

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Beginner Lesson One Hundred Four: Boaz Shows Ruth Kindness

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Judges
Bible Reading & Discussion: Leviticus 23:22; Ruth 2:1-23; John 6:35
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Christ's Work
Learning Objectives: (1) The law provided for the poor and sojourners. (2) Boaz was a worthy man and obeyed the law. (3) Boaz protected Ruth by telling her to stay with his young women. (4) Boaz provided Ruth with food, water, and extra grain (5) Boaz showed great kindness to Ruth. (6) Boaz was a picture of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who provides for and protects his people.
- Opening** Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate
Instructions: Lead students to sing songs about the Bible & the Judges. Encourage students to think about what they are singing. Ask students to help lead songs, including actions and visuals.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use, paper, pencils
15 minutes Strategies: Draw It!
Scripture: Leviticus 23:22; Ruth 2:1-23; John 6:35
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give each student a piece of paper and pencil. Have students fold paper in half so that there are two rectangles when the paper is opened. As leader reads aloud, students draw two different scenes from the Scripture reading. Tell students to draw simple pictures that will not take a lot of time.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Bean bag, word poster #2, add "Bread of Life"
10 minutes Strategy: Beanbag Toss
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. The leader asks a question and then tosses a beanbag to someone who must answer and then toss the beanbag back to the leader.
Questions:
- The law said that harvesters were not to reap [pick the crop] all the way to the edge of the field. It was to be left for the blank. (Poor)
 - Did Boaz obey the law? (Yes)
 - Boaz protected Ruth, having her glean [pick the crop] only in his field and telling her to stay close to his young blank. (Women)
 - Where did Boaz tell Ruth to drink? (From the water that the young men had drawn)
 - Boaz had heard all that Ruth had done for Naomi and that Ruth had left her home. He said, "The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the blank of Israel, under whose wings you have taken refuge." (God)
 - With whom did Ruth eat? (With Boaz and the reapers)
 - When Naomi heard how Boaz had treated Ruth, she said, "May he be blessed by the blank, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" (Lord)
 - Naomi told Ruth that it was good for her to go out with Boaz' young women. Ruth gleaned with the young women of Boaz until the end of the barley and blank harvests. (Wheat)
- Transitional Thought: Boaz was a picture of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Boaz showed Ruth kindness; he protected Ruth by telling her to stay with his young women, and he provided her with food, water, and extra grain. Jesus Christ provides for and protects his people. He provides spiritual life to those who believe in Him and protects them until the last day when they will have eternal life with Him.

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Show students word poster #2 and have them act out the words – Roles of Jesus Christ: High Priest (Move hand as though sprinkling blood), Mediator (Move hand from self toward heaven), Savior (Stretch arms out to the sides), Intercessor = advocate (Clasp hands as though pleading), King (Place hands on head like a crown); Perfect Sacrifice (Fold hands over heart and bow head); Prophet = God revealer (Cup hands around mouth as though calling loudly); Bread of Life (Hold hand to mouth as though eating bread)

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is and for the work of Jesus Christ.

Bible Memory 10-15 minutes
Strategy: Body Motions
Materials: White board with markers and eraser
Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following passage written on it:

Question: How does Christ do the work of a king?

Answer: Christ protects and provides for his people.

Verse: "Jesus said to them 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'" John 6:35

Exaggerated body motions are chosen to represent most words in the passage. Students read the passage a few times using words and body motions. Next students repeat the passage using body motions and words from memory, without looking at the words.

Bible Craft As time allows
Materials: Paper, markers, scissors, tape/stapler, sample project
Activity: Crown
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Assist students to tape or staple sheets of paper together so that when placed upon the head they fit like a crown. Show students how to cut the top of the paper to look like a crown. Have students decorate the crown with words & or pictures representing Christ, such as the Bread of Life, Living Water, the cross, etc. Encourage students to make their crowns look beautiful. Discuss with students the responsibilities of a king and the ways that Christ does the work of a king for his people.

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.
Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.
Close in prayer & dismiss.

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Questions About Christ's Work

Question: What work does Christ do for his people?

Answer: He does the work of a prophet, a priest and a king.

Verse: "He is the radiance of the glory of God...After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." Hebrews 1:3

Question: How does Christ do the work of a priest?

Answer: Christ offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for his people.

Verse: "... Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all..." I Timothy 2:5-6a

Question: How does Christ do the work of a prophet?

Answer: Christ reveals God the Father to his people.

Verse: "...I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works." John 14:10