

Preschool
Ruth & Boaz
Parent Devo & Bible Study

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.

Parent Devotional

Only two books in the Old Testament bear the name of a woman: Ruth and Esther. Ruth's story occurs at the time when judges ruled over Israel. God's people were characterized by rebellion and immorality. At a time when the Israelites desperately needed a king to lead them back to God, Ruth's story of faithfulness points us to Jesus Christ, a coming Redeemer who will make all wrong things right again.

Ruth was the daughter-in-law of Naomi, a woman from Bethlehem who settled in Moab with her husband and two sons to escape a famine. Naomi's husband died, and her two sons married Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth. They lived in Moab for 10 years; then Naomi's sons died.

Naomi heard that the Lord had provided food for His people during the famine, so she decided to go back to Judah. Naomi encouraged Orpah and Ruth to return to their families. Orpah returned home, but Ruth clung to Naomi. Ruth said, "Wherever you go, I will go ... your people will be my people, and your God will be my God" (Ruth 1:16). So Naomi and Ruth traveled back to Bethlehem together.

Naomi permitted Ruth to gather fallen grain in a field. The owner of the field was Boaz, a relative of Naomi's late husband and a family redeemer. A family redeemer was someone who would help his close relatives if they were in trouble. Boaz noticed Ruth and told her she could safely gather grain in his field. At Naomi's urging, Ruth sought to be redeemed by Boaz. Boaz bought back the land Naomi and Ruth had lost when their husbands died, and he married Ruth. They had a son named Obed, whose grandson would be King David.

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Ruth and Boaz

Naomi's family lived in Judah, but there was not enough food in the land. They **decided to go to the land of Moab** where they could find food.

Naomi's husband died in Moab and her sons got married. Their wives' names were Orpah and Ruth. Then Naomi's sons died too. Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth were all alone. **Naomi wanted to go home to Judah.** Judah had food now. **Naomi told Orpah and Ruth to go back to their families.**

The women were very sad to leave each other. **Orpah went home, but** Ruth would not leave 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."** So Naomi and Ruth went to Bethlehem.

It was time for the farmers to gather what they had planted in their fields. The people gathering the crops left some of the grain on the ground for people who needed it. **Ruth went to a field owned by a man named Boaz.** Boaz saw Ruth working. He had heard how kind Ruth was to Naomi. **Boaz told Ruth to stay in his field where she would be safe. Boaz made sure Ruth had food.**

Ruth gathered grain in the field and took it home to Naomi. She told Naomi about Boaz. **"Boaz is a close relative," Naomi said. "He is one of our family redeemers."** A family redeemer was someone who helped his relatives if they needed help.

Naomi knew Boaz would be a good husband for Ruth since he was part of their family, **so she gave Ruth special instructions. Ruth** put on her best clothes and did everything Naomi told her to do. She **showed Boaz that she wanted to be his wife. Ruth said, "You are a family redeemer."**

Boaz promised to redeem Ruth, which meant he would **buy back the land that Naomi lost after her husband died, and** he would **marry Ruth.**

Boaz married Ruth, and they had a baby boy named Obed. When Obed grew up, he was the father of Jesse, who was the father of King David.

Christ Connection: 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 by dying on the cross for our sin.

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."