

**Preschool**  
**Ruth & Boaz**  
*Activities & Crafts*

**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.

*Play "Follow the Leader"*

Choose a child to be the leader. Invite the rest of the group to line up behind the leader. As the leader walks around the room, the rest of the group will follow while mimicking the leaders actions. After a certain amount of time, choose a new leader and play again. The former leader should move to the back of the line.

Say • In today's Bible story, we will hear about two women named Naomi and Ruth. Naomi told Ruth to go home to her family, but Ruth chose to follow Naomi. Ruth said, "Wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you live, I will live; your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." Listen to the story.

*Draw your family*

Encourage children to draw their families on a sheet of paper. Consider offering strips of construction paper for preschoolers to glue around the edges of their drawing to make a frame. Ask questions about children's families as they work. Remind preschoolers about Ruth's family.

Say • Ruth and Naomi were all alone. They needed help! God provided for Ruth and Naomi. Ruth met Boaz, and Naomi realized that he was a member of their family. Ruth married Boaz, and they had a baby boy named Obed. Boaz was a family redeemer. He helped his close relatives. Boaz bought back what his relatives lost. Jesus is our Redeemer. He bought our salvation from sin by dying on the cross.

*Glue grains on a basket*

Print a "Basket Outline" on heavyweight paper for each preschooler. Set out a variety of grains such as oatmeal, rice, wheat, and barley. Help preschoolers use a foam brush to spread a thin layer of glue on their basket. Invite preschoolers to sprinkle grains on the glue. Read the story point.

Say • Ruth and Naomi needed food. Ruth went to a field where workers were harvesting grain. She went behind the workers and picked up the grain that they left behind. Boaz knew that Ruth had been kind to Naomi, so he told her to stay in his field where she would be safe. Boaz was a family redeemer. God provided for Ruth and Naomi.

### *Care for babies*

Provide dolls and blankets; a doll bed or box; and other baby care items such as empty baby powder container, empty baby bottle, and a rattle or toys. Encourage preschoolers to talk about ways that families take care of each other and especially for babies and small children. Pray thanking God for the families of the children in your room.

Say • Naomi and Ruth were sad as they moved to Bethlehem. They didn't have any other family. They didn't have the food they needed. God provided for Ruth and Naomi. He provided Boaz, who was a family redeemer. Boaz married Ruth and they had a baby boy named Obed. Boaz and Ruth loved Obed. Naomi loved Obed, too! Because Boaz redeemed Ruth, they had a happy family. God provided for them. God provides for our families, too!

### *Work family puzzles*

Set out puzzles depicting families. If family puzzles are unavailable, print "Family Puzzles" in color on heavyweight paper. Cut along the cut lines. Consider contacting preschool families before the session and asking them to email you a digital photo of their family. Print the photos in color on heavyweight paper, and cut them into four to six pieces. Provide envelopes for preschoolers to take their family puzzle home.

Say • God provided for Ruth and Naomi through Boaz, their family redeemer. Your parents provide for you in many ways. They help you learn about Jesus and bring you to church to learn about Jesus. They help you to learn what is right and what is wrong. We choose to do things that are wrong. That is called sin. God wants us to repent of our sin and turn to Jesus. He will forgive us through Jesus, our Redeemer. Jesus bought our salvation from sin by dying on the cross.

### *Make invitations*

Cut and fold watercolor paper to form cards. On the front of each card write, *You are invited* with a black permanent marker. Cover a table with a disposable tablecloth or newspaper. Set out watercolors, paintbrushes, and cups of water. Guide preschoolers to paint their cards. As preschoolers work, guide them to think of whom they can invite to church with their invitation. Set aside cards to dry. Encourage preschool parents at pickup and with an email during the week to help their preschooler fill out the inside of the card with your church's information and deliver it.

Say • Part of the Dye family's plan to let people in Atlanta know that Jesus bought our salvation when He died on the cross is to invite everyone they meet to their church. We can invite people to our church too!