



Family Worship Guide: Lesson 14

Judges and Ruth

Main Idea

Because God loves His people, He sends them a redeemer—someone to save them. The people of Israel were sometimes redeemed by a judge. Ruth and Naomi were redeemed by their kinsman Boaz. Today, sinners can be redeemed through faith in Jesus.

Parents Read Ahead of Time

Read **Judges 2; 16; Ruth 1-4; Matthew 1:21**. Note the pattern of Israel's sin, judgment, crying out, and God's mercy through sending a judge. Then consider the book of Ruth—how God graciously worked through Boaz, the kinsman redeemer, to care for Naomi and Ruth and to continue the line that would lead to Christ. Prepare to show your children how Boaz's redemption points forward to the far greater redemption Christ provides.

Read Together Aloud

- ✠ **Judges 2:16–19** — *Israel's cycle of sin and rescue*
- ✠ **Ruth 1:6–17** — *Ruth's loyalty and trust*
- ✠ **Ruth 2:8–12** — *Boaz's kindness*
- ✠ **Ruth 4:13–17** — *Redemption completed*
- ✠ **Matthew 1:21** — *Jesus, the Redeemer*

Lesson Review

Q What is a redeemer?

A A redeemer is someone who pays the cost to rescue and restore another person.



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Q How did Boaz act as a redeemer?

A *He protected Ruth and Naomi, provided for them, and purchased the land so their family name would continue.*

Q Why did Israel need judges?

A *Because they kept turning away from God, He sent judges to rescue them from their enemies.*

Q Why do we need a Redeemer?

A *Because our greatest problem is sin, and only Jesus can save us from it.*

Q How did the Lord send a Redeemer to us?

A *God sent His Son, Jesus, who lived for us, died for us, and rose again so that all who trust in Him are redeemed.*

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Q What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A *Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.*

Q How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A *Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.*



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Family Devotion Questions

- Q What stood out to you about the “cycle” Israel kept falling into in Judges?
- Q How does Boaz show the kindness and faithfulness of God?
- Q In what ways is Jesus a far greater Redeemer than any Old Testament judge or Boaz?
- Q How does knowing Jesus is your Redeemer give you hope when you feel weak or guilty?
- Q Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus the Redeemer?

Prayer

Father, thank You for loving us enough to send a Redeemer. Thank You for the examples of deliverance You gave Israel through the judges, and for Your kindness to Naomi and Ruth through Boaz. But most of all, thank You for sending Jesus—our perfect Redeemer—who rescues us from sin and brings us into Your family. Help us trust Him, love Him, and walk in thankfulness for His salvation. Amen.