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Bible Passage: Ruth and Boaz / Ruth

Story Point: God provided for Ruth and Naomi.

Key Passage/Memory Verse: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us.” 1 John 1:9a

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

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.*

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* **BIBLE STUDY TIPS FOR PARENTS:**

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.

God gave Ruth—a foreigner—a special place in the lineage of Jesus Christ. As you teach preschoolers today, introduce them to Jesus, our Redeemer. He bought for us salvation, paying the price with His very own blood.

*** BIBLE STORY:**

Turn to Ruth with the help of your preschooler.

Say • The Bible is God's words. The stories in the Bible are true. Our story today is in the Book of Ruth. Ruth is in the first part of the Bible called the Old Testament.

Point to the Bible story picture on the giant timeline. Remind children that all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell an even bigger story. The Bible tells us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bolded version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

Ruth and Boaz: Ruth

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.*

SAY • Ruth and Naomi needed help. They needed food and protection. **God provided for Ruth and Naomi.** Boaz was one of their family redeemers. A family redeemer helped his close relatives. Boaz helped Ruth and Naomi. He married Ruth and bought back the land that Naomi’s family had lost. Jesus is our Redeemer. He bought our salvation by dying on the cross for our sin.

KEY PASSAGE

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SAY • Our key passage reminds us that God is righteous. God always does what is right and good. We do not always do what is right and good. We are sinners, but when we confess our sins, God will forgive us because of Jesus.

*** PRAYER**

*** ACTIVITY:**

ACTIVITY PAGE & COLORING PAGE:

Help preschoolers follow the instruction for each block on the activity page.

Say • God provides for us in many ways! He gives us families to care for us, homes to live in, and food to eat. He gives us the Bible that tells us about Jesus. In today’s Bible story, we will hear how God provided for two women who needed help.

DRAW YOUR FAMILY

Encourage children to draw their families on a sheet of paper. If you would like you can provide strips of construction paper for your preschooler to glue around the edges of their drawing to make a frame. 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.

PLAY A BIBLE BOOK MATCHING GAME

Print two copies of the "Genesis–Ruth" printable and cut apart the strips. Mix up the strips. Lay the strips faceup in a grid and read out the names. Remind children that these are the first books in the Old Testament. Turn over the strips. Invite preschoolers to take turns turning over two strips at a time to try to find a match. Leave the strips faceup for younger preschoolers. When a child finds a match, she may keep the strips. Continue until all the strips have been matched. Then ask preschoolers to help you put the book names in order. Read the book names, and ask preschoolers to echo the names to you.

Say • You have learned the names of the first eight books in the Old Testament. Can you say them again with me? We have been learning about the judges in the Book of Judges. Today, you heard about a woman named Ruth. Her story is found in the Book of Ruth.

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Why did Naomi and Ruth go back to Judah? (*It was Naomi's home, and Judah had food now.*)
- Why did the people gathering crops leave some on the ground? (*for people who needed it to take it*)
- What is a family redeemer? (*someone who helped his relatives if they needed help*)
- Why did Naomi know Boaz would be a good husband for Ruth? (*He was part of their family.*)
- What did Boaz and Ruth name their son? (*Obed*)
- ***What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.***