



Father's Day Surprise

Sophia was making a Father's Day card at Sunday school, but she wasn't happy.

"I don't like my daddy's job. He's away from home too much," Sophia told Mrs. Green, the teacher. "He's even gone today!"

Mrs. Green said, "I'm sorry, Sophia. I'm sure your father misses being with you today."

During class, Mrs. Green talked about all the good things parents do for their families. She said, "Sometimes your fathers have to work long hours and they can't get home when they'd like to. That makes them sad too. Your cards are one way to let your fathers know you honor them."

Sophia sighed. *I can't honor Daddy. Father's Day will be over when he gets his card*, she thought, and threw it into the wastebasket.

When Sophia's mother came for her, she said, "Guess what? Grandpa is here. He missed us and wanted to visit today."

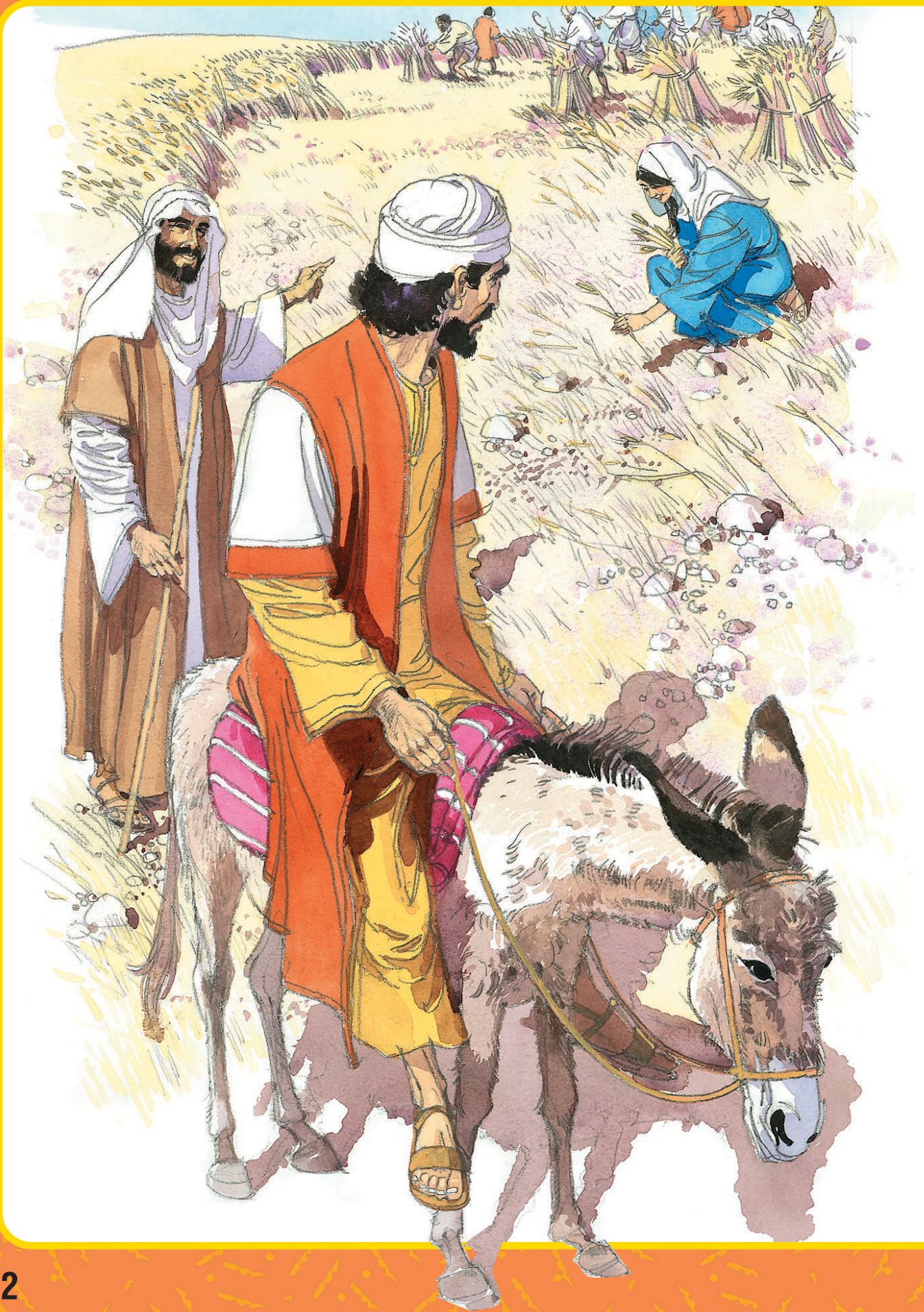
Mrs. Green heard Sophia's mother. She took Sophia's card from the wastebasket. "Why don't you share this with Grandpa?" she said.

Sophia smiled at Mrs. Green, and then hurried off. "I made something," Sophia said to Grandpa. "You can have it. I can make one for Daddy when he comes home."

I can make two people happy, thought Sophia as she smiled at Grandpa.

Talk-a-Bit

- Who did Sophia honor on Father's Day?
- How can you honor your parents?



Ruth Honors Naomi

Bible story from Exodus 20:12; Ruth 1—4

Ruth and Naomi started off on a long trip. They were going to the place where Naomi had been born. Naomi had left her home many years before with her husband and sons.

Now Naomi's husband was dead. Her sons were dead. She had only Ruth to help her. Ruth had been the wife of Naomi's son. Ruth loved Naomi as her own mother.

As they walked along, Naomi said to Ruth, "You don't need to leave your home to go on this trip with me."

Ruth hugged Naomi and told her, "I want to stay with you and help you. Your family will be my family. And your God will be my God."

Naomi and Ruth finished their trip. Naomi's old friends were surprised to see her. They were glad Ruth would take care of her.

Naomi and Ruth were too poor to buy food. So Ruth went to a field of grain.

She picked up the leftover grain. Naomi used the grain to make food for them.

Boaz owned the field of grain. Boaz told Ruth, "You may take all the grain you need because you are so kind to Naomi. I'm glad to see you honor her."

One day, Naomi told Ruth to ask Boaz for his help. Boaz wanted to help Naomi and Ruth because he loved Ruth.

Ruth loved Boaz, too. Ruth and Boaz got married. They asked Naomi to live with them so they could take care of her. Later, Ruth and Boaz had a baby.

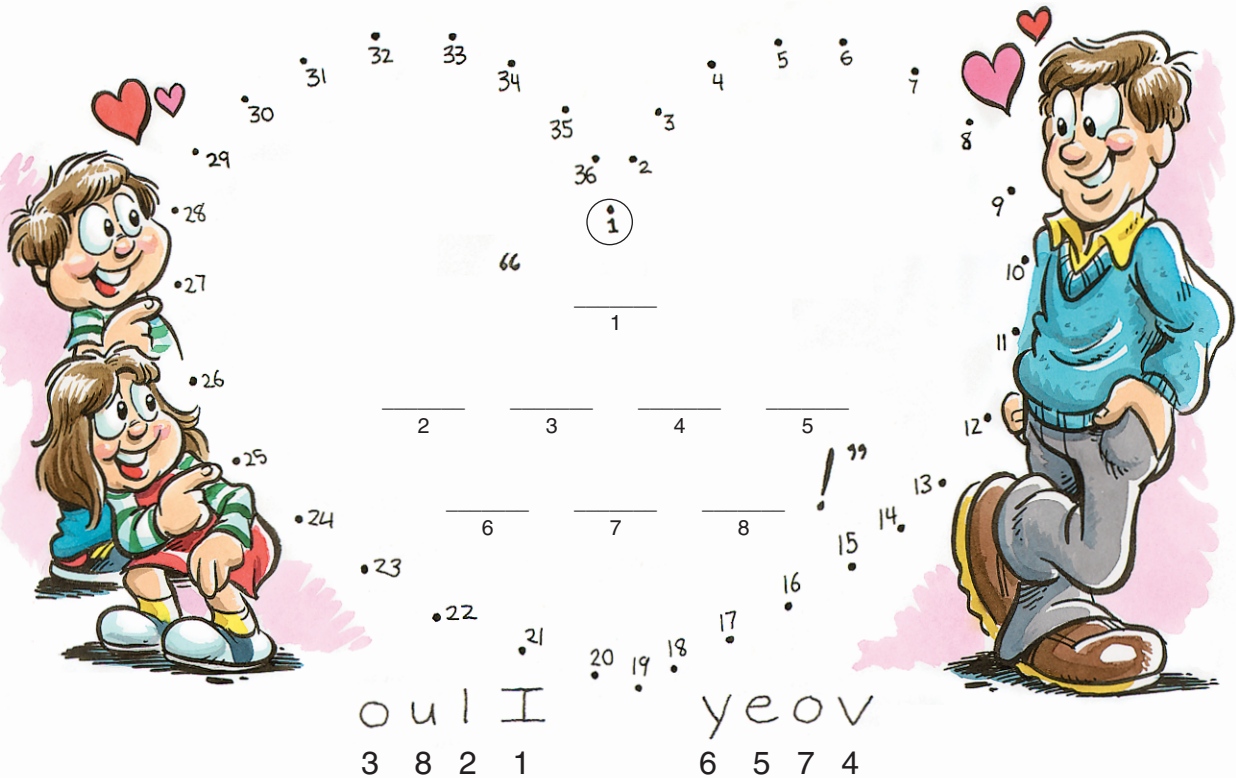
Ruth's friends said to her, "God has been good to you. He has given you a fine family. It is good that you honored Naomi."

This Week's Bible Memory Verse:

"Honor your father and your mother."
Exodus 20:12

It's Father's Day!

Today you can say something special to the people at home who take good care of you. What can you say? Connect the dots and put the numbered letters in the spaces below.



Family Faith Fun

Lesson Focus:

God tells us to honor our parents.

Honor Awards

■ This week, whenever you see your child showing honor to someone (especially parents), award him or her a star sticker. Also let your child award stars to you when you are caught honoring others (especially your parents!). See how many stars your family can collect.

Memory Verse Activity

■ Have your child make a mobile or poster of this week's memory verse. In place of the words "father" and "mother," let your child use actual photos. If other family members are primary caregivers, let your child use their photos as well.

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