

HomeWord
For Parents

Ruth 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.

God Blesses Ruth

KEY **THEME**

• God is merciful toward sinners.

KEY **PASSAGES**

- Ruth 1:16–17, 2:11–12, 4:13–22
- Matthew 1:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:21



What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- Boaz showed kindness to Ruth. His kindness reminds us of the love and kindness Jesus shows toward sinners.
- Ruth and Boaz had a son who was the grandfather of King David. Jesus Christ was part of King David's family.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 What did Boaz do that showed his kindness and compassion toward Ruth?
- 2 What did Jesus do that shows His compassion toward sinners?
- 3 How is Ruth related to Jesus?

OutWord For Family Discussion

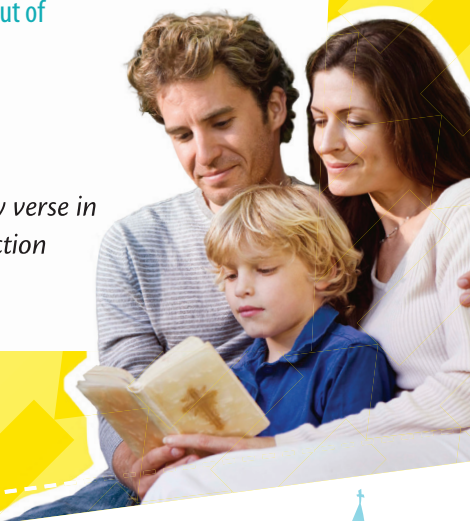
Suppose you heard someone say that God is in heaven just watching us and waiting for us to do something wrong, so He can zap us with His punishments. **What could you say?**

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, repent, 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

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



1) He married her and provided for her. 2) He died on the cross. 3) Ruth is King David's great-grandmother. Jesus is in King David's family.

Read the Word

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!)

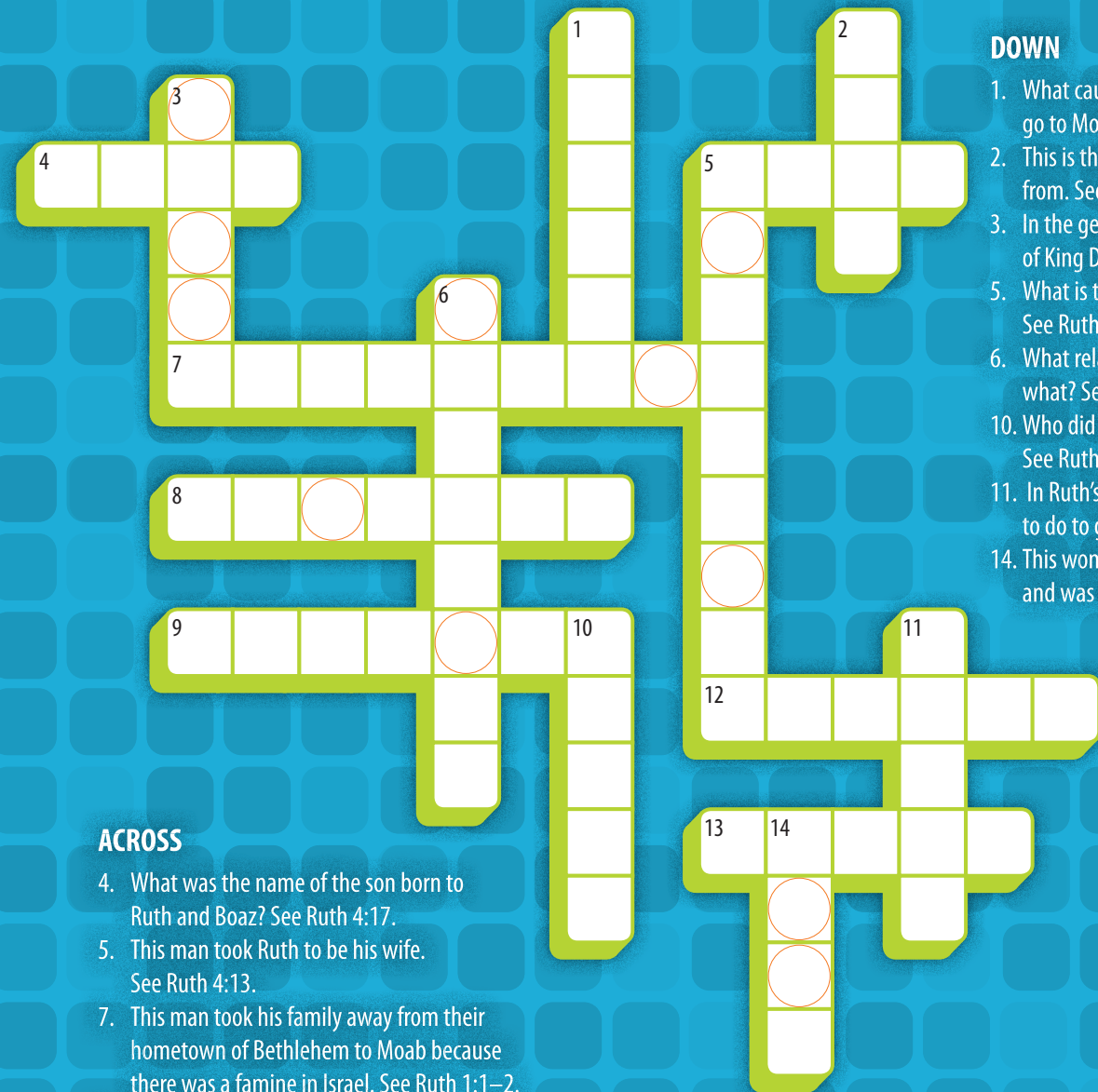
Learn the Word Fill in the blanks

But the Lord said unto Samuel, "Look not on his _____ or on the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the _____ appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

Ruth's Faith Crossword

Answer the questions and complete the crossword puzzle. If you need a hint, look up the answers in your Bible. We used the NKJV.



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1. What caused Elimelech to leave Judah and go to Moab? See Ruth 1:1.
2. This is the name of the country Ruth was from. See Ruth 1:22.
3. In the genealogy of Jesus, what is the name of King David's father? See Ruth 4:17.
5. What is the name of Naomi's home town? See Ruth 1:1.
6. What relation was Boaz to Ruth? A close what? See Ruth 2:20.
10. Who did Ruth go back to Bethlehem with? See Ruth 1:22.
11. In Ruth's day, what were the poor allowed to do to get food? See Ruth 2:2-3.
14. This woman promised to stay with Naomi and was faithful to God. See Ruth 1:16

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4. What was the name of the son born to Ruth and Boaz? See Ruth 4:17.
5. This man took Ruth to be his wife. See Ruth 4:13.
7. This man took his family away from their hometown of Bethlehem to Moab because there was a famine in Israel. See Ruth 1:1-2.
8. What relation was Elimelech to Naomi? See Ruth 1:3.
9. This man was a son of Elimelech. He is the second one mentioned in Ruth 1:2.
12. This man was the other son of Naomi and Elimelech. He is mentioned first in Ruth 1:2.
13. Who was the daughter-in-law that returned home to her family in Moab? She did not go to Judah with Naomi. See Ruth 1:14-15.

DOWN: 1) Famine 2) Moab 3) Jesse 5) Bethlehem 6) Relative 10) Naomi 11) Glean 14) Ruth 16) Ruth 17) Elimelech 18) Husband 19) Chilion 20) Mahlon 21) Orpah

LIVE the Word

What if your friend couldn't understand why so many bad things were happening? What if she asks you why God has forgotten her? **What could you say?**

Sadly, bad things happen to all of us in this world. It doesn't mean God has forgotten you. It means we live in a fallen world—a world affected by sin. Sin and evil are all around us. God's Word teaches us who God is. And we need to know that and trust it. God will never do anything to His children that will not be for their good and His glory. The more you know about God through His Word, the more you will learn to trust that He is faithful to His children and will not forget them.



Who is Samuel? And what is the terrible message God asked him to deliver? Find out next week!

Ruth's Genealogy

Now, unscramble the circled letters from the crossword above in order to answer this question.



Boaz's kindness and redemption of Ruth points us to someone who also came as the Redeemer for sinners.

Who is it? _____