

4th-5th Grade Lesson Plan

Sunday, August 24

UNIT 9 | SESSION 1

THE STORY OF RUTH

RUTH

MAIN POINT / CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus paid our debt of sin. Ruth was in great need and unable to provide for herself. God provided Boaz as her redeemer. We are in great need and unable to save ourselves from our sin. God provided Jesus as our Redeemer.

CATECHISM QUESTION : Q) What is sin? A) Sin is going our own way instead of going God's way. (Isaiah 53:6).

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: PHILIPPIANS 4:19 - "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (ESV)

Preparation

Lesson Context

This Unit: Regardless of sin patterns and disobedience, God continued to see His people and hear their requests and desires. God's provision is seen through His gifts of a kinsman redeemer for Ruth's family, a son with a prophetic calling for Hannah, and freedom and protection for the Israelites from the Philistines. God's plan remained steadfast, despite humanity's brokenness.

Volunteer Huddle | 8:45 a.m.

Meet in the Threes classroom (first floor) for prayer and important info for this Sunday.

Prep Room | 8:50 a.m.

- Put out activity pages (in Activity Box) and markers (in Teacher Box) on desks.

- If you'd like, put music on the Spotify app on the Roku TV.
- You can push tables back or to the sides to make space in the center or front of the room for activities.

Fellowship Time | 9:00 - 9:15 am

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Greet families at the door as they arrive. Allow children time to engage with one another and catch up. Use this time to get to know your students and hear about their week. What was a good part/hard part or “yay duck”/“yuck duck” of their week? If you'd like a prompting question for discussion, you can use the one below:

SAY: *Have you ever gone on a journey or a trip where you didn't know where you were going? Were you excited or scared? Tell me about it.*

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead children to choose a desk and give them **an Activity Page and markers** (in Activity Box). You can also give them blank paper to draw or some playdough (in Teacher Box) if you prefer.

SAY: *Today, we will learn how God provided for Ruth and how He provides for our greatest need as well.*

REVIEW CLASSROOM RULES

Post the **Rules Poster** (in Activity Box) somewhere in the room.

1. **Be kind and respectful:** to your friends and teachers. Raise your hand and wait to be called; speak kindly to one another; use words and actions that build up and do not tear down; etc.
2. **Have a heart of obedience:** Listen to your teachers' instructions and obey fully, quickly, and joyfully!
3. **Have self control:** Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself; keep all chair legs on the ground; no running or rough housing. Do not touch one another; let's not poke each other, hit, kick, etc.

Group Activity | 9:10/9:15 am

BUY AND SPELL

Take out the two sets of **notecards** that have the letters R E D E E M written on them (in Activity Box). Divide the class into two teams and then give each group six **pennies** (in Activity Box).

Set each group's note cards in individual piles at the opposite end of the room. Stand near the note cards. Tell groups that one kid will run to you and "buy back" a note card by giving you a penny. Once they've "bought" the card, they can pick it up and run back to their team. They should continue doing this until they have "bought" all six cards. Challenge kids to then arrange the note cards to form a word. The first group to come up with the word *redeem* wins. If groups struggle, give hints such as "The first letter is R."

SAY *You spelled out the word redeem, which means 'to buy back' or 'pay off a debt.' The Bible uses the word redeem to help us understand how Jesus' death paid the price for our sin, which was infinitely more costly than a penny. Our redemption cost Jesus His life. Jesus redeems those who trust in Him. In our story, we'll see how a woman named Ruth was redeemed through the kindness of a man named Boaz.*

Lesson | 9:20 am

Ask students to return to their desks and pass out **Bibles** (in Teacher Box). Let them know of your expectations during the lesson: listening to the teacher, sitting quietly with hands and feet to themselves, etc.

1. Introduce the Lesson + Pray

SAY *Hi, kids! Today, we will be in a book of the Bible called Ruth. The book of Ruth is in the Old Testament, and the story of Ruth took place during the same time as the book of Judges. Let's find Ruth in our Bibles.*

As we hear our story, we'll learn how a woman named Ruth was in need of help. God was gracious to Ruth, and God provided a family redeemer for Ruth. As we prepare to hear our story, let's pray.

2. Catechism Question

Use the **Catechism Question** posters to review previous questions and learn the new one for this week (in Activity Box).

SAY: *Let's review our catechism question:*

Q) What is sin?

A) Sin is going our own way instead of going God's way.

Going our own way and sinning always has a cost. Our sin put us in debt to God, a debt we could never pay. Because we could not pay it, our punishment was death. But Jesus died on the cross to pay the debt of our sin. He is our redeemer; he died our death and paid our debt of sin.

Q) What is sin?

A) Sin is going our own way instead of going God's way.

3. Using Bibles

SAY: *Today, we will be in the new book of Ruth. Is Ruth in the New or Old Testament?*

1. *Turn to the Table of Contents at the front of your Bibles and look under the Old Testament category to find the book of RUTH. Turn to that page number.*
2. *Once you've found RUTH, I would like you to find chapter 2.*

4. Tell the Bible Story

Open your **Bible** to **RUTH 1** and ask children to turn in their Bibles.

THE STORY OF RUTH



During the time of the judges, there was a famine in the land. A man named Elimelech left Israel with his wife Naomi and his two sons to try to find food in a land called Moab. His sons married two Moabite women. One was named Orpah, and the other was named Ruth.

Later, Elimelech and his two sons died, leaving Naomi without her two children and without her husband. Naomi planned to go back to Israel and told Orpah and Ruth to stay in Moab. She said, “May the Lord grant each of you a new husband.”

But Ruth replied, “Wherever you go, I will go. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.”

So, Naomi and Ruth traveled to the town of Bethlehem. It was the beginning of the barley harvest. Naomi and Ruth needed food, so Ruth decided to go to the fields and gather any grain that the harvesters left behind.

The field she chose to gather grain in was owned by a man named Boaz. He noticed Ruth gathering grain in his field. He asked one of his servants, “Who is this young woman?”

The servant replied, “She is the young woman from Moab who returned with Naomi. She has been working hard since early morning.”

Boaz went to Ruth and said, “Please don’t go and gather grain in any other field. Stay close to my female servants and you will be safe. And if you get thirsty, drink from the jars my servants have filled.”

Boaz also told his workers to pull out some of the good grain from the bundles and leave them behind for her to gather. Ruth told Naomi about Boaz’s kindness.

Naomi asked God to bless Boaz. Then she told Ruth that Boaz was a family redeemer. A family redeemer was a man who had the responsibility to help his relatives when they were in need.

Ruth went to Boaz and said, “Please take me under your wing, because you are a family redeemer to me.”

Boaz replied, “I will do for you whatever you say, because you are a woman of noble character.”

Boaz went to the town gate and spoke to the elders. Boaz redeemed Ruth by buying back the land that once belonged to Naomi’s husband.

Then Ruth and Boaz were married, and they had a son named Obed, who would be the grandfather of the great Israelite, King David.

4. Christ Connection

SAY: *Jesus paid our debt of sin. Ruth was in great need and unable to provide for herself. God provided Boaz as her redeemer. We are in great need and unable to save ourselves from our sin. God provided Jesus as our Redeemer.*

Review & Video | 9:30 am

Bible Story Video

If you'd like, watch the **Bible lesson video** on the YouTube app on the TV (*YouTube account should be Fellowship Kids* (switch accounts on the top of the left sidebar if not) > go to Library on the left side bar > Choose Playlists on the top > choose your classroom).

Review the Bible Story

Invite children to **open their Bibles to RUTH 2:8-16.**

SAY - Let's review a section of scripture from our Bible lesson today. Please turn to **RUTH 2:8-16.**

1. How was Boaz generous to Ruth?

a. He told her to always come get grain in his field. He gave her food and water and asked his servants to leave extra grain for her.

2. Why was Boaz impressed with Ruth?

a. He saw all that she had done for her mother-in-law, Naomi.

3. Where did Boaz say Ruth found her refuge?

a. In God!

Pray

Ask students if they have any **prayer requests**. Pray about what you learned in the lesson and for any requests.

Memory Verse | 9:35 am

Show the **memory verse poster** (in Activity Box). Open your Bible to **PHILIPPIANS 4:19** and lead the kids to read the verses together. You can also write the verse on the whiteboard so that children can see it more clearly.

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus”

- **PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

WRITE THE VERSE

Form kids into two teams. Provide the first kid on each team with a **dry erase marker** (In Activity Box), and on the shout of “Go” have them run to their dry erase board and write the first word of the verse. Then have them return to their team and pass the dry erase marker to the second person who will write the second word of the verse on the board. Continue down the line until the whole verse is complete. The team that finishes writing the verse correctly first wins. The teacher or assistant can stand at the white board with the memory verse poster to help kids remember the verse as they write.

SAY: *God promises that Jesus meets our great need: forgiveness of sin. When we trust in Jesus, we have the promise of knowing that Jesus will continue to meet our needs.*

Extra Time Activity

TRUE OR FALSE

Provide each kid with a piece of paper. Guide kids to label each side of their paper as True or False. Explain that you will read several statements about today’s story. If they believe a statement is true, they will hold up True. If they believe a statement is false, they will hold up False. Read the following statements aloud and consider adding more of your own:

- Ruth left Naomi and went back to her own land. (False)
- Boaz provided Ruth with food and safety. (True)

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- Ruth was from Moab. (True)
 - Boaz owned a grocery store. (False)
 - Ruth and Boaz got married and had a son named Obed. (True)

SAY *God provided a family redeemer for Ruth. Boaz bought back the land for Ruth and Naomi. In a similar way, Jesus bought us back from the power of sin and death. Jesus paid for our sins when He died on the cross. Through faith in Jesus, we can be redeemed!*

Dismissal | 9:50 am

As parents arrive,

- Match the 4 digit code on the parent's tag to the child's tag
- Check out the child on the tablet by clicking the check box to the left of their name on the roster.
- **Give feedback!** Tell parents how the student did that morning.

Clean Up

- Wipe down tables if any messes were made with activities. [Magic eraser sponges can erase markings on desks.]
- Put teacher and activity items back in the Activity Box or Teacher Box.
- Place the TV remote in the white holder on the dry erase board.
- Return the small Activity Box, class tablet, and your lanyards to the check-in desk.