

## RUTH MARRIES BOAZ

**Scripture:** Ruth 2-4

**Materials Needed:**

Costume to dress up as Ruth  
Questions for review game  
Things for Memory verse game

**Memory Verse:** *Matthew 6:33 Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—When Ruth chose to go with Naomi to Bethlehem and cling to her God, even when it appeared there was nothing in it for her, God rewarded her with a safe place to work, plenty of food, a loving and godly husband, and children who would be the ancestors of great kings.

To Realize— When a person clings to God rather than to a promising future, God will reward them both now and later.

To Respond by—clinging to God even with they don't know what that means for the future, knowing all will be provided.

**Setting up the Story:**

Don't teach the events of the first chapter; do a short review from last week by asking a few questions. To make the review more interesting, play Chair Scramble (Bible Games, p. 84)

**Telling the story:**

**As you tell the story:**

- I. Ruth Goes With Naomi
- II. Ruth Gleans in Boaz's Field
  - A. "Happens" into Boaz's field
  - B. Boaz Inquires About Ruth
    - 1. "Who is she?"
    - 2. "She came with Naomi and has been working all morning."
  - C. Boaz tells Ruth to stay
    - 1. You will be safe with servants
    - 2. Take water
    - 3. I know what you've done
    - 4. May God reward you
    - 5. Eat with us
  - D. Boaz Instructs the Servants
    - 1. Don't insult her!
    - 2. Pull out some sheaves
  - E. Ruth Tells Naomi Everything
    - 1. "God is kind"
    - 2. "Stay by his maids"
- III. Boaz Redeems Ruth
  - A. Ruth meets Boaz Privately
    - 1. At Naomi's instructions
    - 2. Boaz Blesses her
      - a. "You've not gone after young men."
      - b. "Everyone knows you are a woman of excellence."
    - 3. Boaz Gives her Food
  - B. Boaz Negotiates Purchase
    - 1. Closer relative

Either dress up, or have a "guest speaker" dress up as Ruth. Tell the following story from the first person and what it would have been like. Put in the recurring phrase to show the truth of the story.

Wow. I couldn't believe it. I had left everything to follow Naomi's God and He was now providing a safe place for me to work.

I had left everything to follow Naomi's God and He was now providing a enough food for me and Naomi.

2. 10 men = witnesses
3. Boaz gets shoe

- IV. Ruth Has Children
  - A. Elders Bless Ruth and Boaz
    1. Like Leah and Rachel
    2. Build house of Israel
  - B. Women Bless Naomi
  - C. Obed
    1. Father of Jesse
    2. Grandfather of David

I had left everything to follow Naomi's God and He was now providing a husband who loved God and loved me...he wanted to marry me! And not just to get the land either!

I had left everything to follow Naomi's God and He was now providing a child for me, and a promise that many great people would be born from my son!

**Concluding the Story:**

I had left everything to follow Naomi's God and I can tell you that He provided everything I needed. When I left my own home, I didn't know anything for certain! My choice might have even seemed foolish to some. But looking back on my life, I made the right choice. If you are afraid of giving your future plans to God—don't be afraid! He will provide all that you need! I know!

Thank you for letting me visit your class today!  
("Guest" leaves; or you take off Ruth costume)

## **RUTH MARRIES BOAZ HELPS FOR THE TEACHER**

### **Personal Application Questions:**

1. What fears did you have when you decided to follow Jesus no matter what?
2. In what ways have you seen Him provide for the very things you thought you would have to give up?
3. What things have been unexpected blessings in your life, beyond what you would have thought from following the Lord?

### **Application Questions to Think Through for your Students:**

1. What fears might your students have about fully following Jesus?
2. What stories can you share from your own life that would help them not be afraid?

### **Memory Verse:**

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### **Post-Lesson Activity:**

Sing the song, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God..." For older students, share how these words were spoken to Jesus' followers. How were they similar to what Ruth had done in following Naomi? What fears might they have had about the future if they followed Jesus?

Write 8-9 review questions. Divide the students into two teams and play a game of tic-tac-toe.

### **Homework Idea:**

Have your students write a short play for the story of Ruth.

Scenes could be: Ruth and Naomi in Moab

Ruth with Boaz and Servants in the Field

Boaz with Men in the City Gate

Ruth and Boaz on Wedding Day

As a review to the next lesson, act out the story the next time they are together.