




## Theme: Service Ruth 1:8-22



<b>1</b> <b>Snack idea</b>	Biscuits, toast		
<b>2</b> <b>Craft or Game</b>	Craft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plait lengths of coloured wool together to create friendship bracelets – depending on time they could make one for themselves and a second for a friend.</li> </ul>	
	Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play follow the leader – take it in turns to be the leader, everyone must follow and copy any actions.</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b> <b>Lighting the candle</b>	Use the same words as the school when lighting the candle.		
<b>4</b> <b>Welcome</b>	Song:	You could use ' <a href="#">welcome everybody</a> ' by Fischy music	
	Prayer:	You could use this <a href="#">gathering prayer</a> by Sam Hargreaves	
<b>5</b> <b>Collect</b>	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	The collect for the day can be found here: <a href="#">Join us in a service of Daily Prayer   The Church of England</a> , then select Morning Prayer and scroll to the end to find the collect.	
<b>6</b> <b>Bible passage</b>	Say: We are reading a story (that has been adapted) from the Bible today so that we can hear God's word and learn about Him.	Ruth 1:8-22	
		Ideas to re-tell the story: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You could explore this Bible story here: <a href="#">Ruth and Naomi - Stories of the Bible - YouTube</a></li> </ul>	
<b>7</b> <b>Biblical link</b>	Why it matters	Ruth was not expected to stay with Naomi but Ruth did. Ruth chose to go with her mother-in-law, showing not only how dedicated she was to Naomi, but also her dedication to the God of Israel. In that instant, she decided, "...Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Ruth and Naomi had nothing, Ruth served Naomi by collecting the corn left by the harvest workers.	
<b>8</b> <b>Take away response</b>	Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?	To serve others means to do things for others without expecting anything in return. Are you prepared to serve others? Discuss ways you can do this. Then give out this Messy Church resource and encourage everyone to use it: <a href="#">Messy Church Serving Take Home pdf</a> (print p1).	
<b>9</b> <b>Prayer</b>	Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...	Play follow the leader around the church or grounds, use prayerful actions for everyone to follow. e.g. Father God, Naomi taught Ruth about you, help us to serve those around us – <i>smile at someone</i> , Ruth worked hard to serve Naomi – <i>move to 3 places and do an action at each</i> - help us to work hard serving you – actions: <i>praying hands, flex arm muscles, point to God</i>	
		Prayer: Whoever you are, whatever you do, remember you serve God in all you do, Wherever you go, you're never alone, God's help will be with you. Amen.	

<p><b>10 Song</b></p>	<p>Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God</p>	<p>Give me joy in my heart. Our God is a great big God</p>	
<p><b>11 The Lord's Prayer</b></p>	<p>Use the same version as the school.</p>	<p>Ask people to pray using whichever version they know</p>	
<p><b>12 Blessing</b></p>	<p>Say: We are now to go out, empowered by Jesus' special presence with us.</p>	<p>May God's arms enfold and protect us. May God's word inform and inspire us. May God's love infuse and transform us. May God's Spirit flow and empower us. now and always. Amen</p>	

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