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Bible Studies

Level 4



Lesson No. 1

Ruth - A family away from God



Ruth 1: 1-14

Suggested Further Reading		
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Proverbs 14: 12	Isaiah 53: 6



Judges 21: 25

The peaceful story of Ruth is set in the violent times of the book of Judges. There was a crisis in the land of Israel. **What was that crisis?**

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The latter part of the **Key Verse** gives us the reason for that crisis. **What does it say?**

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They were living in the land that God had promised them many years before, when they were still slaves in Egypt. **What kind of a land did God say it would be? Look up Exodus 3: 8.**

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This no longer seemed to be the case! Why? The whole nation had turned their backs on God. Now God was turning His back on them and no longer blessing them. The importance of the **Key Verse** is emphasized by the fact that it is a repeat of an earlier verse in **Judges 17: 6**. It is evident that for many years Israel had gone their own way and forgotten God.

Elimelech and his family were struggling to survive in Israel. The future seemed bleak. Each meal was more meagre than the previous one. Their faith wavered. They made their plans without asking for God's help. They left their home, relatives and everything that was familiar to them. Off they went to a foreign country!

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Down

1. The country to which they immigrated.
- 2 & 4. Two women from Moab.
3. One of Elimelech's sons.
5. Elimelech's wife.

Across

6. The name of the town in Judah from which Elimelech and his family came.

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Life for this family was hard, especially when Elimelech died! Soon his sons decided it was time they were married. Mahlon married Ruth, while his brother chose Orpah. The marriage of Jewish men to foreign women was against God’s law.

Later, another great tragedy struck the family. **What was it?**

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What had Naomi heard that made her decide to return to Judah?

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Naomi was now head of the family and responsible for her daughters-in-law. She had a duty to find them husbands. This explains verses 11-13. Since she had no other sons, she urged them to return to their own families.

Naomi had become very fond of her daughters-in-law. She appreciated what they had done for her and her sons. **Write out a part of a verse which shows this.**

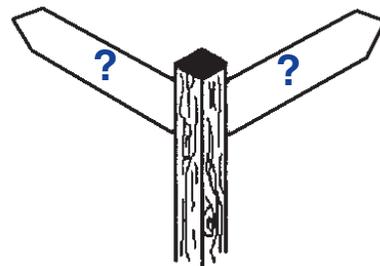
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Both the widows had also come to love their mother-in-law.

Look at verses 9-14 and give reasons to prove this.

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The two young widows were faced with a choice. They did not, however, come to the same decision. We are also faced with many choices in our lives, some more important than others. The most important of all, however, is whether or not we become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. This decision affects whether we spend eternity with God or not.



Naomi obviously knew something of the Lord and His ways.

Number the verse in which she tells her daughters-in-law:

“May the Lord be kind and good to you.”

Verse _____

“The Lord will find you another husband.”

Verse _____

“The Lord’s hand has gone against me.”

Verse _____

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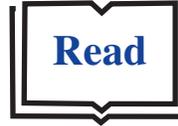
Very often in our lives we have to choose between going God’s way or our own way. This story tells us of the folly of going our own way, without seeking God’s guidance and help.

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Lesson No. 2

Ruth - Naomi returns to God



Ruth 1: 15-22



Key Verses

Ruth 1: 16 & 17

Suggested Further Reading

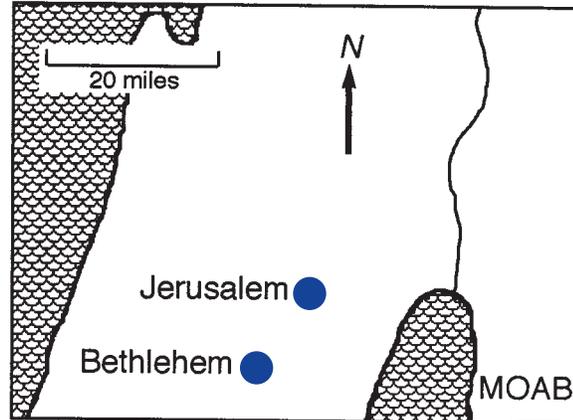
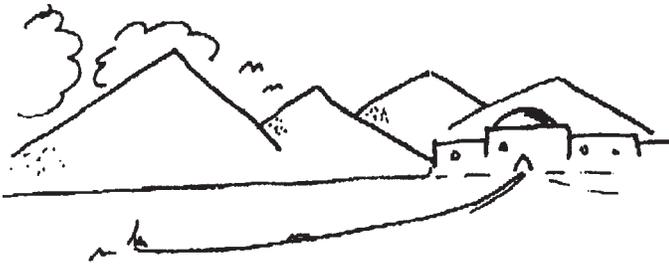
Proverbs 13: 15

Luke 15: 11-24

1 John 1: 9

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Orpah made her decision, and took her final, tearful farewell of Naomi and Ruth. She turned and walked away from them, back towards her mother's home. So Orpah passes from the story.



Naomi then turned to Ruth and made one last attempt to encourage her to return also.

What two things did she say Orpah had gone back to?

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This shows that the pull of family and religion was very strong. There is a reminder here for us that the power of the devil is also very strong. He will do all he can to hold us. It is only God who can set us free.

Ruth could not be made to change her mind. In the **Key Verses**, Ruth declared five things that she intended to do.

Write these down below, in their correct order.

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Here Ruth expressed her true faith in God, and her real loyalty to her mother-in-law.

Mark which one of the above five answers shows Ruth's faith.

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Ruth said there was only one thing could separate her from Naomi.

What was it?

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To be completely loyal to our family and friends is something which pleases God. Even more important is our commitment and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Look up **Luke 5: 27 & 28** for an example of whole-hearted commitment.

What was the name of the man who followed Jesus?

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What did he leave behind?

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Ruth's action is another example of commitment we should all try to follow.

Which verse tells us that Naomi saw that Ruth was fully determined to go with her?

Verse:

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Eventually Naomi and Ruth reached Bethlehem. Naomi was quickly recognized, which is not really surprising since she had lived the greater part of her life there. Many of her former neighbours and relatives would still have been alive.

How did the people of Bethlehem react to Naomi and Ruth's arrival?

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However, Naomi asked them not to call her Naomi any more, but to call her Mara (Marah). The name Naomi means 'pleasant', 'lovely' or 'delightful'.

Why did she tell them to call her Mara (Marah) which means 'bitter'?

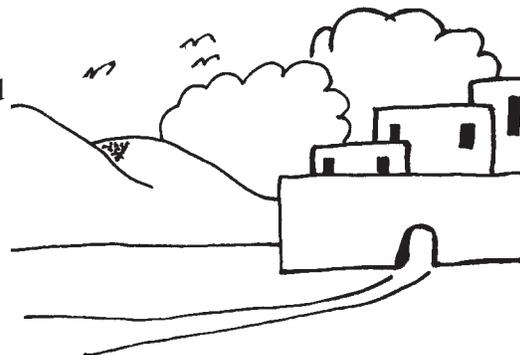
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Find words in the **Bible Reading** to complete the following sentences.

Naomi explained that she had gone out _____ and the _____ had brought her back _____. She blamed God by saying the _____ has brought misfortune upon me. They arrived in _____ at the beginning of the _____ harvest.

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The wanderer, Naomi, had come back. She was ashamed of her past mistakes and admitted that it was God who had set her back on the right road and brought her home. But there had been a price to pay. The Lord had to bring her to the lowest point of her life before she repented and turned back to Him. However, the kindness of the Lord remained. Naomi was home and Ruth was with her. Turning back to God in repentance is the path to spiritual blessing.



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Lesson No. 3

Ruth - Widows guided by God



Ruth 2: 1-23



Ruth 2: 20

Suggested Further Reading

Psalms 37: 23 & 24 Proverbs 10: 22 Ephesians 4: 28

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The fields of Bethlehem lay at several different levels and so the grain did not ripen all at once. The harvesting period could last for a long time. This would be a great help to Ruth because the poor were allowed to follow the reapers and pick up any grain that was left. This was called 'gleaning'.

Look up and write out **Leviticus 23: 22.**

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First came the men with their sickles, then the women to make the sheaves and finally the gleaners, such as Ruth, to gather what was left.



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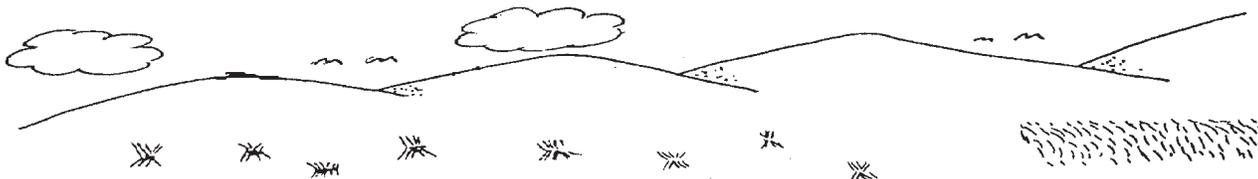
Clues

1. Boaz offered Ruth this to eat.
2. Ruth bowed down to Boaz with this part of her body touching the ground.
- 3 & 4. Ruth left both these relatives behind her in Moab. (Verse 11)
5. The workers responded to Boaz's greeting with "The Lord _____ you".
- 6 & 7. The two harvests mentioned. (Verse 23)
8. Ruth was gleaning in Boaz's _____.
9. The time of day when Ruth started work.

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Look down the Word Grid and find the name of the town from which Boaz came.

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We are introduced to Boaz in verse 1 and from then on he has a prominent role in the story. At this stage, the differences between Boaz and Ruth were overwhelming. He had everything. She had nothing. How were they brought together? The answer is, God was in control. Ruth and Naomi were trusting in Him and were being guided by Him.

PROFILE OF BOAZ



PHYSICAL

We know nothing of Boaz's physical appearance.

SOCIAL

What things do we learn about Boaz in verse 1?

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CHARACTER

Answer **TRUE** or **FALSE**:-

- Boaz did not notice Ruth in the field. _____
- Boaz knew nothing about Ruth until he spoke to her. _____
- Boaz told Ruth to stay in his field. _____
- Boaz told Ruth to drink the same water as his men. _____
- Boaz spoke harshly to Ruth. _____
- Boaz was a generous man. _____

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SPIRITUAL

Did Boaz believe and trust in the Lord God? Give a reason for your answer.

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Ruth gleaned an ephah of barley (nearly ten kilograms) that first day. Even allowing for the extras purposely left for her (vs. 15 & 16), this was an extraordinarily hard day's work. She had impressed the servant of Boaz earlier on with her steady, hard work. She knew why she was there and the rest she took was only to allow her to work more effectively. Are you a hard worker? We should do everything, even ordinary things, as if we were doing them for God.

Ruth's work in the field is an example to Christians. Christians should be prepared to serve their Master, the Lord Jesus, whole-heartedly. The Bible says:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men ... it is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Colossians 3: 23 & 24)

In the **Key Verse**, what did Naomi want the Lord to do to Boaz? Check the correct answer.

- Kill him. Punish him. Bless him.

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In the **Key Verse**, what does Naomi say about Boaz's relationship to Ruth and herself.

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Lesson No. 4

Ruth - Boaz and Ruth blessed by God


 Read

*Ruth 3: 1-18
4: 1-17*

Suggested Further Reading

Psalm 68: 4-6 1 Corinthians 6: 19 & 20 1 Peter 1: 18 & 19

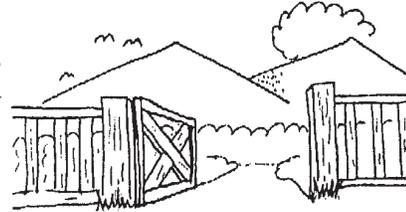

 Key Verse

Ruth 4: 10

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Naomi had a problem. She wanted to recover the land Elimelech had owned. But the buyer had to be a relative who would also marry Ruth, so that the land would stay in the family. Naomi knew that Boaz was a close relative and would possibly buy the land.

She therefore devised a plan to enable Ruth to speak with Boaz alone.



Underline the correct words in the following paragraph.

The **BEGINNING** / **END** of the barley and wheat harvest had almost come.

That **MORNING** / **AFTERNOON** / **EVENING**, Boaz himself would be involved in working at his **TENT** / **WINEPRESS** / **THRESHING FLOOR**. Naomi, knowing the local customs, knew that Boaz and his servants would **SELL** / **GUARD** / **EAT** the grain that night, to ensure nobody stole any of it. The time had come for the family claim to be presented to Boaz. This was Ruth's opportunity!

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After washing herself, what were the next two things Ruth had to do?

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What was Ruth's reply to Naomi's instructions?

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Ruth had come to appreciate Boaz's many good qualities, so she was quite happy to fall in with Naomi's plans.

Ruth made her way to the threshing floor. It was not normally a place for a single woman, so she was not to allow herself to be seen and recognized.

What was she to wait for Boaz to finish doing?

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Why did Naomi instruct Ruth to uncover Boaz's feet? Possibly as an effective way of waking him without disturbing anyone else, when his feet grew cold! We must imagine a conversation carried out in mere whispers, after which Ruth could slip away quietly. Boaz told her that he knew of one man who was a closer relative (kinsman) to them than he himself was. This man had to be given the first opportunity to buy the piece of land and to marry Ruth.

Early next morning, Boaz set off and waited at the gate to the town where all important matters were decided.

Whom did Boaz call to be witnesses of all that was happening?

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They were there to make sure that the customs were observed. Once Boaz had completed the transaction, no one would be able to change it. The closer relative, who remains nameless, decided against purchasing the land when he realized that marrying Ruth was to be part of the bargain.

What did he finally say to Boaz?

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What did he do as he said this?

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Why did he do this?

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WORD SEARCH

Write the answers to the following clues, AND then circle them in the Word Search. They are written forwards, backwards, across, down or diagonally.

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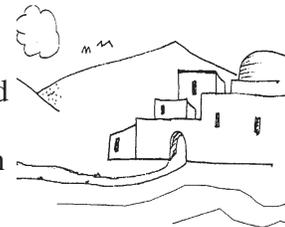
1. The first thing Ruth did in preparation for going to see Boaz. _____
2. Ruth uncovered Boaz's _____ and lay down beside them.
3. & 4. Boaz praised Ruth for not going after the younger men, whether _____ or _____ .
5. Boaz gave six measures (nearly 20 kilograms) of this to Ruth to take back to Naomi. _____
6. In the morning, Boaz went to the _____ .
7. The number of elders (leaders) that Boaz called. _____
8. & 9. The two sisters mentioned in [Ruth 4: 11](#). _____ and _____

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So Boaz redeemed (bought back) everything that had belonged to Elimelech and his two sons, including Ruth, who would now become his wife.

And so the girl, who came to Bethlehem with nothing, had found that God had brought her happiness, far above what she had expected. When we are prepared to let God take over our lives, He always bring us into blessing, even though sometimes the blessing comes after times of hardship and difficulty.

The story of Ruth is important because she became the great-grandmother of Israel's greatest king.



Who was he?

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