

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## Ruth and Boaz

Ruth

**STORY POINT: GOD PROVIDED A REDEEMER FOR RUTH.**

Naomi lived in Judah with her husband and their two sons. There was a famine in the land, so Naomi and her family decided to go to Moab.

While they were in Moab, Naomi's husband died. Naomi's sons married women from Moab, Orpah and Ruth. Then Naomi's sons died. The famine was over, so Naomi decided to go home.

Orpah returned home, but Ruth clung to Naomi. So Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem together.

Ruth went into the fields to gather fallen grain. She happened to go to the field of Boaz. Boaz told Ruth to stay in his field where she would be safe.

Ruth told Naomi about Boaz. "Boaz is one of our family redeemers," Naomi replied. A family redeemer was someone who would help his close relatives if they were in trouble.

Naomi gave Ruth special instructions. Ruth showed Boaz that she hoped he would marry her.

Boaz promised to redeem Ruth, which meant he would buy back the land that Naomi lost after her husband died, and he would marry Ruth.

Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed. When Obed grew up, he was the father of Jesse, who was the father of King David.

*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.*



### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did Jesus do to redeem sinners?
- Think of someone who might be lonely. How can you show God's love to him or her this week?
- Pray and thank God for the people who protect you and take care of you.