

# BOAZ MARRIES RUTH

## *Ruth 4:1-17*

### **Ruth 4**

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat there. When the kinsman-redeemer he had mentioned came along, Boaz said, “Come over here, my friend, and sit down.” So he went over and sat down.

<sup>2</sup>Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, “Sit here,” and they did so. <sup>3</sup>Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our brother Elimelech. <sup>4</sup>I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line.”

“I will redeem it,” he said.

<sup>5</sup>Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the land from Naomi and from Ruth the Moabitess, you acquire the dead man’s widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property.”

<sup>6</sup>At this, the kinsman-redeemer said, “Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it.”

<sup>7</sup>(Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.)

<sup>8</sup>So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it yourself.” And he removed his sandal.

<sup>9</sup>Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, “Today you are witnesses that I

have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon. <sup>10</sup>I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon’s widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from the town records. Today you are witnesses!”

<sup>11</sup>Then the elders and all those at the gate said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.

<sup>12</sup>Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.”

<sup>13</sup>So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. <sup>14</sup>The women said to Naomi: “Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! <sup>15</sup>He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. <sup>17</sup>The women living there said, “Naomi has a son.” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | QUESTIONS  |
|-----------------|-----------|--|
| 5               |           | 1.) What is a kinsman-redeemer?                  |
| 5               |           | 2.) Did the kinsman-redeemer want to marry Ruth? |
| 5               |           | 3.) Who married Ruth?                            |
| 5               |           | 4.) Why do you think Boaz wanted to marry Ruth?  |

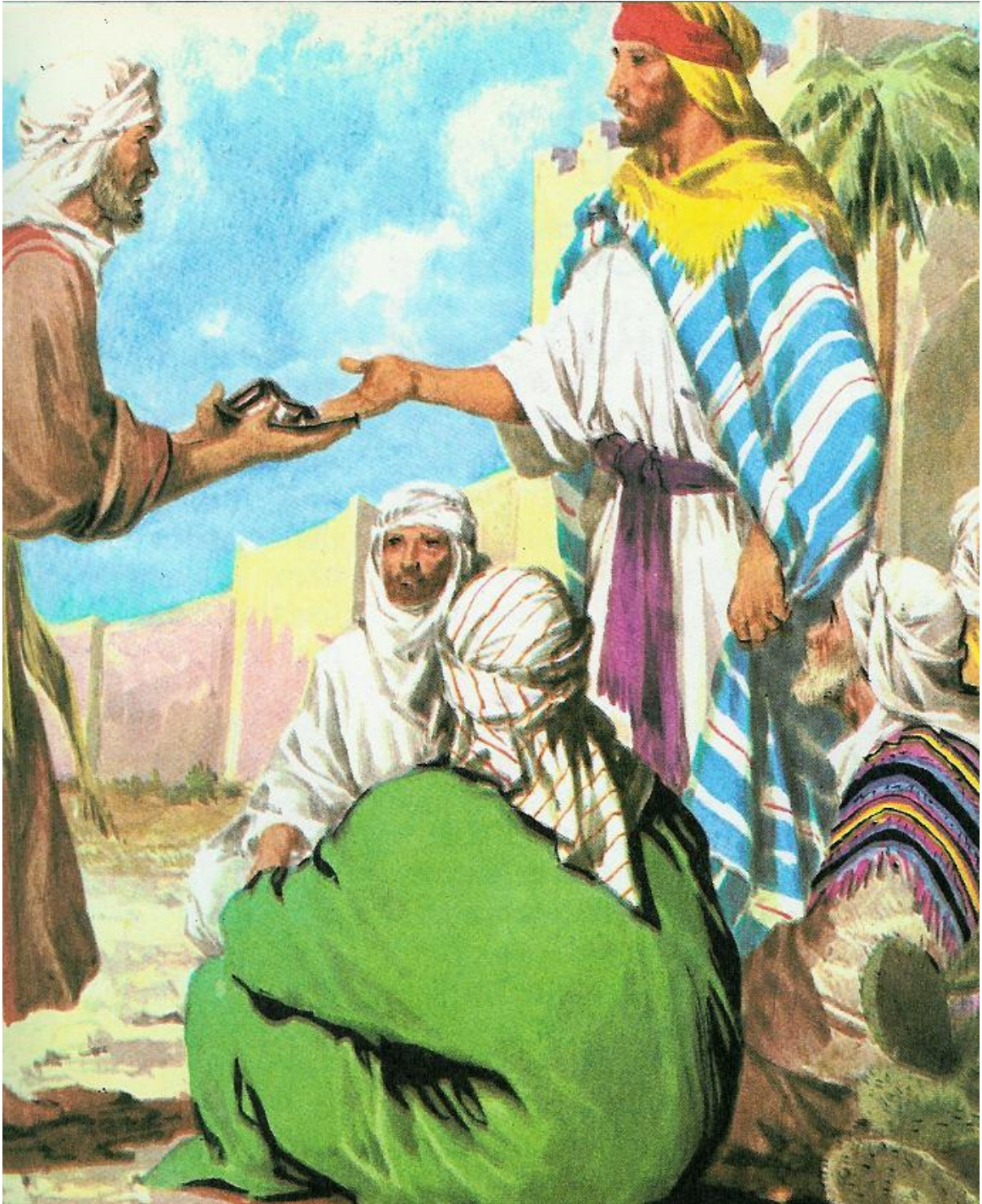
| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | MEMORY VERSE   |
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| 10              |           | <p>“A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proverbs 31:10</p> |

| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | HOME CONNECTION  | PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE |
|-----------------|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| 5               |           | <i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>      |                           |
| 5               |           | <i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>      |                           |
| 10              |           | <i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i> |                           |

| TOTAL POINTS | CLUB CONNECTION                        |
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|              | LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__ |

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*Boaz gets married to Ruth*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: WEDDING BELLS

Students will make wedding bells to remind them that Boaz married Ruth.



### MATERIALS

1. Large Plastic Party Cups
2. Pipe Cleaners
3. Jingle Bells
4. Aluminum Foil

### DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out a large plastic party cup, a jingle bell, and a pipe cleaner to each student.
2. Tear off a piece of aluminum foil for each student to wrap the outside of the cup with (to make it look like a silver bell).
3. Poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
4. Push a pipe cleaner through. Tie a knot so that the pipe cleaner will not slip back out of the hole.
5. Tie a jingle bell to the end of the pipe cleaner that is inside the cup.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their wedding bells, remind them Boaz wished to marry Ruth. Before he could, he had to give Ruth's kinsman-redeemer a chance. The kinsman-redeemer, in this case, would keep the land in the family and keep the family name going. Since the kinsman-redeemer chose not to buy the land (and ultimately marry Ruth), Boaz was able to do so.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

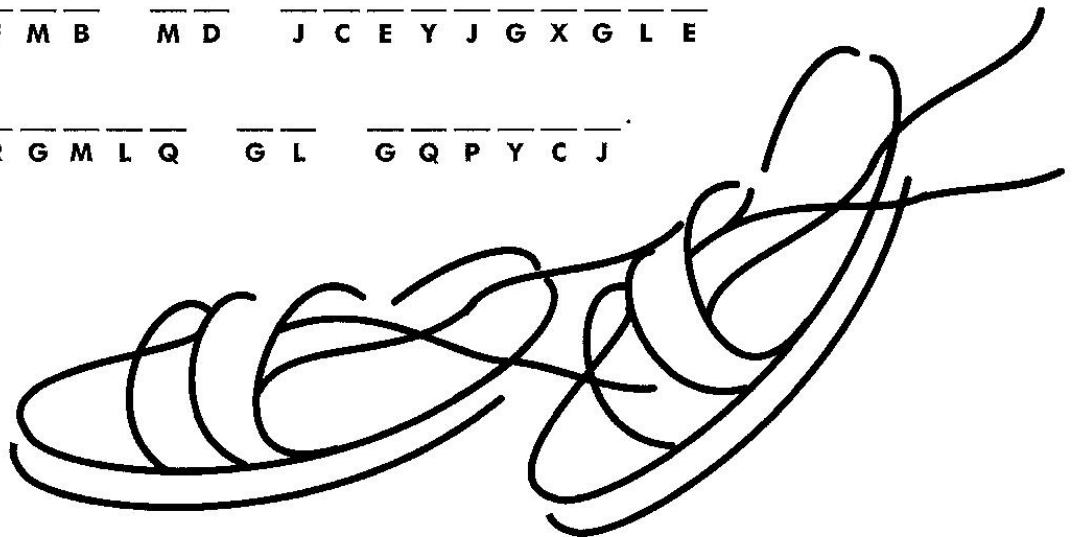
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Lawyers today write detailed contracts to complete a legal matter. In Bible times, there was a different way to seal a legal transaction. Write the letter that comes two letters after the letter given to discover this strange legal transaction.  
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N Y P R W   R M M I   M D D   F G Q   Q Y L B Y J   Y L B  
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Witnesses saw Boaz speaking with Naomi's kinsman-redeemer. The kinsman-redeemer was supposed to buy

Naomi's land. One witness said he heard the kinsman-redeemer say that he would not buy Naomi's land. This meant that Naomi would not have her land to live on.

Boaz was next in line to become Naomi's kinsman-redeemer. He would be the one to buy her land. That way, she would always be taken care of. Boaz would also get to marry Ruth.

Later, witnesses saw Ruth and Boaz get married! How exciting it was for Ruth!

Many months later, Ruth had a baby boy. His name was Obed. Obed would be the father of Jesse. And Jesse would be the father of David.

For more details, please read Ruth 4:1-17 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

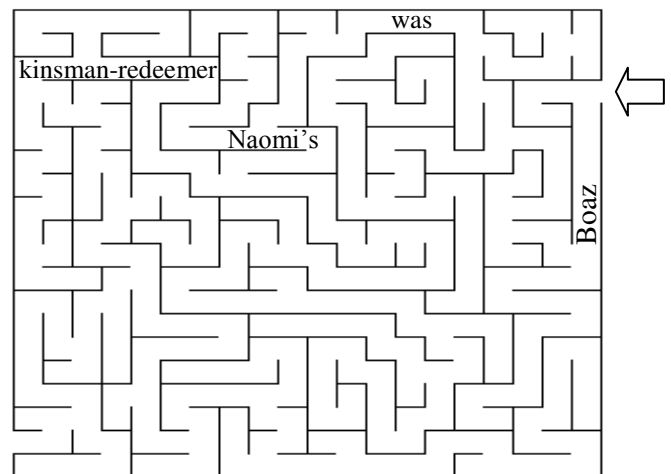
1. What did the first kinsman-redeemer say about buying Naomi's land?
2. Who was next in line to buy the land?
3. What did Ruth and Boaz do?
4. Do you think Naomi was excited about Boaz buying her land? Why or why not?

## MEMORY VERSE

"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies." Proverbs 31:10

## MAZE MESSAGE

Write down each word as you come to it to find the hidden message.



Hidden message: \_\_\_\_\_