

“There is a Redeemer”

9. The Book of Ruth – Ruth 4: 9-22

Purpose: The students will see Ruth in Jesus’ family tree

Recap: (Write “There is a Redeemer”- the title of this series, on the board) We are reading the book of Ruth in the Old Testament for Bible time. These Bible times are called “There is a Redeemer” because Ruth had a redeemer, and we have a redeemer. Who is our redeemer? (Jesus Christ) What does “redeem” mean? (to buy back)

Last week in Bible time what happened in our story? (Boaz met the other redeemer. The other redeemer did not want to marry Ruth. Boaz promised to marry Ruth in front of many important men.)

Introduction:

Today we will finish reading the book of Ruth. We are almost finished reading this beautiful short story in the Bible. Ruth was a foreigner who decided to become one of God’s people. God blessed her, first with a good job, and then with a very kind, rich husband.

The end of the story has many sentences about the family tree of Israel. You will read many names of people who lived before Ruth, and after Ruth. After we finish the story, we will talk about some of these names. All of the names are people in the Bible.

Question:

Who was Obed’s mother? (Ruth)

Who was Obed’s grandson? (David)

Read Ruth 4: 9-22

Answer the questions.

Revisit the story: Let’s look at the story again, more carefully.

1. Look at verse 11. What are the first names we read? (Rachel and Leah)
2. What does verse 11 say about Rachel and Leah? (They built up the house of Israel)
3. One good question is: who were the people of Israel? The people of Israel were all the descendants of one man. His name was Abraham. He was a very good man, and God chose him to be the father of the people of God. Abraham only had one child. His child only had two children.. At first, God’s people were very few. But one of Abraham’s grandchildren had 12 sons. Rachel was the mother of 4 of these sons. Leah was the mother of 8 of these sons. Now God’s people were becoming a big group. (Note: Rachel was the legal mother of these 4 sons. Of course she was the biological mother of only two. No need to go into that here .)

4. What is the next name, in verse 12? (Perez. Perez is an ancestor of Boaz. He was also the son of a kinsman-redeemer. Judah was a kinsman-redeemer for Tamar. Judah was the son of Leah. Judah is also an ancestor of Jesus.) *Note: Judah's story as a kinsman-redeemer is not as nice as Boaz's. I hope you don't get into it*
5. Verses 11 and 12 are examples of how the people in Israel blessed a new married couple.
6. What did the women say to Naomi when Obed was born? (**"The \*LORD is good. Today he has given you a \*redeemer. We pray that his name will be famous in all Israel! He will give you a new life. He will give you help when you become old. Your son's wife loves you. She is better to you than 7 sons. She is his mother."**)
7. The women said that Ruth was better than 7 sons. This was an amazing thing to say. Sons were very important at that time. Sons stayed in the family. Sons helped the family. But daughters went to their husband's family. Ruth showed her good character because she stayed with Naomi. Ruth showed that she honored God.
8. Look at verse 17. What do the women call Obed? (Naomi's son) Is Obed Naomi's son? (no, he is Ruth's son) Sometimes in the Bible, "son" means "grandson" or even "great-grandson" or even "ancestor."

Obed's grandson was called David. David was the second king of Israel. Who is a descendant of David? Let's read Matthew 1:1.

Who is a descendant of David? (Jesus Christ)

Jesus Christ is also a redeemer. In Matthew 20:28 we read why Jesus came. (give time to find it) We read this verse before we started to read the book of Ruth.

Why did Jesus come? (to serve, and to give his life to redeem many people)

Jesus came to give his life. Boaz only gave his money to redeem Ruth. Jesus had to give his life to redeem people. Jesus' life is precious. Jesus life can redeem many people. Ruth said to Boaz, "cover me with your skirt, because you are a redeemer." Jesus covers us with his blood. When God sees the blood of Jesus, we are protected from any punishment for anything we have done wrong. Jesus showed his strong love by dying for us. I hope that you will ask him to be your redeemer.

Do you have any questions or comments?

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**Verse 10** This is another strange part of the story. When Obed was born, they did not call him the son of Mahlon. This tells us that there was no \*levirate marriage between Boaz and Ruth.

**Verse 11** Rachel and Leah had many children and they became famous. Everyone wanted this to happen to Ruth.

**Verse 12** Bethlehem was in that part of the country where the family of Judah lived.

The family became so big that we call it a tribe.

**Verses 13–17** Ruth had the baby, but the women of Bethlehem said, 'Naomi has a son.' That was because, in the Bible, 'son' often means 'grandson'.

**Verses 18–22** A 'family tree' is a list of the people in your family, including the ones before you (ancestors) and after you (\*descendants). Because Jesus was a descendant of King David, Jesus was also a descendant of Ruth. Both these famous Jews were \*descendants of a Moabite.