

# Journal Page

List people who provide for you or protect you. Be sure to thank those people for their care! Whom did God send to care for us in the greatest way?



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who promised to take care of Ruth and her family? (*Boaz*)
- When Jesus redeems us, whose family are we adopted into? (*God's family, Galatians 4:5*)
- How can you show God's love to someone in need?

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## Ruth and Boaz

Ruth 1–4

### MAIN POINT: GOD PROVIDED A REDEEMER FOR RUTH.

Naomi lived in Bethlehem in Judah with her husband and their two sons. There was a famine in the land, so Naomi and her husband decided to go to Moab. While they were in Moab, Naomi's husband died. Naomi's sons married women from Moab, Orpah and Ruth. They lived in Moab for 10 years, and then Naomi's sons died. The famine was over, so Naomi decided to go home.

Orpah returned home, but Ruth clung to Naomi. "Wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you live, I will live; your people will be my people, and your God will be my God," Ruth said. So Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem together.

Naomi gave Ruth permission to go into the fields and gather fallen grain. She happened to go to the field of Boaz, a good man from the family of Naomi's late husband. Boaz told Ruth to stay in his field where she would be safe. Boaz made sure Ruth had enough food.

Ruth told Naomi about Boaz. "Boaz is one of our family redeemers," Naomi replied. A *family redeemer* was someone who would help his close relatives if they were in trouble. Naomi knew Boaz would take care of Ruth, so she encouraged Ruth to stay in his fields.

Boaz promised to redeem Ruth, which meant he would buy back the land that Naomi sold after her husband died, and he would marry Ruth.

Boaz bought back the land that had belonged to Naomi's family, and he married Ruth. Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed.

*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.*

# On the Move

Use markers or colored pencils to complete the instructions.

1. Color the seas blue.
2. Color the land yellow.
3. Circle the city of Bethlehem.
4. Draw a path from Bethlehem to the land of Moab.
5. Circle the land of Israel.
6. Draw a triangle at the city of Jericho.
7. Draw a star at the city of Jerusalem.

