 2 Swans (gluing)

My Bible Verse

Story 3 Visit From Ruth (acting)

Craft 3 Ruth's Choice (lacing)

Story 4 God's Family (puppet)

Craft 4 Ruth and Boaz (coloring)

Ruth Chooses

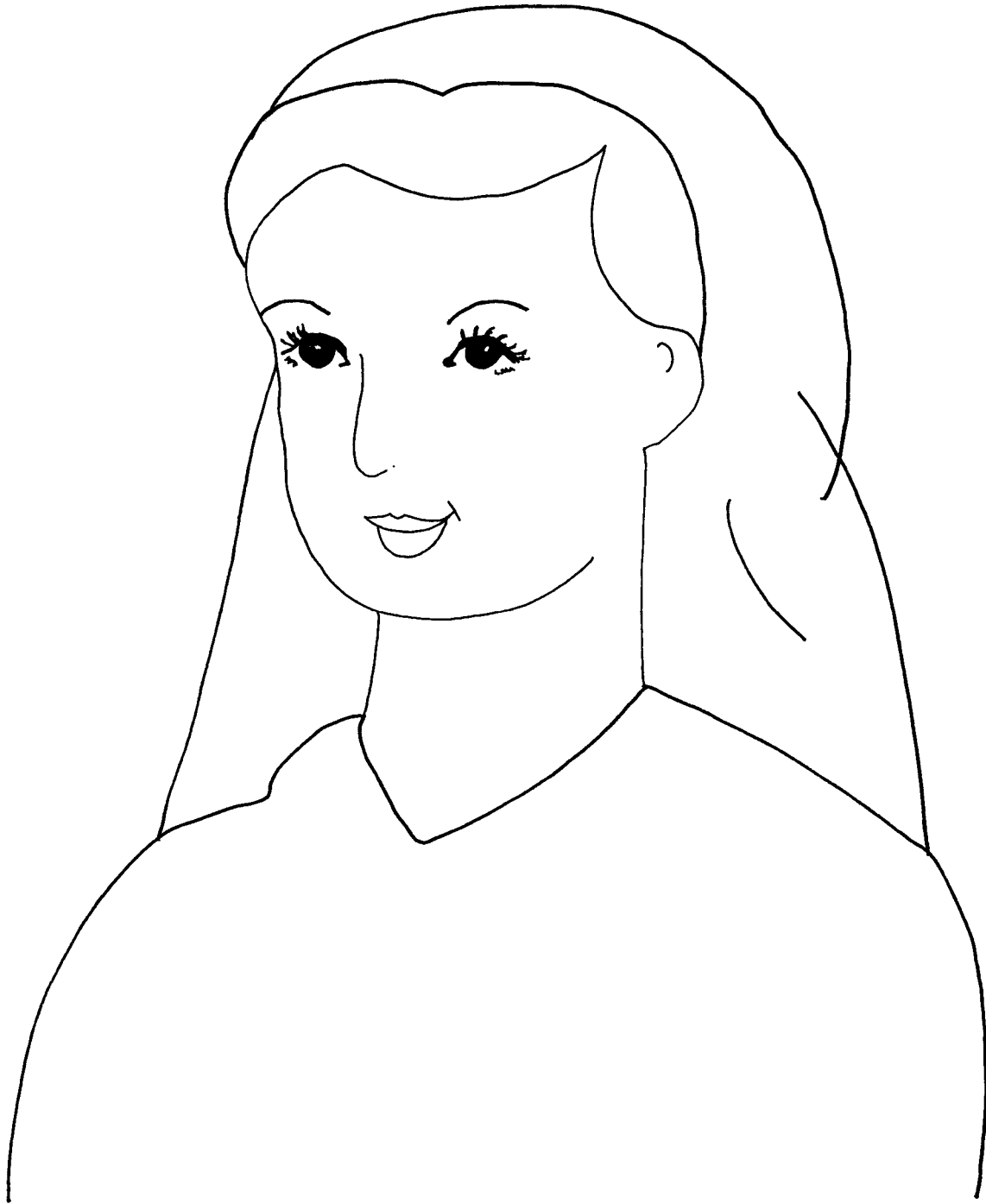
Ruth 1:1 - 4:22, John 1:12, Galatians 3:26 1John 3:1-2
Water and Sky Scene, City Street Scene, Hillside Overlay, Boaz (58), Naomi (94),
Ruth (102), House (202), Wheat (279)

- 1. Ruth loved her mother-in-law, Naomi.** *Display City Street Scene, Naomi, Ruth.*
 - A. Naomi was from Israel but she lived in Moab.
 - B. Naomi taught Ruth about God.

- 2. Naomi decided to leave Moab and return to Israel.**
 - A. Naomi told Ruth, "I am going back to Israel. Stay here in Moab with your own parents. May the Lord deal kindly with you."
 - B. Ruth told Naomi, "Wherever you go, I will go, your people will be my people, your God will be my God."

- 3. Ruth went to Israel with Naomi.** *Display Water and Sky Scene, Hillside Overlay, House, Wheat, Boaz - Move and Add Naomi, Ruth.*
 - A. Ruth gathered wheat in Boaz' field.
 - B. Boaz knew how Ruth had helped Naomi.
 - C. Soon, Boaz and Ruth were married.
 - D. Jesus came from the family of Boaz and Ruth.

- 4. You can choose to join God's family.**
 - A. God's family is the best family there is.
 - B. When you trust in Jesus, God becomes your very own Daddy!



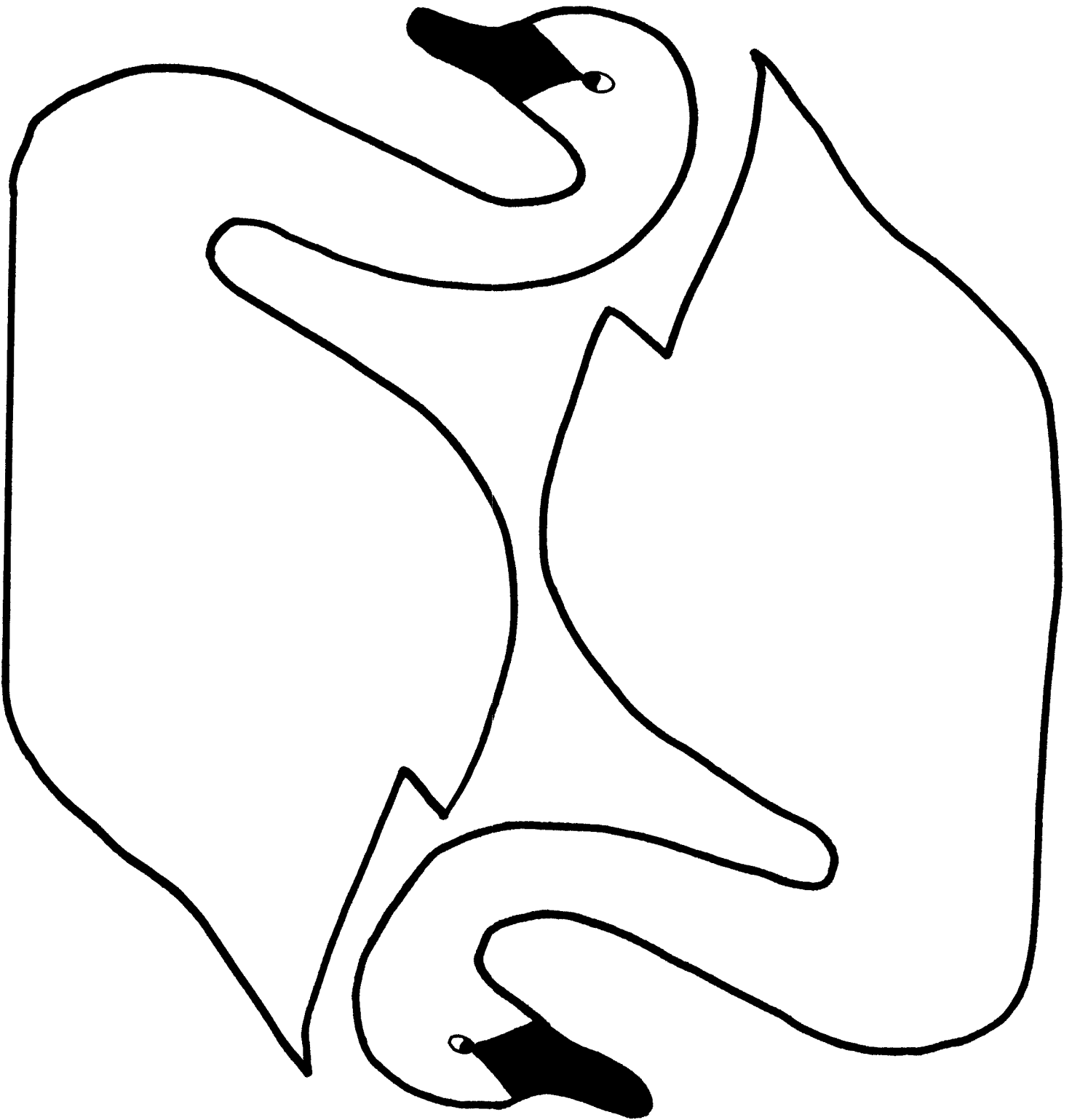
Ruth chose to serve God

The Swan

Swans are big birds. A mommy and daddy swan stay together as long as they live. They have chosen to become part of the same family.

You can choose to become part of the best family there is. You can choose to join the family of God. Just trust in Jesus. Then God will become your very own Daddy!

Copy this page with "Swans" onto white paper. Copy the page with the "Bible Verse" onto blue paper. Cut out "Swans." Have children glue two "Swans" onto the page with the "Bible Verse."



...now we are children of God...

I John 3:2 NKJV

Visit From Ruth

Preparation:

Bring to class a colorful towel and a cloth strip long enough to tie around your head. Place the towel over your head. Next, tie the cloth strip around the towel as a headband.

What to Tell Them:

I am going to pretend to be Ruth. Can you pretend with me? *Speak the following with a young woman's voice.*

My mother-in-law, Naomi was going back to Israel. She told me to go back to my own family. But Naomi, was my new family. I loved her. I went with her to Israel. I wanted to live with her always. More than anything, I wanted to know God for myself.

You can know God, and become part of His family, by trusting in Jesus.

Copy onto colored paper. Cut along outer border. Punch holes. Have children lace 1/8 inch wide ribbon through holes.

*...Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my God.
Ruth 1:16 NKJV*



God's Family

Characters: Teacher
Pepper (or your favorite puppet)

PEPPER: Do you know why I like you?

TEACHER: No, why do you like me?

PEPPER: You always talk to me about God.

TEACHER: I love God, and I love you too.

PEPPER: Why do you love God so much?

TEACHER: Because He is such a good Daddy. That is why I chose to join His family.

PEPPER: That's what happened with Ruth. She wanted to stay with Naomi. Ruth wanted to join God's family too.

TEACHER: Yes, Ruth realized how good God is. Later, God gave Ruth a loving husband and a son.

PEPPER: Can anyone be part of God's family?

TEACHER: Yes, by believing in Jesus.

Boaz married
Ruth

