**Theme: Start of School Year, God goes with us**

**Welcome & January Birthdays**

**School talk -** Pass around an object eg. ‘The ball of truth’ and kids introduce themselves, what class they are in, what they are looking forward to/not so keen about school this year. **Leader prays for all of them to be filled with God’s peace and joy each day.**

**Snack & Story idea –Ruth & Naomi .** Ruth had to start a new scary journey. Ruth is a faithful friend and adopted daughter to Naomi, and leaves her own community to join Naomi's.  Not only this, but she takes on a faithfulness to Naomi's God and becomes an ancestor of David- an amazingly important woman! God goes with her on this scary journey and blesses and cares for her.

Use kids bible story book or Video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTZjvMzXQs4>

**Activity - God, us & others. – Make a paper bookmark.** [**http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/friendship**](http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/friendship)

**Activity Discussion:**

*Like the braided paper, Ruth joined her life together with Naomi and with God. Who is your life joined to?*

We are going to make this bookmark now. When the paper is braded together it becomes strong. When we invite Jesus into our hearts our lives become joined with God and his family.

*How does being a part of God’s family make us strong?*

Choose a colour that represents God and a colour that represents you and all the people you will meet and the places you will go this term. When you look at this bookmark remember God goes with you.