

Overview

In Chapter 9 the students learned about the Israelites' wanderings in the wilderness. In this chapter the students will learn about the conquest of Canaan.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• God's people conquered Canaan.	1222
• God's people settled in Canaan.	489
• Samson was the most famous judge.	932
• Ruth lived a life of self-sacrifice.	1611

Key Word

Nazirite

Catechist Background

What character strengths do you admire in others?

The Book of Ruth is a literary gem. It is a simple story about people to whom we can easily relate. And the themes found in the Book of Ruth are universal and applicable to our own times: the sadness of loss, the importance of good character, and the care of an unseen God.

The Book of Ruth first focuses on Naomi. Famine drives her from her land, and death takes away her husband and her two sons. Reduced to poverty, she directs her widowed daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, to leave her as she returns to her people in Bethlehem. Ruth tells her mother-in-law, "Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you! For wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16).

Ruth's refusal to leave Naomi and her willingness to share in Naomi's poverty demonstrate the depth of Ruth's character. She is loyal and faithful and kind. Added to this is her dedication to hard

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

work. To survive, Ruth gleanes the fields of any grain dropped or left behind by the harvesters. Her good character catches the attention of a field owner named Boaz, who first protects and then marries Ruth.

The Book of Ruth is unusual in that God is rarely mentioned. Instead God is seen acting through the story's main characters. God is the source of Ruth's faithfulness. God's providence guides Naomi and Ruth's destinies. God transforms Naomi's sadness into joy as she welcomes Ruth and Boaz's son into her heart. The child is called Obed. "Obed was the father of Jesse, and Jesse became the father of David." (Ruth 4:22)

What help will you ask of God to strengthen your own character?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps




Presentation


Materials

1 WE GATHER

page 119
 **Prayer**

 **Focus on Life**


-  Give thanks to God through a psalm.
 Respond in song.
-  Discuss important truths.

For the prayer space: Bible opened to Psalm 107; photo of immigrants coming to the United States
 "City of God," Daniel Schutte, #12 and 13, Grade 6 CD

2 WE BELIEVE


pages 120–121
God's people conquered Canaan.

 *Joshua 6:1–20*

- Read about God's people entering Canaan.
- Present Reproducible Master 10.
-  Complete the storytelling activity.


• copies of Reproducible Master 10

pages 122–123
God's people settled in Canaan.

- Discuss God's people settling in Canaan.
-  Talk about people who influence our lives.


• one six-sided number cube

pages 124–125
Samson was the most famous judge.

- Read about Samson and Delilah.
-  Discuss gifts, talents, and strengths.
- Discuss vows in *As Catholics*.

pages 126–127
Ruth lived a life of self-sacrifice.

- Read about Ruth.

 "Wherever You Go," Gregory Norbet, #14, Grade 6 CD (option)

3 WE RESPOND

page 127

-  Plan a faithfulness CD.

pages 128–129
Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

• copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 10 (back of book)

page 130
Chapter 10 Test

- Complete **Chapter 10 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

• optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 10 (back of book)