

**HomeWord**  
For Parents

**R**uth did not belong in Israel. She was from Moab. She married an Israelite when his family moved to her nation to avoid a famine. She was left in a bad circumstance when her husband and her husband's father and brother died. Now it was Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah—three women alone. It was a grave thing to be a woman with no husband in that culture, so Naomi told her daughters-in-law to return to their own people, as Naomi intended to do to hers, to Bethlehem of Judah. The daughter-in-law, Orpah, did return to her people. Ruth, however, refused, declaring determined allegiance, not only to Naomi but to her people and to the true God. Ruth was more than just loyal to Naomi. Her intent was to forsake her family and to attach herself to the people of God. Certainly she must have loved Naomi, but this kind of commitment to Israel and to God, by a foreigner, was a near certain path to poverty. But God would bless her loyalty.

When Ruth and Naomi returned to Bethlehem, they were in the position of little more than beggars. Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz, a near relative to Naomi. Boaz noticed Ruth's faithfulness to both Naomi and God. As a close relative of Naomi's, Boaz could be expected to take responsibility for the care of Ruth and Naomi. And Boaz proved he was willing to marry Ruth. His redemption and marriage to Ruth led to her occupying a place in David's, and eventually Jesus's, ancestry.

The redemption of Ruth by Boaz is more than a touching story of love and compassion. Boaz is certainly a type of Christ, pointing to Jesus, our Redeemer. Boaz went beyond the call of duty to show his love and concern for Ruth, as Jesus did for sinners who would repent and turn to Him.

*Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.*

**OutWord** For Family Discussion

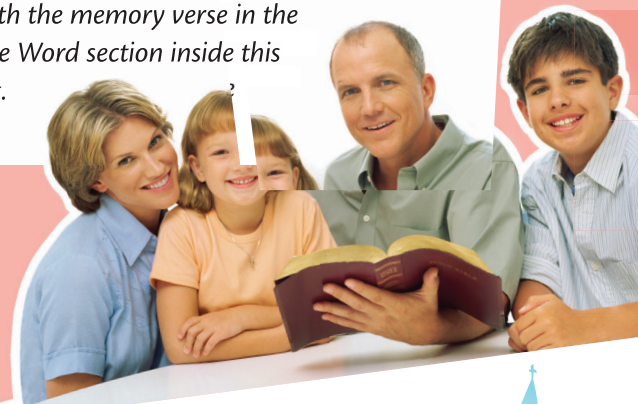
Suppose you heard someone say that God is in heaven just watching us and waiting for us to do something wrong, so He can zap us with His punishments. **What could you say?**

*Well, God does hate sin. But He isn't sitting up in heaven waiting to punish us for it. We all sin. And we deserve every punishment God has for us. But, instead of punishing us when we sin, God is merciful. He offers us a way to be forgiven instead of punished—through Jesus Christ. We all deserve hell for our sins. But God promises heaven to those who love Jesus, turn from their sins, believe in Him, and trust Him. That's the real truth about God in heaven. He is merciful and good.*

**inWord**  
For Family Study

"Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119:18). God's Word is indeed full of wonderful truths to be appreciated by even the youngest minds. Commit to discovering and learning these truths as a family.

*Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.*



# God Blesses Ruth

 Key Theme

- Boaz helped Ruth.  
Jesus helps sinners.

 Key Passages

- Ruth 1:16–17
- John 3:16



## What You HEARD in the Word

- Naomi and Ruth were redeemed by Boaz. Sinners are redeemed by Jesus Christ.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Who loved Naomi so much that she promised to stay with her?
- 2 Who helped Naomi and Ruth?
- 3 Who helps sinners?



1) Ruth. 2) Boaz. 3) Jesus.

**Read the Word with Mom & Dad**

- Monday** (Matthew 1:1)  
What is Jesus called in this verse?
- Tuesday** (Ruth 1:5)  
What were the names of Naomi's sons who died in Moab?
- Wednesday** (Ruth 1:6)  
Why did Naomi want to return to Judah?
- Thursday** (2 Corinthians 5:21)  
What did Jesus become? What will believers become because He did that?
- Friday** (Ruth 2:1)  
What does this say about Boaz?
- Saturday** (1 Samuel 16:7)  
Who is the Lord speaking to in this verse? (Your new memory verse!)

**Learn the Word!**

"For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7b

**People in Ruth Match Up**

Draw a line to match the people below. Then color them! God sent Boaz to take care of Ruth and Naomi. God sent Jesus to take care of sinners who would believe in Him for eternal life.

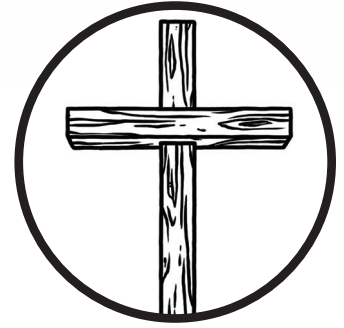
**Elimelech**—Took his family to Moab.

**Naomi**—Elimelech's wife.

**Boaz**—Saved Ruth and Naomi by taking care of them. Married Ruth.

**Ruth**—Married Naomi's son, who died. Returned to Bethlehem with Naomi. Married Boaz.

**Jesus**—Died on the Cross to save everyone who repents and believes in Him.



**LIVE the Word**  
with Johnny and His Dad

Dad, the pastor said today that everybody sins! Does that mean you and me, too?

I'm afraid so Johnny. And we deserve God's punishment for our sins.

That's really bad, isn't it, Dad?

It is bad son. But God sent Jesus. Jesus died on the Cross to take the punishment for sins. He gives eternal life to all who trust in Him.

**No One Like God**

(To the tune of "Are you sleeping?")

Shout: 1 Samuel 16:7!

For the Lord,

(Are you sleeping?)

For the Lord,

(Are you sleeping?)

Does not see—

(Brother John?)

As man sees!

(Brother John?)

Man looks at the outward—

Morning bells are ringing.

The ou-outward appearance.

(Morning bells are ringing.)

But the Lord—

(Ding, ding, dong,)

Looks at the heart!

(Ding, ding, dong.)

Shout: 1 Samuel 16:7!

**SNEAK PEEK**  
Someone keeps calling Samuel's name! Who is it? Find out next week