

RUTH: Week 4

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STUDY **RUTH** WITH YOUR KIDS!

Use this simple [guide](#) from [The Summit Church](#).

Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: **Ruth chapters 1-4**

REFLECT: As you read through this book one more time, mark the places where you see God working (write in His Name, highlight, mark it with a star, draw pictures- don't be afraid to write in your Bible!) so that the next time you read this book you will remember that it is the story of Naomi and Ruth and Boaz, but it is ultimately God's story.

PRACTICE: Similarly, trace the story of your life- sometimes it isn't until we look back that we see God working. Write a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for His willingness to be part of our stories- that He uses our lives as part of the bigger story He is writing. Don't forget to review and continue memorizing **Ruth 1:16-17, 2:12, 3:9**.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "[Redeemed Perpetuate the Name](#)" from The Gospel Coalition.

Day 2-

READ: **Ruth 4:1-22**

REFLECT: This is the dramatic conclusion to an incredible story. How are the themes of returning, faithfulness, redemption, restoration fulfilled in this story? Where do you see glimpses of Jesus in this story?

PRACTICE: In your own words, write the story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz (or draw it!). Then, take time to write your story... though you don't know the full ending, be confident that God writes His story on your life!

Day 3-

READ: **Ruth 1:19-22 and 4:13-22**

REFLECT: Contrast Naomi's life in these two passages. How did God restore her life from *Mara*, "bitterness," to *Naomi*, "pleasant"? The path to joy is often filled with despair. How has that been true in your life?

PRACTICE: Where are you on the path from despair to joy? Naomi's story is our story- what was her hope? Who is our hope? How can you encourage someone who may be despairing today?

Day 4-

READ: **Genesis 12:1-3; Ruth 4:5; Hosea 2:18-23; Matthew 1:5, 28:19**

REFLECT: Ruth is a Moabitess, a foreigner. Ruth is part of the genealogy of David and of Jesus. How do these facts open our eyes to the impact of God's promise to Abraham that His descendants will be a blessing to the whole world and Jesus' commission to make disciples of *all nations*? Is anyone excluded from God's redemptive plan?

PRACTICE: Download the Operation World app (or check out their [website](#)) to receive daily prayer prompts for specific nations and peoples around the world.

Day 5-

READ: **Ruth chapters 1-4; 1 Peter 1:18-20**

REFLECT: God's people had turned from Him, yet all the while He is faithfully preparing a way back to Himself. How does Naomi's story reflect the nation of Israel (rejecting God- returning to God- exile- return) and God's redemptive plan (Genesis to Revelation- a plan for a Savior)?

PRACTICE: Praise God for His faithful love, for His amazing plan to save us! Consider how Naomi and Ruth were women who lived and struggled and triumphed, just as we live and struggle and succeed. God used their story as part of His Story. Your story is part of His Story too! How can you more fully follow and trust our faithful God?

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: Review all you have learned with "[How to Read Ruth](#)" from the Gospel Project on Right Now Media. (If you don't yet have a RNM account, email sarah@whoisgrace.com)