

# Duke and the Great Pie War



## What is the STORY about?

When the armies of the empire of Rhubarb go to battle against the Kingdom of Scone, the Great Pie War breaks out and things get really messy. Sweet Petunia, a charming young rhubarb, is forced to flee her homeland and live in a tree stump in a foreign land. When the Duke learns of the Princess' plight, he risks his life to help her and learns that true love means thinking of others first.

- *A Lesson in Loving Your Family*
- *Key Passage: Ruth 1-4*
- *Running time: 22 minutes*
- *Bonus Show: "Baby Sitter in DeNile" (11 minutes)*



## What do you THINK?

- *Why did Petunia feel uncomfortable in the Kingdom of Scone? (She was from Rhubarb and the citizens of Scone didn't like Rhubarbarians)*
- *How did Nona lose her husband and son, Princess Petunia's husband? (In the Great Pie War)*
- *What kind deed had Petunia done for her mother-in-law, Nona? (She gave up being a princess in Rhubarbaria to take care of her aging mother-in-law in Scone)*
- *Nona had one half of the Golden Duck Crest. Who had the other half? (Otis the Elevated—the brother of her husband, Gildersleeve)*
- *How was Duke able to get the other half of the crest? (By winning a jousting match with Otis the Elevated)*



## What does the BIBLE say?

Ruth's story is found in the Bible's book of Ruth. Read the applicable portions to your group in a translation that is easy to understand OR tell the story in this shortened version.

**Long ago, when the judges ruled Israel, there was not enough food for everyone. A man named Elimelech left Jerusalem and moved to Moab with his wife, Naomi, and their two sons. Elimelech later died, leaving Naomi with only her two sons. The two sons married women from Moab, but eventually both of the sons died, too. Naomi was left alone without a husband and without sons, so she decided to move back to her homeland. Both of her daughters-in-law agreed to go with her, but Naomi insisted that they stay in Moab with their families. One daughter-in-law stayed, but the other daughter-in-law, Ruth, would not part with the aging Naomi. So Ruth and Naomi returned to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest. Ruth went to the fields and worked very hard to gather grain that the workers had left behind. The field she was working in belonged to a rich man named Boaz—a close relative of Elimelech's family. When he saw Ruth in his field, he was very generous to her because of all the kindness she had shown Naomi. He offered her something to eat and drink and he told his servants to be very kind to Ruth. Boaz was a good man. He married Ruth and bought back everything that belonged to Elimelech and his sons so that all of the property would stay in his family. Ruth and Boaz soon had a son. The son was named Obed. Obed was Jesse's father, and Jesse was the father of David. God blessed the generations of Ruth for her love and kindness to Naomi.**

# The Story of Ruth and Naomi



## ACTIVITY

Create simple “Family Love Coupons” (computer-generated or handwritten and designed by the students) for distribution to each child.

Brainstorm with the children about possible acts of kindness for family members by saying this: **God loves everyone in your family and you can love them, too, by putting their needs above your own. Think of something you can do for each family member, write it on a coupon and place it somewhere at home where the family member will find it.** (Younger children will need assistance with ideas and writing.)



## What can we DO?

Ask for volunteers to tell about their families or distribute paper and crayons for each child to draw a picture of his/her family. Promote

conversation with the following questions:

- *Why are families important?*
- *What can you do to put others first in your own family?*
- *Have you ever done something really special for another family member?*
- *Has a family member ever done something really special for you?*

### **Help the children find these Bible verses to read aloud.**

- **PSALM 133:1** “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity.”
- **1 THESSALONIANS 4:9** “Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.”
- **HEBREWS 13:1** “Keep on loving each other as brothers.”

## 3 Things to remember about Ruth

1. **NAOMI** was Ruth’s aging mother-in-law
2. Ruth was **DEVOTED** to helping and caring for Naomi
3. While working in the **GRAIN FIELDS**, Ruth met Boaz

## KEY VERSE

**(Romans 12:10)** “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

## KEY NUGGET

Love your family... always think of others in your family before yourself.

