

In-Home Discipleship Guide

Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for Sunday worship. We encourage you to take advantage of this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

THEME: GOD REDEEMS!

MEMORY VERSE: “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer” Ruth 4:14

BIG IDEA: God works out everything for our good and His Glory.

SONGS: Click [here](#) for Sunday’s worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

TEACHING PASSAGE: Ruth 4:1-22

*See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.*

Discussion Questions:

Ruth 4:1-22

1. Why do you think Boaz wants to meet at the gate with the redeemer he had told Ruth about and why does he ask the elders of the city to join them?
2. In verse 4 the redeemer says that he will redeem, what happens to make him change his mind? (verse 5)
3. After reading verses 2-10 what are the priorities of the unnamed kinsman and Boaz?
4. The Elders gave a blessing for Boaz to marry Ruth that should have been for an Israelite woman why would they give this blessing to a Moabite, an outsider? (verse 11)
5. (Read Matthew 1:2-6) Who is Boaz’s mother, do a little research about her from (Joshua 2) do you think this may have been why Boaz and the elders were accepting of Ruth?
6. Reread Ruth 1:19-21 then read Ruth 4:14-17 how have the women in the community and Naomi’s response to them been different from the time Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem?
7. God provided Naomi and Ruth with a redeemer He has also given each and everyone of us a Redeemer in Jesus, have you allowed yourself to be Redeemed?

Additional Resources

Teaching Passage: Ruth 4:1-22

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. ²And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. ³Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. ⁴So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." ⁶Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

⁷Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. ⁹Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. ¹⁰Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." ¹¹Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹²and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

¹³So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, ¹⁹Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, ²⁰Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ²¹Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, ²²Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

Say: Boaz was a wise and law-abiding man. He invited the elders to be a witness his transaction of redeeming Ruth and all that belonged to Elimelech's family.

Ask: What was the custom in Israel concerning a transaction? (verse 7)

Ask: What is a common custom (before covid) we have in modern times, concerning a transaction?

Say: By redeeming Ruth, Boaz was able to protect and preserve the life if Ruth and Naomi. Jesus is our redeemer and he protects and preserves our life through the cross. The cross can serve as a symbol of the price Jesus paid for us. Kind of like the exchange of a sandal or a handshake symbolizes the agreed upon price of a transaction.

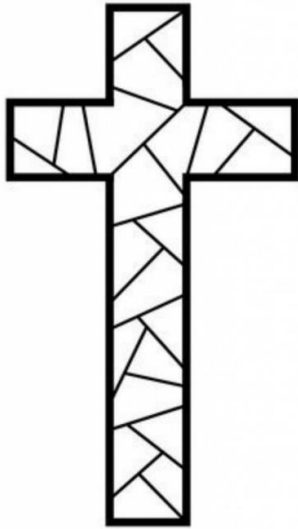
Activity: Set up a play market with items to sell like food or toys. Take turns being the market owner and the patron. As the patron, make an offer to buy something from the owner. When you arrive at an agreed price take off your shoe and give it to the owner to confirm the transaction or shake hands to confirm. (Did that feel silly?)
Notice in verses 11-12 and 14-15 the community blessed and celebrated Boaz, Ruth and Naomi.

Ask: What did the elders say and what did the women say?

Discuss: why do you think the author mentions how the community responded? What can you learn about encouraging and supporting people in your church family from the way the elders and the women responded in Chapter 4?

Ask: What can you do today to encourage someone with your words?

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