

K-5th Grade

Ruth & Boaz

Activity Ideas

SESSION TITLE: Ruth and Boaz

Bible Passage: Ruth

Story Point: God provided for Ruth and Naomi.

Key Passage: 1 John 1:9a

Big Picture Question: What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

Activities

Option 1: Follow-the-leader

Invite the kids to play follow-the-leader. Select one kid to be the leader. The leader will move about the room and the rest of the kids will follow and mimic the ways the leader moves. Every few minutes of play, assign a new kid to be the leader.

Say • Great job following those leaders. In our story today we will learn about a woman named Ruth who chose to follow another woman, named Naomi. Ruth had the option to stop following, but chose to stick with Naomi and even to worship the one true God with Naomi!

Option 2: Grain gathering

Scatter chenille stems around the room. Form two teams of kids. Challenge the teams to gather as much of the “grain” as they can. Every 10 stems is a “bundle” of grain. Allow the teams to gather for a few minutes. At the end of the game, the team with the most complete bundles wins. For an added challenge, you may use multiple colors of stems and only count bundles in which all 10 stems are one color.

Say • You gathered that “grain” wonderfully. Today we will learn about a woman named Ruth who had to gather bits of grain that was dropped behind the harvesters. She gathered enough to feed herself and her mother-in-law, Naomi.

Option 3: Redeem the piece

Form groups of three or four kids. Provide each group with a puzzle (between 20-50 pieces each) from which you have removed a piece. Allow the groups time to work on their puzzles. When they realize that their puzzle is missing a piece, reveal that you have the missing pieces. Ask the kids what

they would be willing to do or give you to get the missing pieces. Discuss the idea of redemption. Then review the story.

Say • God provided a redeemer for Ruth. Boaz purchased the land that Naomi's husband and sons had lost. He married Ruth and became their family redeemer. In a similar way, Jesus bought us back from the power of sin and death. Jesus paid for our sins when He died on the cross. His resurrection on the third day proved that He was victorious. Through Jesus, we can be redeemed!