



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide - 11/4/20

Pick one idea! Have more time? Pick a few! Or, make up your own! ☺

If anyone in your family needs a Bible, please contact the office, kingsfordag@yahoo.com or 774-7631 ext. 7.

The promise of permanence, such as in marriage, helps create an environment of security. But, as we will see in the story of Ruth, God continues to love us and is with us even as our family and home situations change.

READ & DISCUSS: Ruth 1 – 4 or “Ruth and Naomi” starting on page 152 of *The Beginner's Bible*

- What three people died in this story?
- After these men had died, the women wouldn't be able to have regular jobs to get food. They needed husbands for that. Where did Naomi tell Ruth to go so she would be taken care of?
- What did Ruth tell Naomi?
- Since she couldn't get a job, what did Ruth do to get food for herself and Naomi to eat?
- Who was the good man who was helping make sure Ruth had plenty of food?
- Ruth married this good man. Together, they had a baby boy – what was the baby's name?
- From the time that the men died, what are all the ways God helped take care of Ruth and Naomi?
- Can you think of a time that God helped take care of your family?
 - Do you think God ever had a friend, family member, neighbor, co-worker, or even stranger bring help to your family?
 - Did you ever help another family when they were having a difficult time?
 - God wants to use us to help meet the needs of others!



MEMORIZE: Deuteronomy 7:9, "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,"

-OR SHORTER OPTION -

Jeremiah 31:3, "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

Idea #1: Sing it!

If you didn't check this out last week, here are some songs to accompany these verses!

Jeremiah 31:3:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxmjSLp5hE4>

Deuteronomy 7:9:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Yk-DTtfEQo>

Idea #2: Where Did That Word Go?

Write or type the Bible verse onto a sheet of paper. Cut the words apart. Tape the words to a wall or table. Have your child say the verse out loud, then remove one word. Have your child say the verse again, seeing if they can remember the missing word. Repeat, until all of the words are gone.



HAVE FUN:

- Draw or paint a picture of your family.
- Make a family tree - use the blank one enclosed or make your own!
- Make a Shoebox (or other box) Diorama of the Story of Ruth:
 - Dioramas are great for reinforcing a story. Items and pictures are gathered and used to create a 3 dimensional display depicting the story you are learning about. Decorating the walls, ceiling and floor inside a box makes a scene come alive. Small toys can be used inside the box or simple stand-up figures can be created out of folded paper. The diorama concept is what is often seen in the display cases at museums.
 - Some item ideas: Grain, travel stuff, wedding items, baby doll

APPLY IT:

FAITHFUL –

Look up the definition.

Think of some synonyms.

God is always faithful. We are supposed to learn to be faithful, too.

Discuss: How did Ruth show faithfulness to Naomi? How can you show faithfulness to your family or the group you study the Bible with?

Life Enrichment

What about this week's session challenged, encouraged, or disturbed you?

- Covenant relationships are based on three basic types of promises – the promises of love, permanence, and responsibility. How do these promises interact in our relationships?
- Why is it important to keep all three commitments in balance? What might a relationship look like that is heavy on permanence or responsibility while lacking in love?
- In your relationships, how have you observed love, permanence, and responsibility working together?
- What does the trustworthiness and unwavering commitment of permanence look like in day-to-day relational life?
- What are some ways you can cultivate faithfulness in your life? In the lives of those with whom you live?
- Why do we need a strong sense of permanence in our marriages and families?
- How might permanence help us in conflict resolution?
- How might the promise of permanence create an environment for redemptive action?

The Promise of Permanence

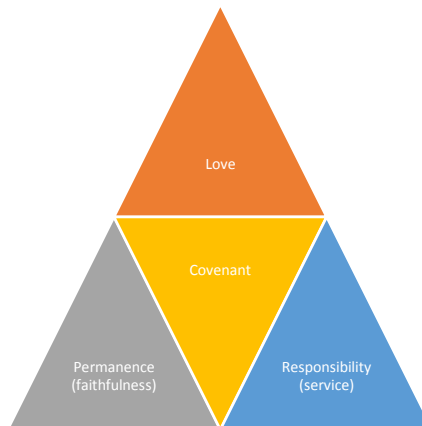
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Text -- Num 23:19; Lam 3:22-23; 2 Tim 2:13

Introduction

- *What comes to mind when you hear the word faithful?*
- *What does permanence bring to relationships? When we know that all parties to the covenant are in it for the long haul, how does that affect us?*

The Trinitarian Nature of Covenant Relationships



Promise of Permanence

- We can define God's faithfulness as His _____ based on His _____ to His people through covenant promises, finding their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ.
- The promise of permanence insures _____.
- The promise of permanence also insures _____.