



# MOSAIC Gospel Project

## Volume 3, Unit 9, Lesson 5: Ruth and Boaz

**Bible Passage:** Ruth

### Personal Preparation

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 would 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 instructed 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 the individuals today, introduce them to Jesus, our Redeemer. He bought for us salvation, paying the price with his very own blood. Take time to praise God for sending Jesus to redeem us. Pray that the individuals would know Jesus as their Redeemer.

### Memory Verse

Start the lesson by reviewing the memory verse with the group. This will be the last lesson with this memory verse.

#### 1 John 1:9

*"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."*

### Points of Emphasis

1. God provided a redeemer for Ruth.
2. Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

### Activity #1

Guide the group to begin working on the activity sheet. Feel free to let them continue as you teach the lesson.

### Video

**God's people were in a cycle of sin. They would choose to disobey, God would send other nations to rule over them, and they would remember how much better life was while they worshiped God. God sent judge**

after judge to lead them back to him, but they repeatedly disobeyed. God’s people needed a redeemer, someone to buy them back from sin. Our story today took place during the time of the judges, and it’s about a woman who needed a redeemer too. It’s called “Ruth and Boaz.”

Play the video for the lesson titled “Ruth and Boaz.”

## Bible Lesson

During the cycle of judges, a woman named Naomi left Israel with her husband. Her sons married women from Moab, but they had no children. Naomi’s husband and sons died, meaning her family no longer had a way to keep the land that belonged to them in Israel. Ruth, her daughter-in-law, worked hard to gather food to feed them both, but she needed a redeemer—someone to buy the land Naomi had and provide for them.

God provided a redeemer for Ruth. Boaz saw Ruth’s faithfulness to Naomi and her hard-working attitude. He cared for her and wanted to protect her from hard times. Boaz agreed to redeem Ruth and buy the land that belonged to Naomi’s family. God used Boaz and Ruth to further his plan to send the true Redeemer, Jesus. Ruth and Boaz became the great-grandparents of King David. And David was an important ancestor of Jesus, the Son of God. Through Boaz and Ruth, God provided the One who saved the world from sin and death.

## Activity #2

Lead the group to complete the activity sheet. Review the memory verse with the group. Let them practice what they have learned, and encourage them to continue working to memorize the verse. Guide the individuals to write the memory verse using the Velcro pictures.

## Christ Connection

**Boaz was a family redeemer. He helped his close relatives who were in trouble. Boaz cared for Ruth and Naomi because their husbands had died. In a similar way, Jesus is our Redeemer. We need help because we sin. Jesus bought our salvation for us by taking our punishment when he died on the cross.**

Play the Gospel Presentation video. Discuss the gospel with the individuals, and answer any questions they might have. Help them think through what following Jesus could mean for their lives.

## Review Questions

*(Optional: Play the Questions from Kids (QFK) video to continue the discussion on Ruth and Boaz. Today’s episode discusses what it means to be a part of God’s family.)*

Group A

Early Learner

Encourage the individuals to point to the pictures provided or to draw in order to answer these questions.

- 1. Point to who told Samson’s parents not to Who stayed with Naomi when her husband died?** Ruth
- 2. Who provided Ruth and Naomi with protection, food, and water?** Boaz
- 3. Who redeemed Ruth and married her?** Boaz
- 4. Who is our Redeemer?** Jesus

Group B

- 1. Where was Ruth from originally?** Moab
- 2. What did Boaz do for Ruth?** He invited her to stay in his fields, offered her protection and water, and married her and redeemed her and Naomi.
- 3. Boaz and Ruth were the great-grandparents of whom?** David, the eventual king of Israel and an important ancestor of Jesus
- 4. How does Boaz point us forward to Jesus?** Boaz bought back the land of Naomi and Ruth’s family. He redeemed the women and gave them a new life. Through Jesus,

we can be redeemed from sin, protected from death, and given new life with God forever.

5. **How did Jesus redeem us?** We are born in sin. We cannot earn God's love, so we needed Jesus to save us. Jesus came to earth to live the perfectly obedient life we never could. He died the death we deserved and rose again to prove that his sacrifice was enough. He defeated sin and death so we could have new life with God.
6. **How does God's great love for us change the way we behave toward others?** When we love God, we will want to obey him and love the things he loves. That includes loving other people. We will want to see those in need comforted and cared for. Obeying God means taking care of other people and showing them his love.

#### Group C

7. **Why do we need Jesus to be our Redeemer?** Without Jesus, we are slaves to sin and need someone to redeem us, or pay the price to set us free. Jesus paid the penalty for sin by dying on the cross. He rose from the dead. Everyone who trusts in him is freed from sin and death.
8. **Why do you think Jesus loves all people?** God created all people in his image, and Jesus does not want anyone to be separated from him.
9. **What evidence of God's grace have you seen in your own life?** Lead the individuals to recall that grace is God's goodness toward those who deserve only punishment. As sinners, we deserve death but God—by his grace—provides salvation through his Son, Jesus. God also graciously and freely gives us good gifts.

#### Group D

##### Advanced Learner

1. **What does this story teach us about God?** God provides for our greatest need. God provided a redeemer for Ruth. Ruth was gathering leftover grain in a field when she met Boaz. Boaz was a wealthy man and a relative of Naomi's dead husband. Boaz redeemed Ruth—he agreed to take care

of her—and he married her. Jesus is our Redeemer. We need help because we sin. Jesus bought our salvation by taking our punishment when he died on the cross.

2. **How did God use Ruth's family in his plan to send Jesus?** A thousand years before Ruth lived, God promised Abraham that he was going to bless his family. Ruth was part of that family. Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed, who grew up and had a son named Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David! Through this family, God planned to bring his Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world.
3. **What does it mean to be part of God's family?**
4. **How can you show God's love to someone in need?**

#### Prayer

Lord God, thank you for your good plans. You provided a redeemer for Ruth, and we are reminded that you ultimately provided a Redeemer for us in Jesus. You welcome us into your family and make us brothers and sisters in Christ. You are a good Father, and we love you. Amen.

