



## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Ruth marrying Boaz.

You can find it in your Bible in:

### Ruth 4

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



## Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

*Why did the close relative take off his sandal and present it to Boaz?*

The relative in the story did not want to damage the inheritance of his own sons by buying the land and marrying Ruth. He took off his sandal and gave it to Boaz as a symbol that he was giving up his right to buy the land.

It was important to Boaz that everything he did was seen to be honest and fair. He wanted to make sure that both Naomi and Ruth had the best treatment and that nobody could speak badly of them.

A question for children to ask adults

*Can you think of a time when you gave something up so that somebody else could have it? Was it easy or hard?*

## A verse to remember

Then Boaz said to the elders and to all the people, "You are witnesses today."

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## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

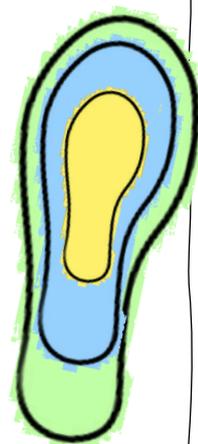
Thank you for the story of Ruth, that reminds us that you have good plans for those you love and that you take care of us.

Help us to be faithful like Ruth was to Naomi, to care for our family like Naomi did for Ruth, to be honest and kind like Boaz.

We pray for all those who do not yet know you, that they would see the love of Christians for one another and come to know the love of God. Amen

## Family Activities

Make your own **family foot picture**. Find a shoe for each family member. Draw around the smallest shoe first on a piece of paper. Then place the next size shoe on top and draw round that. Keep going until everybody's foot outline is on the paper, then decorate it together. If you are feeling brave and have paints you could make a picture with actual footprints!



The close relative in the story had the right to buy the land, but because they wanted Naomi and Ruth to be able to live off the land whoever bought the land also had to marry Ruth.

Play the **shopping list** game together – the first person says, "I went to the shops and I bought..." and then picks an item to go on the shopping list. The next person must repeat what the first person said and add another item to the list. Keep taking it in turns to repeat the list and add something new until somebody cannot remember all the items!



# Week 4 – Printable Puzzles and Colouring

There are 10 differences between the two pictures of Boaz making a deal with his close relative.

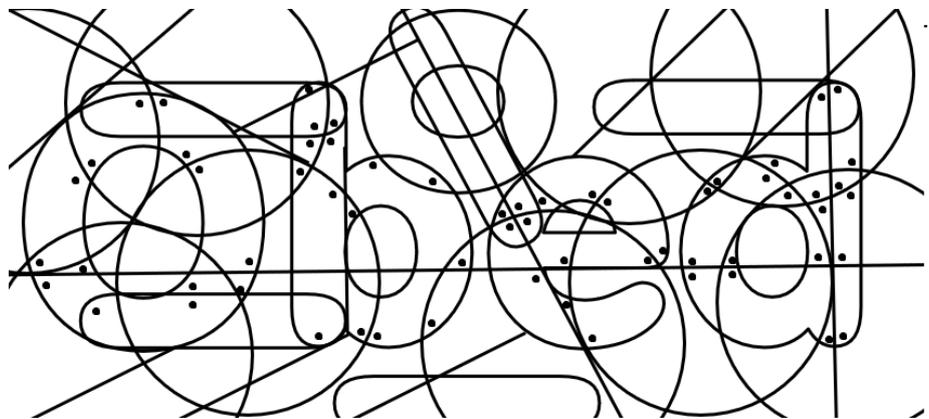
Can you find them all?



Can you match the pairs of sandals?



Colour in all the shapes with a dot in to reveal the name of Boaz and Ruth's son.



SO, BOAZ TOOK RUTH HOME AS HIS WIFE... AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON.

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