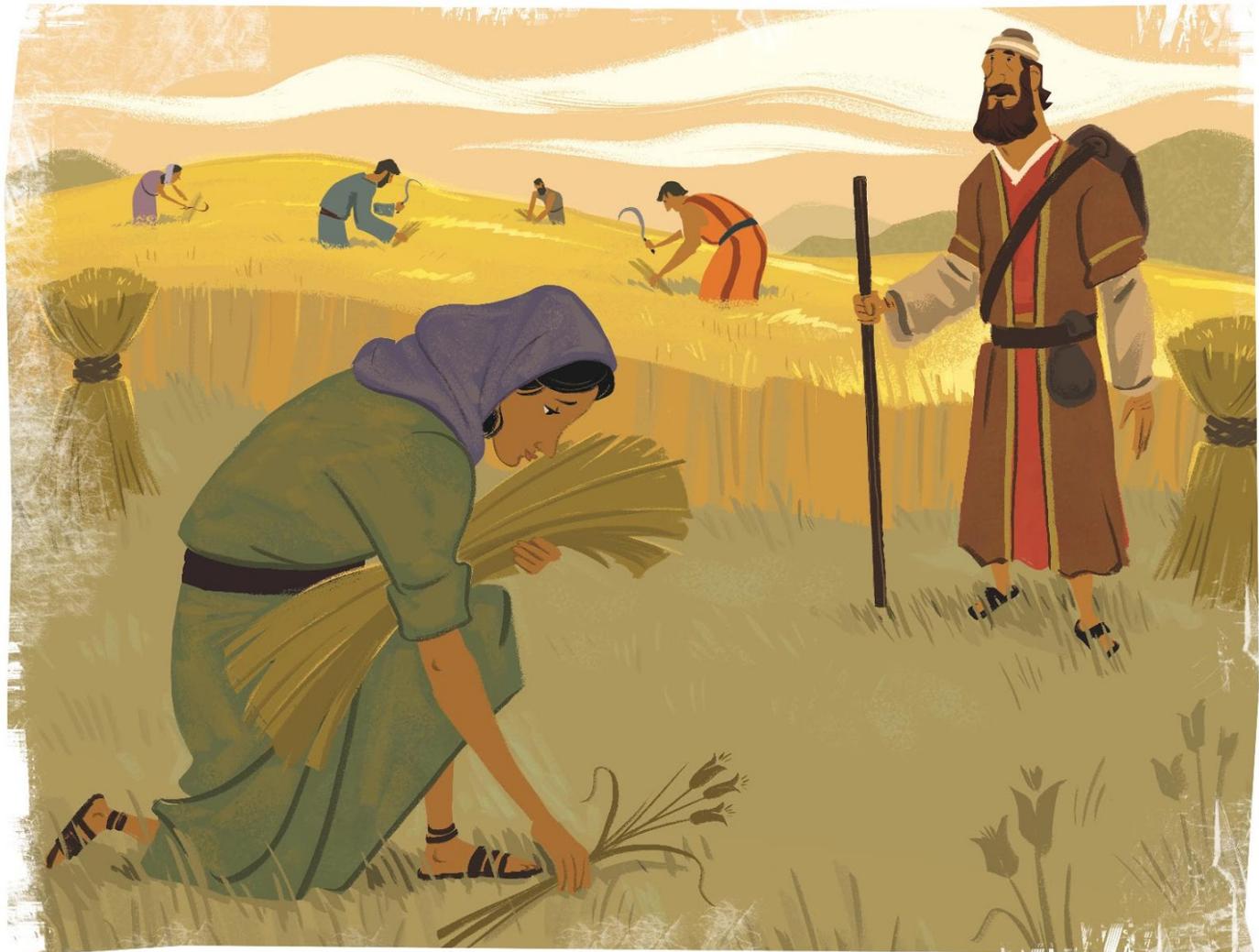


Unit 10, Session 1: Ruth and Boaz

Ruth 1–4



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Christ Connection: Boaz was a family redeemer. That means he would help his close relatives who were in trouble. Boaz cared for Ruth and Naomi because their husbands had died. In a similar way, Jesus is our Redeemer. We need help because we sin. Jesus bought our salvation for us by taking our punishment when He died on the cross.

Adult Connection Point:

Read John 17:1-5. Notice the focus on Christ's work in verses 3-4. The Son both reveals and accomplishes the plan of the Father to redeem people to delight in His glory. The gospel not only reveals the glory of God, but it also enables man to enjoy that glory. The gospel—this grand narrative centered on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus—is the profound, final revelation of the knowledge of God. The Person and work of Jesus is the foundation of all true and transformative

knowledge of God. In the gospel we see the love of God most clearly, which radically changes our lives.

Family Devotion:

Materials: scrap paper, worship album of your choice

Gather your family together and choose one child to stand in the middle of the room. Make paper balls with the scrap paper and gently toss them at the child. Challenge her to dodge the paper balls, but she may not bat at them or move her feet. After a few tosses, invite another child to stand in front of her to serve as the blocker. The blocker may bat the paper away and move around to protect the first child. Continue as desired, changing roles.

Read John 17:4. Ask what Jesus meant when He said He had completed the work God had given Him to do. Jesus completed the work of redemption. Remind kids that the word *redeem* means “to buy back.”

Talk with your kids about the way Jesus is our Redeemer, kind of like Boaz from the Bible story. In our game, the blocker kept the paper away; Jesus paid the ultimate price—His own life—to rescue people from sin and death.

Sing a favorite worship song that talks about Jesus’ sacrifice for sinners.

Pray, thanking God for providing a Redeemer: His Son, Jesus.

Unit 10, Session 2: Eli and Boy Samuel

1 Samuel 1–3



Christ Connection: Samuel used God’s words to tell the people what God is like. John 1:1 says that Jesus is the Word. Jesus showed the world what God is like, and He told people to turn away from their sin. Jesus ultimately freed people from the power of sin by dying on the cross and rising again.

Adult Connection Point:

Scripture points to the nature of God. In Romans 3, the apostle Paul quoted Psalm 14:1-3 as a way of underscoring how sinful everyone is. We cannot put ourselves on a pedestal and look down our noses at those who don’t believe in God. The reality of sin levels us all. Thankfully, the grace revealed in the gospel reaches into the hearts of sinners and not only shows us right from wrong but also declares us right before God through our faith in Christ’s work.

Family Devotion:

Materials: measuring cup, 2 containers of different sizes and shapes, 2 containers of identical size and shape, water

Begin the devotional time by asking one of your children to assist you in measuring and pouring water. Measure the same amount of water using the measuring cup and pour it into the two different containers.

Ask: “Which container has more water?” Likely one will appear to have more water than the other if the shapes are significantly different, but we know they contain the same amount of water since you measured the water before you poured it.

To show that the water is equal in both, pour the water into the identical containers and let your kids recognize that the water is even.

Read aloud Psalm 14:1-3. Discuss with your children that people look differently, people act differently, and people have different likes and dislikes. Say: "The Bible tells us that one thing is the same about all people: they all sin. Just like the water in the two containers had the same amount and were equal, all people are alike in the fact that they sin." (See Rom. 3:23.)

Say: "Jesus showed the world what God is like, and He told people to turn away from their sin. Jesus provided freedom from sin by dying on the cross and rising again."

Pray, thanking God for sending Jesus to die for our sins.

Unit 10, Session 3: The Ark Was Captured

1 Samuel 4–5



Christ Connection: The ark of God was important to the Israelites because it reminded God’s people that God was with them. Years later, God gave His people something greater than a sign that He was with them; God gave them His Son, Jesus—God in the flesh. One of Jesus’ names is Immanuel, which means “God with us.”

Adult Connection Point:

Who is this God who is “with us” in Jesus? He is King, eternal, immortal, and covenant-keeper (1 Tim. 1:17; Ex. 3:13-15). First Timothy 1:17 describes God as invisible, for He is spirit. But Jesus has revealed Him; Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God. (See Col. 1:15.)

Family Devotion:

Materials: paper, markers or crayons

During the week before using this devotion, encourage your kids to look at signs or logos as they ride in the car. During devotion time, ask your children to recall any signs or logos they saw: restaurants, businesses, churches, and so forth. Ask what the sign or logo tells them. Logos are used by businesses to identify their business or product. Logos should be easily identifiable so people will quickly recognize them and trust their product.

Guide your family to create your own personal family logo. Be creative and try to incorporate activities and likes of all your family members. This project doesn't need to be completed during your devotion time, but make sure everyone has input on the final logo.

Remind your family that the ark of God was a symbol of God's presence while the Israelites were wandering in the desert. Help them recall that 1 Samuel 4–5 reveals the people of Israel started treating the ark as magical, and they took the ark into battle where it was captured.

Read aloud 1 Timothy 1:17. Say: "God sent His Son, Jesus, to show people what God is like. Jesus is not just a logo of who God is; the Bible tells us that Jesus is *Immanuel*, which means 'God with us.' Jesus is God the Son.

Close in prayer, thanking God for sending Jesus to be our Savior and to show us what God is like.