

## Ruth and Boaz

Ruth 1:1-5

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## Notable Quotes

- A group of 4-8 year olds was asked, "What does love mean?" Here are some of their answers:
- "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore so my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8.
- "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

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## Notable Quotes

- "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5
- "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6
- "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4
- "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay." Danny - age 7
- "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss." Emily - age 8

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### Notable Quotes

- "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - age 7
- "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6
- "There are two kinds of love, Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them." Jenny - age 8
- "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day." Noelle - age 7
- "During my piano recital I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." Cindy - age 8

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### Notable Quotes

- "My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare - age 6
- "Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine - age 5
- "Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Brad Pitt." Chris - age 7
- "I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 5
- "When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen - age 7

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### Notable Quotes

- "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8
  - "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6
- (from Mikey's Funnies)

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## Author

- Most Likely Samuel
- Written Before Solomon and After David
- Links the Book of Judges to the Books of Samuel

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## Time

- 12-Year Period
- The Time of the Judges

### Judges 2:10

10) And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

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## Place

- Moab (Between the Two Wars)
- Bethlehem

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## Naomi

- David's Great-Great Grandmother
- Widow of Elimelech
- Names Means "Pleasant"
- Changed Name to Mara Meaning "Bitter"

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## Ruth

- Great-Grandmother of David
- Daughter-in-Law of Naomi
- Name Means "Friendship"

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## Boaz

- David's Great Grandfather
- Direct Descendant of Rahab
- Kinsmen to Elimelech
- Name Means "My God is King"

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## Ruth 1:1-5

- 1) Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.
- 2) And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.
- 3) And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.
- 4) And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.
- 5) And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

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## Naomi Release Obligation

### Ruth 1:8-9

- 8) And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.
- 9) The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

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## Two Questions

### Ruth 1:14-15

14) And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

15) And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

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## Commitment of Love

### Ruth 1:16-18

16) And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

17) Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

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## We Meet Boaz

### Ruth 2:1-5

- 1) And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.
- 2) And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

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## God's Hand Reveals Favor

### Ruth 2:1-5

- 3) And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.
- 4) And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.
- 5) Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

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## Boaz Recognizes Her Virtue

### Ruth 2:10-13

- 10) Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?
- 11) And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.
- 12) The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.
- 13) Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

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## Naomi's Thoughts are Changed

### Ruth 2:20

20) And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

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## Ruth Woos Boaz

### Ruth 3:3

3) Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

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## Boaz Speaks of Virtue

### Ruth 3:8-13

- 8) And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.
- 9) And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.
- 10) And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.
- 11) And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

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## Boaz Wants to Marry Ruth

### Ruth 3:8-13

- 12) And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.
- 13) Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

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## Ruth Anticipates the Outcome

### Ruth 3:18

- 18) Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

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## Boaz First Mentions the Benefit

### Ruth 4:1-4

- 1) Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by: unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.
- 2) And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.
- 3) And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's:
- 4) And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it.

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## Boaz Persuades the Decision

### Ruth 4:5-6

- 5) Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.
- 6) And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.

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## The Shoe Covenant

### Ruth 4:7-8

- 7) Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel.
- 8) Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

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## The Proclamation

### Ruth 4:9-10

9) And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

10) Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

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## The Time of Blessing

### Ruth 4:13-17

13) So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

14) And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15) And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

16) And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

17) And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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## Gentiles Seek Jesus

Isaiah 11:10

10) And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

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## Jesus Christ

Jeremiah 23:5-6

5) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6) In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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## Jesus of the Seed of David

Romans 1:3

3) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

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## Jesus is Our Redemption

Luke 21:27-28

27) And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28) And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

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## 1 Corinthians 1:24-30

- 24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
- 25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
- 26) For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:
- 27) But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
- 28) And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
- 29) That no flesh should glory in his presence.
- 30) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

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