Puzzle for Ruth

This is a review activity for a class after studying the life of Ruth. Students match clues on adjacent puzzle pieces to form a complete rectangle of pieces.

Directions

1. Teach your students about Ruth in the Bible book by her name. This of course, will take several lessons before you can use this review game.
2. Print page 2 of this document one time for each group you plan to have in class (or one page for each student if you prefer your students to work alone).
3. Use a paper cutter to cut out the 12 squares.
4. Put the 12 pieces in an envelope or sandwich bag.
5. Students work to arrange the pieces into a complete rectangle—4 squares by 3.

Suggestions to make the game easier:

1) Assemble the puzzle as a class or at least in pairs if your students have difficulty on their own.
2) Give the students only two matching pieces of the puzzle to start. After they correctly align the pieces, give them a third piece that fits, a fourth etc. until they have completed the entire puzzle.

- To make the puzzle more difficult, print page 4, which has no picture in the center of each piece but has the same clues as page 2.

- Other suggestions

1) Create your own version of a puzzle with the template on page 3. Use whatever theme you have been studying recently—the Judges, the Kings, the people who met Christ etc.
2) Do a puzzle race, timing the students to see who can complete the puzzle correctly in the least amount of time. This allows your students to do the puzzle more than once, reinforcing the learning.

About this Activity

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