



## Ruth Gets Married

Ruth 4:1-17



WEEK 13

**POINT** ➔ **WE HELP  
OUR FAMILIES.**

Form five groups (a group can be one child), and number groups 1 through 5. Give each group some *Buzz Play Foam*. Open your Bible to Ruth 4, and show children the words. SAY: **The Bible is God's special book. As we hear from the Bible, we're going to sculpt some things I read about.** Note that kids' sculptures will be very rough. That's okay! Let kids have fun using their imaginations.

**One day, Boaz met with Naomi's family redeemer. A family redeemer is the closest living relative. That person can help take care of a poor family.** Have Group 1 sculpt Boaz. **Boaz called together 10 town leaders.** Have Group 2 make 10 balls to represent the leaders. **Boaz told the family redeemer that Naomi was selling her land and the redeemer could buy it. If the redeemer did buy it, the leaders were there to say the deal he made was right.** Have Group 3 sculpt coins.

SAY: **In order to buy the land, the redeemer had to marry Ruth. He didn't want to, so he told Boaz that Boaz should buy the land and marry Ruth. Boaz was happy because he wanted to marry Ruth. The relative gave his shoe to Boaz, showing it was okay for Boaz to buy the land.** Have Group 4 sculpt a shoe.

SAY: **The town leaders blessed Boaz and Ruth. Then Boaz and Ruth got married.** Have Group 5 sculpt two figures. Have groups place their sculptures on a table in the order of the scenes. Then have each group re-tell the part of the passage that goes with its sculpture.

ASK: **Tell about something your family bought to help someone.**

**What's a promise you've made to your family?**

SAY: **Boaz loved Ruth and Naomi and wanted to help them. When he bought the land and married Ruth, he promised to take care of them. Like Boaz, ➔ WE HELP OUR FAMILIES.**





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Have children each take off one shoe and place their shoes in a pile on the floor. Have everyone stand in a circle around the pile.

**SAY: When I say, "Go!" run to the pile, grab a shoe that's not yours, and return to your place. Then when I say, "Find your shoe," look for the person who has your shoe. When you find your shoe, trade shoes with that person to get your own shoe back.**

Once kids all have both of their shoes, have them return to their places in the circle and sit down. Help them put their shoes back on.

**ASK: What are some ways you can use your feet to help your family?**

**Tell about a time you were really excited to help someone in your family.**

**SAY: When Naomi's relative gave Boaz his shoe, it meant that he gave up his right to buy Naomi's land. So now Boaz could buy the land and marry Ruth. Naomi's relative helped his family by giving this right to Boaz. ➔ WE HELP OUR FAMILIES.**



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Play ● “Ruth Hopes in God” (track 16) on the CD, sung to the tune of “Farmer in the Dell.” Lead children in singing and doing the motions.

SING:

**Ruth picks the grain.** (*Pretend to gather grain from the ground.*)

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**Ruth hopes in God.** (*Point up.*)

**So she picks up the grain.** (*Pretend to gather grain from the ground.*)

**Boaz cares for Ruth.** (*Pat a friend on the back.*)

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**Ruth hopes in God.** (*Point up.*)

**So Boaz cares for Ruth.** (*Pat a friend on the back.*)

**Boaz marries Ruth.** (*Hug a friend.*)

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**Ruth hopes in God.** (*Point up.*)

**So Boaz marries Ruth.** (*Hug a friend.*)

ASK: **What is one way Ruth showed she had hope?**

**What’s one way you hope God will take care of you this week?**

SAY: **Hoping in God** means we believe he’ll do what he promises and take care of us. God gives us many things to help our families, and he gives us our families to help us.

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Pass out paper and *Color Switchers Markers*. **SAY: When Boaz married Ruth, they had a big celebration—a party. Let’s make party hats and horns to help celebrate. Use *Color Switchers Markers* to make colorful designs or patterns on your paper.**

When children have finished coloring, help them roll their papers into cone shapes. Tape the edges to keep the cones from unrolling.

Have kids place their creations on their heads as party hats. Then have them shout praises to God through their cones, using them as horns.

**ASK: Tell about a wedding you’ve gone to.**

**What are some different things your family celebrates?**

**SAY: We can celebrate all the ways God has helped our families. And we can celebrate ways our family members have helped us. Our families celebrate when ➔ WE HELP OUR FAMILIES.**



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Form teams of three, with each child taking the role of Boaz, Ruth, or the Family Redeemer (Naomi's relative).

**SAY: Let's play a game to show how Boaz and Ruth ended up getting married.**

Have all the Boazes stand against one wall and all the Ruths and Family Redeemers stand against the opposite wall. Have kids practice each step in turn as you explain the following game. Then have kids repeat the game as fast as they can.

**SAY: When I say, "Buy the land!" the Boazes will run to the opposite wall. Pause. When each Boaz gets to the other wall, the Family Redeemer will take off a shoe and give it to Boaz. Pause. Boaz will lock arms with Ruth, and they'll hop together back to the opposite wall, carrying the shoe. Pause. When they get to the wall, Boaz and Ruth will call out, "Hooray!" and the Family Redeemer will hop over to join them. Pause.**

**Great job!** Have kids get back to their starting positions. **Now try it again without any instructions. The first team to get everyone to Boaz's starting wall wins. Ready, set, go!**

Allow time for kids to race, guiding them with instruction review as needed. When all teams have finished, help the Family Redeemers put their shoes back on.

**ASK: Tell about a time you gave a gift to a friend.**

**Boaz and the family redeemer both helped Naomi's family. Tell about a time someone helped your family.**

**SAY: When we give things to people, we help them. The family redeemer gave Boaz his shoe as a sign that Boaz could help Ruth and Naomi. God took care of Ruth and Naomi by giving them Boaz. ➔ WE HELP OUR FAMILIES, and we know that God will help our families, too.**