

Major Event: SETTLEMENT

Lesson 6: Deliverance of Ruth

Scriptures: Ruth Chapters 1 and 2

Central Text: Ruth 3:12-13

12 Now it is true I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I. 13 Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until morning."

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

- Naomi advises Ruth on how best to remind Boaz of his duty (Ruth 3:1-9) Older women need to be instructors. (Titus 2:3-5)
- Ruth follows Naomi's instructions. (Ruth 3:6-8) (Levirate Marriage - Deuteronomy 25:5) Boaz was to take Ruth as next of Kin for his wife. See Notes below on the principle of Levirate Marriage.
- Boaz discovers Ruth at his feet. (Ruth 3:9) Note Ruth's desire to serve.
- Boaz desires to become Ruth's husband. (Ruth 3:10-18) Boaz will fulfill the law based on the Levirate marriage principle.
- There was a problem. (Ruth 3:12)
- Gift to Ruth and Naomi. (Ruth 3:15)
- Ruth returns to Naomi with good news and a gift. (Ruth 3:16-17)
- Naomi correctly surmises that Boaz will act quickly. (Ruth 3:18)
- Boaz marries Ruth. (Ruth 4:1-22)
- Boaz secures from a nearer relative the right of redemption. (Ruth 4:1-12) Note that Boaz as the kinsman redeemer presents a picture of what our future Savior will perform for us.
- Boaz and Ruth marry. (Ruth 4:13)
- Obed is born to Ruth and Boaz (Ruth 4:14-17)
- Genealogy showing David was descended from Ruth, a Gentile, and Boaz (Ruth 4:18-22) (Matthew 1:5). Note that God blesses those who obey his commandments (Deuteronomy 32:15-20)

Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:

1. Of God: Righteousness, Holiness, Grace. Faithfulness
2. Of Man: Dependence on God, Lack of Faithfulness, Pride

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Judges 1, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Deuteronomy 32

Notes: Levirate Marriage Principle from Deuteronomy

5 "When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

Ruth and Naomi were aware of God's law and were aware of the Levirate marriage principle from Deuteronomy.

Boaz fulfilled the Levirate marriage commandment although he was not directly responsible to do so. His faithfulness to God's Law is displayed.