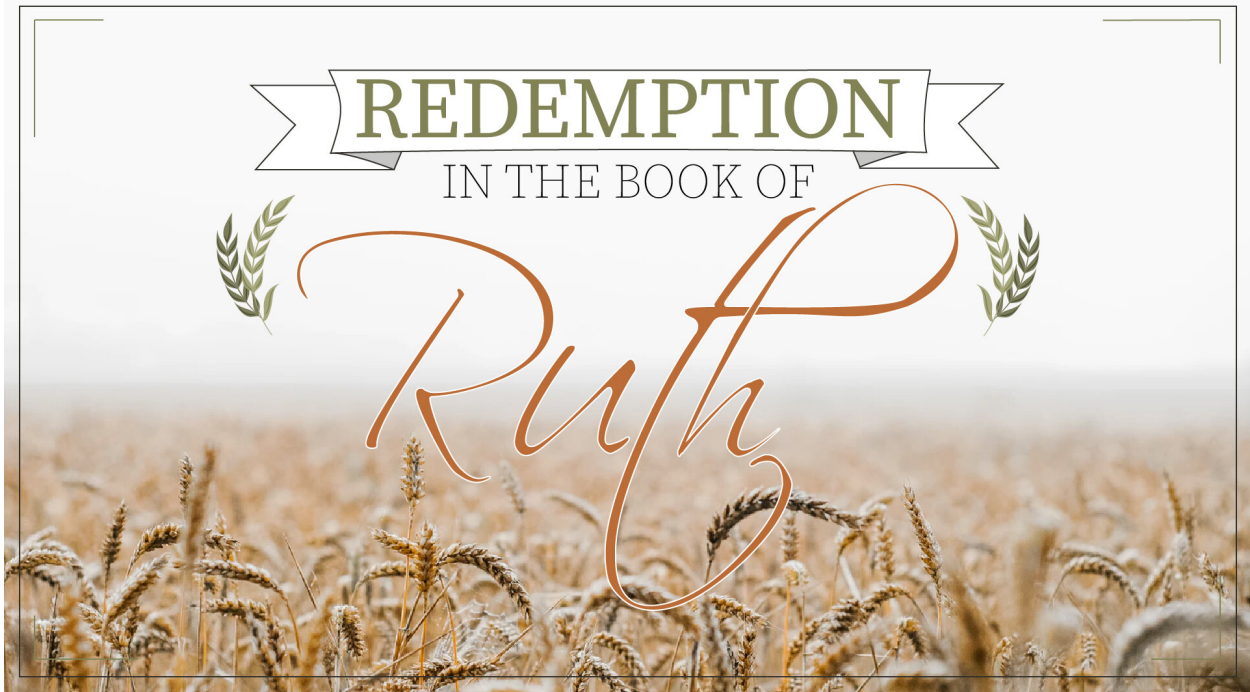


REDEMPTION IN THE BOOK OF RUTH

**Chapter Four****A Note to the Parents/Teachers**

This final chapter of Ruth provides a happy ending for Ruth and Naomi's story, but more than that, it points God's people forward to a more full and complete restoration for all people. Read the chapter, focus on the genealogy at the end, then read the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-17. Pray for the Spirit to help you see and help the kids see the big picture of redemption in Ruth.

- **Big Idea:** God's redeeming work is for all people!

Starter

- **Game:** 'Everyone who has...'
Tell everyone wearing blue to come up front. Give them the snack for the day. Then, ask them to give away the snack to another kid not up front. If they do, replenish their snack and ask them to do it again. Do this until all kids have a snack. Let them know God called Israel not because they were special, but so that they could share what He gave them with the world.

Sing Together

Never Let Go Of Me - https://youtu.be/WJgIPk_NkZY

Story

Just as Boaz promised, he went to see the man who was Naomi and Ruth's closest family redeemer. Remember, this was the person who was supposed to take care of Naomi and Ruth after they lost their husbands and couldn't provide for themselves. Boaz made sure there were other people around to hear their conversation and be witnesses.

He told the man, "Naomi has come back home from Bethlehem and is selling the part of the field that belonged to her husband. You have the first right to buy the land and make it yours, but if you don't, let all these people know and they'll be witnesses that I am able to redeem it."

The man said, "Yes! I want the land."

"Okay", said Boaz. "Now, when you buy it, you must also take her daughter-in-law, Ruth, to be your wife. This is according to our law and our responsibility to care for widows in our family. You know Ruth, the foreigner from Moab, right?"

"Oh... uh, I actually cannot redeem the land or marry Ruth", the man said. "It would ruin me to marry the foreign woman. You redeem them!"

So, Boaz agreed in front of all the witnesses to marry Ruth, and redeem her and Naomi and their land. He and Ruth married and soon had a child, named Obed. Obed grew up and had a son named Jesse, who later also had a son, named David. That's right, Ruth was the great-grandmother of King David. But not only that, David had sons who had children who had children and much later, out of that same family, the true King, Jesus, was born.

Ruth was a foreign woman, not from God's chosen people, Israel. Yet, she trusted in the one true God. And remember, God's plan was to always have Israel welcome all people from all nations into His family. Isn't it amazing that Jesus himself, who was the best and truest Israelite ever, came from a family that included people who were not Israelites? And sure enough, Jesus fulfilled what Israel was supposed to do, by welcoming all people of all nations into God's family.

[Dialogue Questions - you may use some or all]

- Why do you think the first man did not want to redeem Naomi, Ruth, and their land? Did this stop God from using someone else to redeem?
- Are there times God is asking you to care for people and you do not want to do it?

- Like the first man, Israel was supposed to care for all nations. But just like the first man, they failed to. So, just like God sent another family redeemer in Boaz, He sent a better Redeemer for all the world in Jesus! What does that tell us about God?

Breakout Time

- **Prayer:**

God, thank you for redeeming all of the world through your son, Jesus. Thank you for your Spirit to help us trust in salvation.

- **Craft:**

Use the coloring sheet attached, from the book, God's Very Good Idea. This displays people of all kinds, who are all part of God's big plan of redemption.

- **BLESS Activity:**

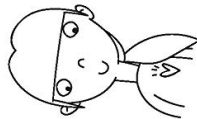
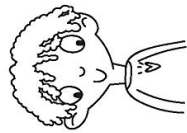
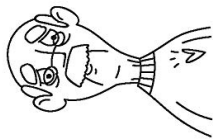
For kids to do during the week

Because this Story is true, we want to be faithful to live in it. We ask the Spirit to help us to *Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, and Sabbath* (rest & celebrate) in ways that tell the good news of God's Story.

This week, focus on the **Sabbath** rhythm. Take some this week to rest as a family and thank God for saving and redeeming you. Do something fun, restful, or creative. Thank God that one day He will bring rest to all the world!

God's idea was to make **PEOPLE**...
lots of people... lots of different people...
who would all enjoy loving him and
all enjoy loving each other.

Complete the picture by
drawing lots of different
people on these pages.



Draw yourself
here!

