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Ruth and Boaz
Ruth 2-4
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Last week, we learned about Samson and Delilah. Both of them made some bad choices. Neither of them were following God. Samson knew the true God, but was not listening to what God wanted him to do. Delilah chose to worship other gods and be the enemy of God's people. While she was beautiful on the outside, she showed her "true colors" as she tried to trick Samson and make him weak.

This week, we'll learn about Ruth and Boaz. Instead of looking only at outward beauty, Ruth and Boaz chose to do what God wanted them to do. Because they were both seeking what God wanted them to do, God guided them to each other. Their love for each other, and for God, allowed God to use them in His story, which is also our story. They would become the great grandparents of King David. We know that our Savior, Jesus, also came from this family. When we choose to listen to God and be guided by Him, He makes everything work out for good in our lives.

Watch the video below to hear the story of how Ruth and Boaz met and how God guided them to play a special role in His story of salvation:

<https://youtu.be/irThVpdeSXk>

Let's look at the same Bible verse we looked at last week to help us understand what real love looks like in the story of Ruth and Boaz. Look again at the **Love Bible Verse Coloring Page** from last week's lesson or look up and read **1 Corinthians 13:4** from the Bible.

Now **Read Ruth 2:8-13**

How did Boaz show kindness to Ruth? What kind things did Boaz notice about Ruth?

Looking closely at verse 10, how did Ruth humble herself before Boaz?

Being humble is the opposite of being proud. Do you remember how our 1 Corinthians 13 verse says "Love is not proud?" By bowing before Boaz and humbly telling him she didn't deserve his kindness, Ruth showed Boaz honor and respect.

Read Ruth 2:14-18

What other kind things did Boaz do for Ruth? What kind thing did Ruth do for Naomi?

In the video and in Ruth chapters 3 and 4, we can see how Ruth and Boaz were also patient with each other and how they patiently followed the laws and rules about getting married. Ruth went to the threshing floor, uncovered Boaz's feet, and lay down at his feet. This was a patient and respectful way for Ruth to ask Boaz to take care of her family by marrying her.

Boaz also showed that he was patient, and not jealous or boastful, when he first checked with another relative about his right to marry Ruth and purchase the family's land. After he made sure he followed all the rules of God's people at that time, then he gladly accepted his duty to marry Ruth and save her family.

Read Ruth 4:21-22

What was the name of Ruth and Boaz's son?

When Obed grew up, he had a son. What was his name?

What famous king was the son of Jesse?

As you will discover with some of the activities for today, Ruth and Boaz were part of the family line of King David, and many, many years later, part of the family line of Jesus. We all become part of this wonderful family of God when we believe in Jesus, our Savior, and are baptized in His name.

Let's remember to celebrate having a family who loves us and teaches us God's ways. Let's celebrate being part of the large family of believers from Ruth and Boaz to all those who believe in Jesus as their Savior today. This includes your Church family and believers in many other Christian churches all around the world!

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank You for faithful believers like Ruth and Boaz. Thank You for making us all part of Your family through Jesus, Your Son. Help us to stay faithful to You and walk in Your ways so that Your family tree of believers may keep growing from generation to generation. In Jesus' name.

The following activities are linked with this lesson:

Ruth and Boaz Family Tree

Using what you learned in Ruth 4:21-22, and the clues on the page, fill in the blanks on the family tree.

The Descendants of Ruth and Boaz

Have some fun finding all the names on this family tree from Ruth and Boaz, all the way to Jesus. What names do you recognize? What do you know about their stories?

My Family Tree

Use this template to fill in your family tree. Ask your mom, dad, or a grandparent to help you fill in the names of the people in your family tree. You might even ask them to show you pictures of great grandparents if you have them, especially if you did not have the chance to meet them. Say a prayer thanking God for your family and for those who have passed along their faith in Jesus to you.

Color by Number Wheat

Boaz allowed Ruth to “glean” in his fields, or go behind those who were harvesting grain and find what she could to take home to eat. The Book of Ruth tells us that Boaz allowed Ruth to glean for Barley and that he also sent her home with six measures of it to share with Naomi. Barley is a grain, similar to wheat, which could be used to make bread.

Ruth and Boaz Coloring Page

Color this picture of Ruth, Boaz, and their precious baby, Obed.