

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Preschool Lesson One Hundred Five: Boaz Promises Redemption

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Judges
Bible Reading & Discussion: Deuteronomy 25:5; Numbers 27:8-11; Ruth 3:1-18
Bible Memory & Craft: Verses about Christ's Work
Learning Objectives: (1) The law provided that widows marry within the family so that a dead man's name would not be blotted out. (2) The law stated that an inheritance would go to the closest relative. (3) Naomi knew the law and gave Ruth instructions accordingly. (4) Ruth followed Naomi's instructions. (5) Boaz promised to redeem Ruth if the nearer redeemer would not do so. (6) Jesus Christ redeems his people through his death on the cross.
- 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: Leader Read Aloud and Character Cues
Scripture: Deuteronomy 25:5; Numbers 27:8-11; Ruth 3:1-18
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Divide students into three groups. One group will stand when Naomi's dialogue is read; one group will stand when Ruth's dialogue is read, and one group will stand when Boaz' dialogue is read. Leader should prepare ahead by marking the passage according to who is speaking. To help students to follow who is speaking, leader should say "Name said" instead of reading a pronoun. Leader should pause, giving students time to respond.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Number cards, word poster #2
10 minutes Strategy: Count Down
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. Numbers are written on small cards and handed out randomly to students. The leader asks questions and students answer in numerical order (1,2,3).
Questions:
- The blank said that a widow "shall not be married outside the family to a stranger..." and that the inheritance should be given to "the nearest kinsman of his clan..." (Law)
 - Based upon what Naomi told Ruth, do you think that she knew the law? (Yes)
 - Did Ruth follow Naomi's instructions? (Yes)
 - Ruth said to blank, "Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer." (Boaz)
 - Boaz said to blank "all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman." (Ruth)
 - Boaz said, "It is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I...If he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the blank lives, I will redeem you." (Lord)
 - What did Boaz give Ruth before she returned to Naomi? (Barley)
 - Blank told Ruth to wait, that Boaz "will not rest but will settle the matter today." (Naomi)
- Transitional Thought: Boaz promised to redeem Ruth, which means that he would exercise his duty as a near relative to right the wrong in her situation so that she would no longer be a childless widow. Jesus Christ righted the situation of sinners when he paid the penalty of sin through his death on the cross, redeeming his people.
- Group Prayer** Through prayer, praise God for Who He is and for the work of Jesus Christ.

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Bible Memory Strategy: Bean Bag Review
10-15 minutes Materials: Bean Bag

Instructions: Have students stand in a circle. Using the review verses, start to quote a verse and then toss the bean bag to someone to share the next word. Continue until verses have been reviewed sufficiently.

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

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

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

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

Bible Craft Activity: Rebus Poster
As time allows Materials: Paper, markers, sample project

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Assist students to turn two of the review verses listed above into Rebuses (or picture sentences) on a poster to hang on the wall. (The other two verses will be turned into Rebus' during the next lesson.)

Example:

Verse: "...  , who  himself as a ransom **4**  ..." I Timothy 2:5c-6a

Closing

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