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THE STORY OF RUTH

RUTH

CHRIST CONNECTION

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION

How does God care for His creation? **God loves and rules over all He made.**

MEMORY VERSES

2 Chronicles 7:14 | Philippians 4:19

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

The book of Ruth weaves a redemption story that begins with one family from Bethlehem and points toward the Messiah born in the same city. In the story of Ruth, we see how God sees and cares for His people, even demonstrating His love for the nations through a Moabite woman who became a part of Jesus' lineage. God's provision for not only Ruth, but all people is revealed through the theme of a redeemer.

What does Ruth's story teach us about our need for redemption? How does faith play a role in this book of the Bible?

In the time of the judges, famine overtook the land of Judah. So, a man named Elimelech traveled with his family to the land of Moab. Eventually, Elimelech and his two sons died, leaving his wife Naomi and her two daughters-in-law seemingly without provision or protection in their time of need. Naomi granted her late sons' wives to return to their homelands, yet Ruth swore to remain with Naomi and declared that Naomi's God would be her God too.

Ruth remained faithful to Naomi and took to the fields to glean grain for them both. It was there she received kindness from the field's owner Boaz, whom she soon learned was their family redeemer. Boaz had the power to bring Ruth and Naomi back into Elimelech's family so their lineage would continue. He took Ruth as his wife to provide her with the food and protection she needed. Like Ruth, we need provision, but our need goes even further: salvation from sin. The kindness of Jesus led Him to the cross to redeem us amid our sinful state.

Lead kids to see that this story goes beyond mere physical provision to reveal a God who made the way to offer us salvation. Pray that the kids in your group would see God's sovereign hand at work in this story and that they would trust in Jesus as the perfect and final Redeemer.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the Memory Verse Activity below as a group!

MEMORY VERSES

...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

This month we have TWO verses that we can memorize together — 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Philippians 4:19.

Using the TV in your room, review the motions video for each of the verses. Practice the motions as a group, then give kids the opportunity to practice on their own.

To continue reviewing, write one of the verses on the whiteboard and have kids read it. Erase 1-2 words, then have kids read it aloud again, including the words that have been erased. Repeat until the kids can say the verse from memory. Then, play again with the second verse!

Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on May 25!

LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

THE STORY OF RUTH

During the time of the judges, there was a famine in the land. A man named Elimelech left Israel with his wife Naomi and his two sons to try to find food in a land called Moab. His sons married two Moabite women. One was named Orpah, and the other was named Ruth.

Later, Elimelech and his two sons died, leaving Naomi without her two children and without her husband. Naomi planned to go back to Israel and told Orpah and Ruth to stay in Moab. She said, "May the Lord grant each of you a new husband."

But Ruth replied, "Wherever you go, I will go. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." So, Naomi and Ruth traveled to the town of Bethlehem. It was the beginning of the barley harvest.

Naomi and Ruth needed food, so Ruth decided to go to the fields and gather any grain that the harvesters left behind. The field she chose to gather grain in was owned by a man named Boaz. He noticed Ruth gathering grain in his field. He asked one of his servants, "Who is this young woman?"

The servant replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who returned with Naomi. She has been working hard since early morning."

Boaz went to Ruth and said, "Please don't go and gather grain in any other field. Stay close to my female servants and you will be safe. And if you get thirsty, drink from the jars my servants have filled." Boaz also told his workers to pull out some of the good grain from the bundles and leave them behind for her to gather.

Ruth told Naomi about Boaz's kindness. Naomi asked God to bless Boaz. Then she told Ruth that Boaz was a family redeemer. A family redeemer was a man who had the responsibility to help his relatives when they were in need.

Ruth went to Boaz and said, "Please take me under your wing, because you are a family redeemer to me."

Boaz replied, "I will do for you whatever you say, because you are a woman of noble character."

Boaz went to the town gate and spoke to the elders. Boaz redeemed Ruth by buying back the land that once belonged to Naomi's husband. Then Ruth and Boaz were married, and they had a son named Obed, who would be the grandfather of King David.

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K12 ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with younger kids after Large Group.

MAIN ACTIVITY

Divide your group into three teams — a green team, a yellow team, and a brown team. Then, take the provided green, yellow, and brown pipe cleaners and scatter them around the room.

Challenge the teams to work together to gather their color “grain” and put it in their team’s basket as fast as possible. The first team to gather all their grain wins! Repeat as time allows.

CONNECT THE DOTS



What can we make with grain? Bread! Today, we learned about Ruth, who gathered grain to feed her and her mother-in-law. They were poor, but God cared for them and provided a family redeemer to take care of them.

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The Bible is the Word of God! It’s important for us to learn from the Bible and about the Bible. When we read a book of the Bible, it’s helpful to know what kind of book it is so that we read it correctly.

BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Briefly explain to kids that there are different categories — or types — of books in the Bible. *(Optional: use the TV slides to help explain.)*

Give each kid a few “books” and have them put them in the correct category. They can reference the books of the Bible poster if they get stuck.

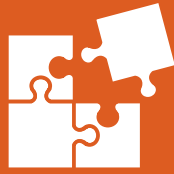
EXTRA TIME: BARLEY BOOKMARK

Give each kid a bookmark and ribbon. Have kids weave the ribbon through the holes in the bookmark to make a barley stem. Then, have them write “God provides” on a blank spot. Use the provided instruction sheets for extra help!

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BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Using the TV in your room, play the “Books of the Bible Scramble” game provided.

Kids can work together as a group or split into smaller ones. You can also make it a race to see who/which team can get the correct answer first. However you play, make it fun for kids!

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CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. How did Ruth show she trusted God?
2. Ruth was not an Israelite. Can anyone become a part of God's family? Why?
3. Who was Ruth and Boaz's great-grandson?
4. How does God provide the things we need?
5. How is Jesus our Redeemer?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

Go to the Leader Folder on one of the TVs in your room. (*Hit the back button until you see it.*) There, you'll find games and activities to do with your group!



BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!