

# Bible Month June 2020 – Family Bible Study.

## The Book of Ruth

### *Week 4 – The Idea of Family*

#### *To read in advance*

The idea of 'family' is no longer the idea of the nuclear family. All families can look different. This is Biblical too – Ruth and Naomi are 'family' but are not blood relations. You will be aware in your family what memories or issues the idea of this may bring up and whether you need to bring this up sensitively.

#### To set up in advance

1. Set up the prayer space. You will need a photo album, or photos of friends and family, these could be physical or digital. Print out copies of the 'ohana' page, and have pens and pencils for colouring and drawing available.
2. Download the story board to have a look at, for under 10s. See the link in the Bible section.
3. Print out the journal to complete over the next few weeks, one for each member of the family.
4. Find a Bible suitable for each member of the family, or you can use the one version.
5. Have colouring pencils and pens ready.

#### Opening Question

In the Disney film *Lilo and Stitch*, family is an important concept. It is defined by the word 'ohana', a Hawaiian word that means 'welcome'. Ohana is more than a word, it is an idea, and encompasses friends and neighbours as well as people we may be related to by blood or legal ties. It is the idea that we are bound together with those we love, that we have to work together and not forget anyone.

Who would you want to say ohana to?

One of the most difficult things about lockdown is missing our loved ones. Who are you missing? Why do you miss them?

#### Bible Reading: Ruth chapter Ruth 4 1-22

The rules of 'family' can seem strange and even funny to today's audience.

[https://bibleforchildren.org/PDFs/english/Ruth\\_A\\_Love\\_Story\\_English.pdf](https://bibleforchildren.org/PDFs/english/Ruth_A_Love_Story_English.pdf)

This link shows slides of the story. For week 4, recap the previous slides if needed and then go to slide 14-17.

Read from a different version too if you wish.

#### Wondering Questions:

1. I wonder who you think of as your 'family'.
2. I wonder how some families might look a bit different from ours?
3. I wonder if you belong to other groups you think of as a bit like a family?
4. I wonder if your family has ways of doing things or different traditions?

#### Prayer Space

Take your family over to the prayer space and read the instruction to them. Check younger members have understood it.

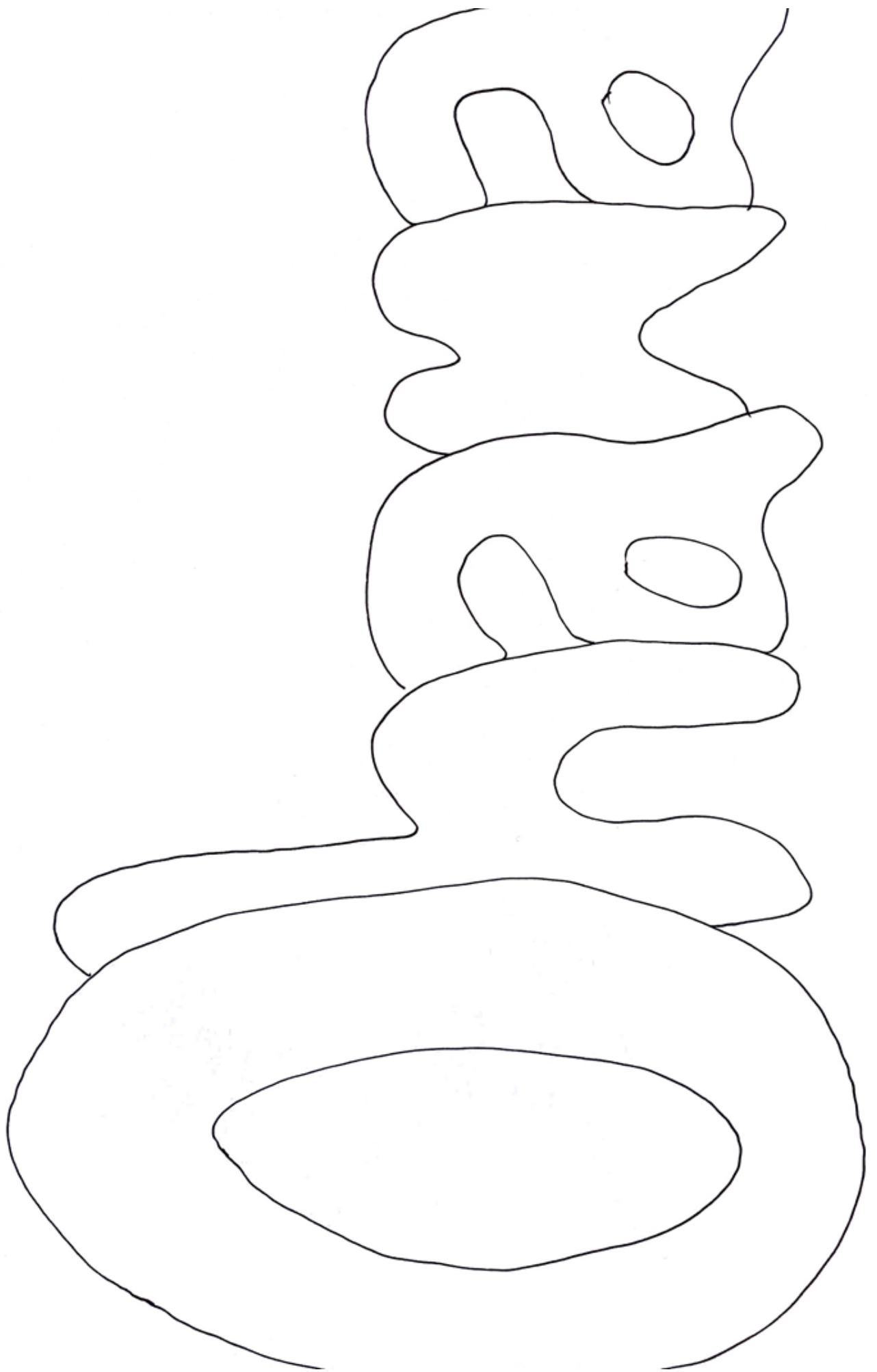
Give everyone time to complete the space as they wish. Ask if anyone wants to say any other prayers together.

Get out a photo album - it could be physical or digital. Spend a few minutes together looking through the photos of your friends and family. Print out the 'Ohana' page below and make sure everyone has pens or pencils to colour write or draw. Spend a few minutes writing the names or drawing the people you love. Add your prayers for them. You can share these prayers together or keep them private.

#### Activities

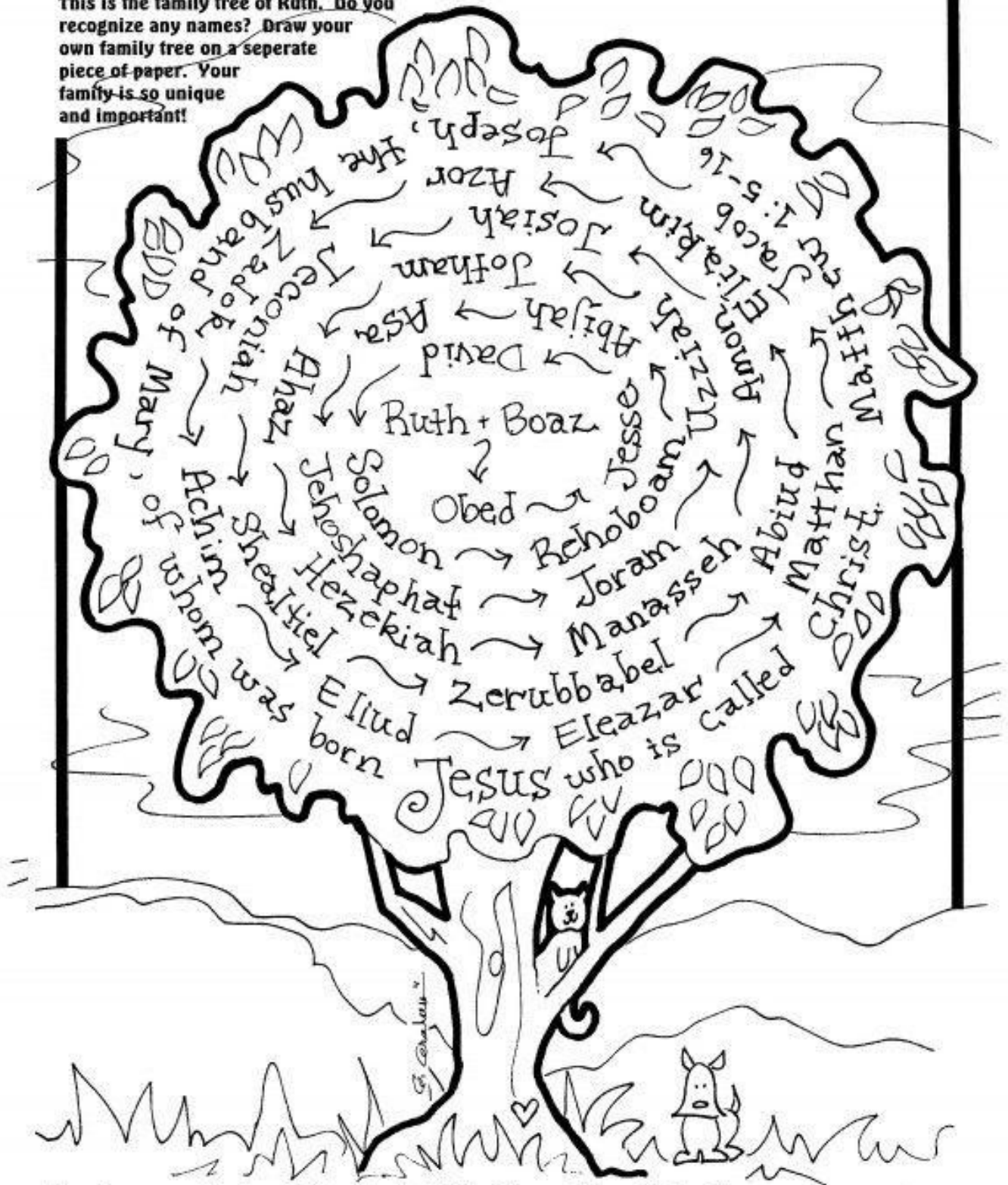
1. Check out the family tree below – it looks at the descendants of Ruth and Boaz all the way down to Jesus.
2. Talk about – or draw on a bit of paper – new ways of sealing a deal, instead of handing over a sandal!
3. Create this part of the story in lego.
4. Is there anything you would like to complete in the journal today?
5. See the attached mindfulness colouring page.

Allow as much time as everyone needs.



# The Descendants of Ruth & Boaz

This is the family tree of Ruth. Do you recognize any names? Draw your own family tree on a separate piece of paper. Your family is so unique and important!



Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a near kinsman; and may his name be famous in Israel! And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." RUTH 4:14 & 15

*Blessed  
be God!  
He didn't  
leave you without  
FAMILY*

FROM RUTH 4,  
THE MESSAGE

