

Sweet redemption

Ruth 3:1-4:22

Big Idea

Naomi planned to have Boaz redeem them by marrying Ruth; Boaz graciously agreed and through them God kept his promise to redeem all his people.

Aim

To teach that God uses ordinary means and seemingly insignificant people to keep his promise to redeem the world through his son, Jesus.

Recap

1. Who were the two women?

[Ruth and Naomi (1:22)]

2. What was different about them?

**[Ruth was a Moabitess, but Naomi was from Israel
(1:2, 22)]**

3. What did they have in common?

[They both trusted in God (1:16)]



Bridging **Activity** *the gap*

Talk about how this was possible – it was just an ordinary piece of paper, but by doing something very simple you were able to make it do something amazing.

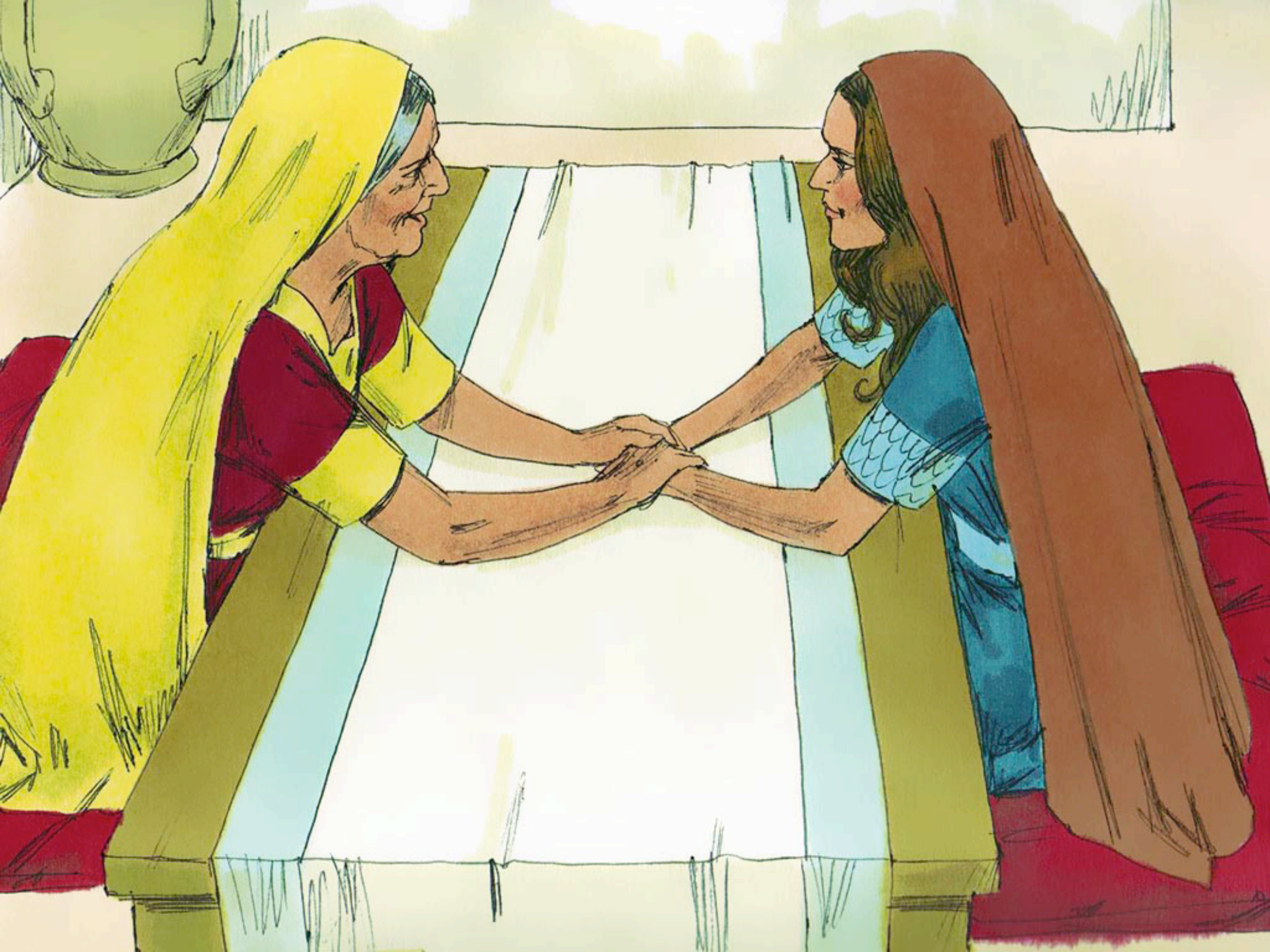
Today's true story from the Bible is about three ordinary people, Ruth, Naomi and Boaz, who were used by God to do something extraordinary.

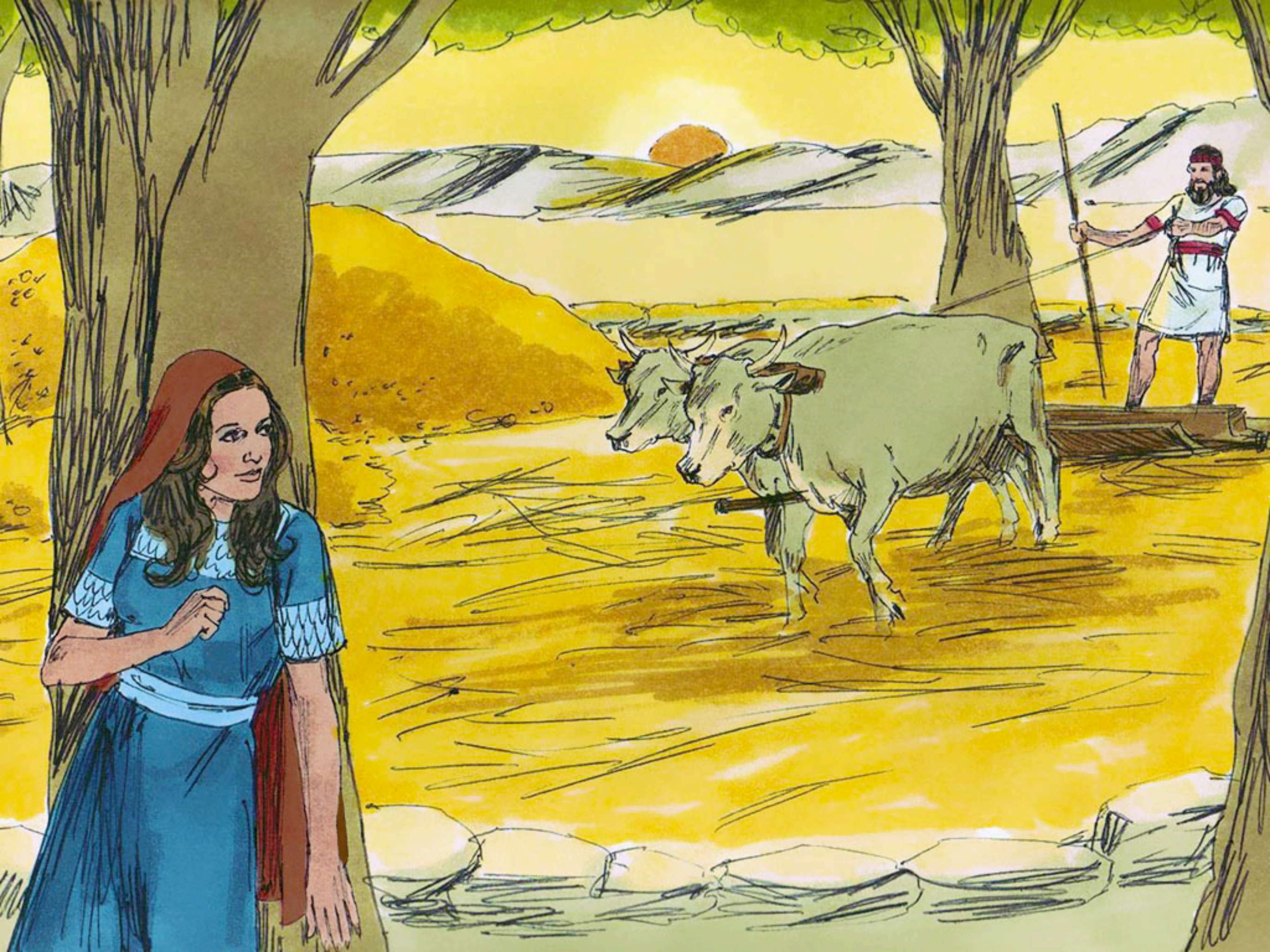


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Reveal























- 1 One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, 'My daughter you must have a future where you will be provided for. Tonight Boaz will be winnowing barley. Wash, put on perfume and dress in your best clothes.' Then she told Ruth what to do next.



- 2 Ruth made her way down to the threshing floor where Boaz was working making sure she was not seen.



- 3 When Boaz had finished eating and drinking he lay down at the far end of a grain pile. Ruth crept up to him, uncovered his feet and lay down.



- 4 During the night Boaz woke up to find a woman asleep at his feet. 'Who are you?' he asked. 'I am your servant Ruth,' she replied. Spread the corner of your garment over me as you are a guardian-redeemer of my family.' *A guardian redeemer was someone obliged to look after a relative in need. Boaz was related to Naomi's dead husband Elimelek.*



- 5 'The Lord bless you.' replied Boaz. 'You have not run after younger men and people know you are a woman of good character. I am your guardian-redeemer but there is another person more closely related than I am. If he is not willing to redeem you then I will.' Ruth lay at his feet until morning. Boaz filled the shawl she was wearing with grain to take back to Naomi.



- 6 Boaz went to the town gate where business deals were done. When he saw the guardian-redeemer who was more closely related to Naomi's former husband, he asked him to sit down with ten elders gathered as witnesses.



- 7 'Naomi is selling the land that belonged to our relative Elimelek,' Boaz explained. 'You have the first right to buy it but if you do not want to then I will.'



- 8 'I cannot buy the land without causing problems with my own estate,' came the reply. 'You buy it as I cannot.'



- 9 It was the custom to seal a deal on buying property by one party taking off a sandal and giving it to the other. 'The guardian-redeemer who had first choice on the land took off his sandal and gave it to Boaz.'



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- 10 Boaz made an announcement to the elders and those gathered. 'Today I have bought from Naomi the property of Elimelek, and his sons Mahlon and Kilion. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite as my wife. You are my witnesses.'



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- 11 So Boaz married Ruth and the Lord blessed them with a son. Women told Naomi, 'Praise the Lord. He has looked after you in your old age. Ruth loves you and is better to you than seven sons.'
- Ruth and Boaz's son was called Obed.
- Obed was the father of Jesse whose youngest son David became King of Israel. A descendant of David was Mary the mother of Jesus.*





Watch

<https://vimeo.com/157617623>

Activity

The big fizz

In today's true story from the Bible three ordinary people, Ruth, Naomi and Boaz, were used by God to do something amazing.

What ordinary thing did Boaz do for Ruth?

[Married her (4:10)]

How did God use this to do something amazing?

[He gave them a son who was part of King David's line (4:13, 17)]

Why is it also amazing for us?

[Jesus came from the same line (Matthew 1:5-6, 16)]



What does this all mean?

<https://youtu.be/p-qnJqJJwDk>

Games

Pick from the games sent out with the parent notes

Play one game, play them all... but play!

Your kids love that you engage with them on a playful level - don't skip this step!

Sing

<https://youtu.be/nAsVAQld2p0>

**As Christians singing is so important... the Psalms
are Davids songs... there are 150 of them, this shows
us singing matters
Please would you play these songs in your home**

Quiz

- 1.What did Naomi tell Ruth to do in v5?
- 2.How can we tell that Ruth trusted Naomi?
- 3.What did the nearer relative want to do at first? V4
- 4.Why did he change his mind? v5-6
- 5.What strange action confirmed their agreement? V7-8
- 6.It looks like there will be a happy ending to this story, after a very bad start. How do the elders react to the situation? V11-12
- 7.Boaz married Ruth. Was their child a boy or girl v13
- 8.How did the woman react towards Naomi and why? V14
- 9.Why might this seem unusual?
- 10.Who is the famous great grandson of Ruth and Boaz, and what title did he eventually have? V17 &22

Memory verse

<https://youtu.be/2q3JXahXZDk>

Pray

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for this book of Ruth. We are so thankful that as we open up the bible we get to know you better and we are taught how you want us as your children to live for you.

We thank you that it is in the bible that we can see how much you love us. Thank you for sending Jesus to be our rescuer. Thank you that although it cost him so much, he took the punishment that our sins deserved. We ask that you would help us to live lives that show that we are thankful. Help us as we daily put our faith and trust in Him.

Thank you that we can see from this story how you can so powerfully use ordinary people for your glory - we ask that you would help us to be willing to be used by you in the lives of those around us.

Amen