



September 2009

“Train up a child
in the way he
should go...”

Proverbs 22:6

Upcoming Events

Tools for Motherhood
7-Week Study
Topeka Bible Church
September 9th, 9:15-11:15

October 20,
Covenant Baptist Mops Group

October 26,
KC Mops Group

November 4,
MO Mops Group

November 12,
First Southern Baptist church,
Mops Group

The Word: (Partial section from TFM Devotions and Prayer Journal, p 71)

“It (love) always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.” 1 Corinthians 13:7

In the Old Testament book of Ruth, we find a woman that experienced difficulty. She grew up in a heathen culture that sacrificed babies to their gods by fire. How could this young woman grow up to be the example of love when raised as a child in this environment? Ruth married into a Jewish family who had relocated to her land because of famine in their own land. Ruth seemed attracted to the God of Israel worshipped by her husband’s family. Tragically, a short time after her marriage, Ruth lost her husband, her brother-in-law, and father-in-law.

After returning to Judah, Ruth and Naomi were able to survive together thanks to the kindness of a relative. (Read more about this love story in the book of Ruth). Just as God provided for their needs, He also sees your situation and the burdens each of us have to shoulder.

Ruth’s steadfast love changed her world and the lives she touched. May Ruth’s life challenge us to a new dedication to our families and to those in our sphere of influence. True love endures, no matter what.

Dear God, Help me to realize today that my actions speak louder than my words, especially to my family. Renew within me a love for my family. Fill me with sacrificial love like that You share with us. May the generations and ancestors that follow be impacted in a positive way by the choices I make today. Amen

The Activity:

After reading a bible story such as the one talked about above, provide for your child some dress-up clothes to try on so they can act out the events in the story. The story of Ruth shares about a precious baby God gives her named Obed. While dressed up as Ruth, wrap up a baby doll as well so she can hold her baby Obed. As you talk about the wonderful man that married Ruth and cared for her and her mother-in-law, perhaps you will be planting seeds in their minds about marrying a wonderful Godly man some day that will be good to her as well. Point her/him to the hero’s in the bible; act out the events; and plant seeds for the future.