

PARENT TAKE-HOME SHEET

Reach Community Church — Children's Ministry

1 THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Big Idea	God never stops loving and providing for His people. He always makes a way for the outsider to come home.
Passage	Ruth 1, 2, 3, 4
Remember	Boaz chose to redeem Ruth when he did not have to. That is a picture of what Jesus did for all of us.

2 MEMORY VERSE

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Ruth 1:16

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.

What It Means: Ruth chose to leave everything and follow Naomi's God. This is one of the most powerful declarations of loyal love in the whole Bible.

Practice: Two parts: (1) *Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay.* (2) *Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.* Say it at bedtime this week.

Ask: Why did Ruth stay with Naomi? **Guide toward:** She loved Naomi and chose to trust Naomi's God.

3 WHAT YOUR CHILD LEARNED

Naomi lost her husband and sons and returned to Bethlehem broken. Ruth, her Moabite daughter-in-law, refused to leave her. Ruth gleaned grain in a field belonging to Boaz, a relative of Naomi's husband. Boaz protected Ruth and chose to act as kinsman-redeemer, marrying her and restoring the family. Their son Obed became David's grandfather and an ancestor of Jesus. Boaz is a picture of Jesus: He had the right, the power, and He willingly paid the cost.

4 SAY THIS TO YOUR CHILD

"Ruth was an outsider with nothing. But God placed her in the right field, in front of the right man, at exactly the right time. Jesus does the same thing for us. No one is too far outside for God to reach."

5 WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Ruth was a Moabite outsider named in Matthew 1:5 in the family line of Jesus. God's grace has always crossed every boundary. And faithfulness in ordinary moments matters more than we can see.

6 DEFENDING THE TRUTH

If your child hears: "The Bible is only for certain kinds of people."

"Ruth was a Moabite, not an Israelite, and she is in the family tree of Jesus. God's rescue was always for everyone. That is the whole point of her story." (Ruth 4:17; Matthew 1:5; Galatians 3:28)

7 TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Use one or two during dinner, bedtime, or in the car.

Why did Ruth stay with Naomi?

She loved Naomi and chose to trust Naomi's God. Real love stays even when it costs something. (Ruth 1:16)

How is Boaz a picture of Jesus?

He had the right to redeem, paid the cost willingly, and brought an outsider into the family. Jesus did exactly that for us. (Galatians 4:4-5)

Is it okay to be honest with God when things are hard?

Yes. Naomi told God she was bitter and He did not reject her. He kept working in her life. (Ruth 1:20-21)

How did Ruth end up in the family of Jesus?

Ruth married Boaz, had Obed, who had Jesse, who had David. Jesus was born in that line. (Matthew 1:5)

8 WHEN YOUR CHILD FEELS LIKE AN OUTSIDER

Ruth was a foreigner with nothing in a land that had every reason to overlook her. When your child feels left out, unknown, or like they do not belong, try this:

"Ruth felt like an outsider too. But God placed her exactly where she needed to be. He sees you the same way. You are never too far outside for Him to reach."

9 PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

Lord, thank You for a story about two women with nothing and a God who saw them anyway. Thank You that Your grace has always crossed every border, every background, every failure. Thank You for Jesus, our kinsman-redeemer, who paid what we never could. Help us be faithful in ordinary moments. Help us notice the people around us who need someone to step in. Amen.

10 A FINAL THOUGHT FOR PARENTS

Ruth's account has no miracles, no armies, and no burning bush. Just ordinary people being faithful in ordinary moments. God was building something through them they could not see. He is doing the same through your family right now.