Grades 4-5 • Lesson 73

God Blesses Ruth

Ruth 1:16–17, 2:11–12, 4:13–17; Matthew 1:1; Ephesians 1:7; Galatians 4:4–5

Answer the questions and complete the crossword puzzle using terms from the word bank. Look up the Rible references for help. We used the FSV

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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 hometown? See Ruth 1:1.
- 6. What relation was Boaz to Naomi? 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 from the fields? 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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Who is it?

Now, unscramble the circled letters from the crossword to answer the question below.

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

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Answer: Jesus Christ

ACROSS

- 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 Israel with Naomi. See Ruth 1:14–15.

BETHLEHEM BOAZ CHILION ELIMELECH

FAMINE

GLEAN
HUSBAND
JESSE
MAHLON
MOAB

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NAOMI OBED ORPAH RELATIVE RUTH

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Practice the memory verse and ther recite it to a friend or family member

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. **Psalm 34:17–18**

OWW: 1) Famine. 2) Modb 3) Jesse. 5) Bethlehem. 6) Relative. 10) Naomi. 11) Clean. 14) Ruth. CROSS: 4) Obed. 5) Booz. 7) Elmelech. 8) Husband. 9) Chillon. 12) Mahlon. 13) Oradh.

% What You Heard In the Word

- Boaz showed kindness to Ruth and redeemed her and Naomi from a bad situation. His kindness reminds us of the love and kindness Jesus showed when he died to save us from our sins.
- Ruth and Boaz had a son who was the grandfather of King David. Later, Jesus would be born from the descendants of King David.

Q OutWord For Family Discussion

Suppose your friend can't understand why so many bad things are happening to her. She asks you why God has forgotten her. What could you say?

Sadly, bad things happen to all of us, and those things are hard. But that doesn't mean God has forgotten you. It means we live in a fallen world—a world affected by sin. God's Word teaches us who God is, and we need to trust that he is in control. God will never do anything to his children that will not be for their good and his glory. In the Bible, a woman named Naomi lost her husband and two sons while living in a country far from her home. She returned to her hometown with her daughter-in-law Ruth. Naomi thought God had forgotten her, but God had a plan! God arranged for a close relative of Naomi named Boaz to marry Ruth and bring her and Naomi into his family and care for them. Their family is special because their descendants include King David and eventually Jesus! You may not be able to see what God is doing right now, but you can trust that God is faithful and will help you through the

bad times. He will never forget you.

HomeWord For Parents

Ruth did not belong in Israel. Her home was in Moab. She married an Israelite when his family moved to her country to avoid a famine. But she was left in a bad situation when her husband and his father and brother died. The three widows—Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth—were left 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 by returning to Bethlehem in Israel. Orpah did return to her people, but Ruth refused, declaring determined allegiance to Naomi and 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 (Ruth 1:16–17). She must have loved Naomi, but this kind of commitment to Israel and to God, by a foreigner, was an almost 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 grain in the fields of Boaz. Boaz recognized Ruth's faithfulness to both Naomi and God and was kind to her. As a close relative of Naomi's, Boaz could take responsibility for the care of Ruth and Naomi as a "redeemer." And Boaz proved he was willing to

marry Ruth. His redemption and marriage to Ruth led to her occupying a place in the genealogy of

both King David and Jesus.

The redemption of Ruth by Boaz is more than a touching story of love and compassion. Boaz is a picture of Jesus, who would redeem sinners who are just as helpless as Ruth and Naomi were. Boaz went beyond the call of duty to show his love and concern for Ruth, and Jesus more so. Because of Jesus' shed blood, we can have our sins forgiven (Ephesians 1:7) and be adopted into the family of God (Galatians 4:4-5).