

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **August 29, 2021** Family Theme | **God Provides Redemption** Study Text | **Ruth 4:1-17**

**Objective:** Children understand that God had a plan for Naomi and Ruth's redemption, and He has one for us as well. We worship and serve our Redeemer and tell others about His plan of redemption.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** This lesson is set during the time of the judges between the death of Joshua and the rise of the monarchy. Ruth became an ancestor of King David, and thus of the Messiah, who would come through the nation of Israel.

**Bible Basics:** Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. What does the Tenth Commandment mean? Answer: The Tenth Commandment (Exodus 20:17) instructs us to be content with the things we have and not to be longing for other things.

## Read the Word: Ruth 4:1-17

## Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that the kinsman-redeemer practice in Israel was a picture of how Jesus would become like us and pay the penalty of our sins to redeem us to God.



### **Key Truth: God Provided a Way of Redemption for Those in Need (Ruth 4:1-12)**

Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth returned to Bethlehem from Moab when the famine ended. Their husbands had both died. Their relative Boaz gathered ten of the elders to serve as witnesses. He laid out the situation: Elimelech's widow Naomi needed to buy back some land Elimelech had leased when they moved away. The other kinsman was the closest relative and could purchase the land while the elders/witnesses were all present. If he declined, then Boaz, the next in line, would do it. Whoever redeemed the land of their dead relative also needed to wed the widow Ruth, the Moabitess, in order to maintain the name of Elimelech and his sons. The first child between Ruth and her kinsman-redeemer would be reckoned as the offspring of Elimelech's dead son Mahlon, Ruth's first husband, and he would receive Elimelech's inheritance. The other man found this unacceptable. The path was clear for Boaz to redeem Elimelech's land and to marry Ruth. The Old Testament redemption process and the kinsman-redeemer practice pointed to the spiritual redemption that would come through Christ, who became our Kinsman-Redeemer. His spiritual life and riches replace our spiritual death and decimation. He alone is our hope of redemption.



### **Key Truth: God's Redemption Leads to Joy and Worship (Ruth 4:13-17)**

Ruth had remained childless during her marriage with Mahlon. Now, through God's hand, she conceived and bore a son to Boaz. Sons were very important in ancient Israel. The judgment the women of the village pronounced about Ruth (*better than seven sons*) shows us how highly they esteemed her. Naomi had returned bitter and "shriveled up." Now, however, her life was being renewed. She quickly assumed her grandmotherly responsibilities. Naomi thus became the grandmother of Obed, who became the grandfather of David, the great king. Of course, during her lifetime, neither she, nor Ruth, nor Boaz knew of those events to come. Nor could they dream that the true Kinsman-Redeemer of all who believe, Jesus of Nazareth, would come in the line of their great-and-great-grandsons. We should worship God for the redemption He has brought into our lives. And like Boaz, we can offer ourselves as instruments of redemption to the lost around us as we do good in the world and share the gospel.

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- How is the kinsman-redeemer a picture of the redemption Christ would later provide for us?
- What should be our response to the redemption Christ has provided for us?
- How does God want to use us as instruments of redemption?
- With whom could you share the story of Naomi and Ruth and explain how Christ is our Redeemer?
- **For Elementary:** How did God provide for Naomi and Ruth?
- **For Elementary:** What was a kinsman-redeemer able to do in the Old Testament for a relative in need?
- **For Elementary:** How is Jesus our Redeemer?

## Everyday Extras

Collect the opposites in the story of Ruth! Here are a few, but your family may find more. Talk about the opposite words and why they are part of the story. You could make a memory game by writing the pairs on note cards, turning them over, and “matching” the opposites. Or you could select a pair of opposites and pantomime it as a guessing game for one another.

Bitter – Sweet  
Famine – Plenty  
Wife – Husband  
Married – Widow  
Leave you – Go with you  
Full – Empty  
Young – Old  
Night – Morning  
Son – Daughter

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE **1** & ROUND **2**

Today your child learned Boaz wanted to take care of Ruth and be her family redeemer. But first, he had to see if another family member wanted to be her redeemer. The other family member said Boaz could marry Ruth. They were married and had a family. God took care of Ruth in many different ways. **God Takes Care of Me** too.