

### JESUS' ANCESTRY

*Ruth 4:9 - 17, Luke 3:23, 31b - 32*

Devotional Reading: Galatians 4:1 - 7

Background Scripture: Ruth 1 - 4; Luke 3:23 - 38

**LESSON AIMS:** the students will:

- NAME individuals in the ancestry of Jesus
- EXPLAIN the importance of that ancestry
- SKETCH a spiritual "family tree"

**INTRODUCTION:** People belong to families that extend across generations. Jesus' ancestry includes an unlikely marriage of Boaz and Ruth. This union serves as a testimony to the grace of God as He perfects His will and His purpose. Ruth, a Moabite, would have been rejected by Israelites. Boaz, a kindhearted businessman and a vessel of God, provided for this alien and her mother-in-law.

**KEY VERSE:** *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.*  
*Ruth 4:17 / KJV*

**LESSON:**

Naomi's Family

Ruth 4:9 - 17

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Jesus' Family

Luke 3:23, 31b - 32

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Summary: The Lord orchestrated redemption through the child born to Ruth and Boaz. The redemption of Boaz, through this child, ensured that Naomi and Ruth, both childless widows, would no longer live in poverty or despair. God allowed Ruth and Boaz to have a child and the family would continue. Boaz fulfilled his role as guardian-redeemer. Through his act of redemption, the true Redeemer would come.

Questions:

1. *What responsibilities do witnesses today have toward the newly wed? how long do those responsibilities last?*
2. *In what ways are children blessings in their communities?*
3. *When has hindsight been beneficial in discerning blessings in your life?*

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DAY/DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup></i>	The Son of God	Luke 3:23 - 38
<i>Tue., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup></i>	A Household Built by God	Psalm 128
<i>Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup></i>	Determined Loyalty	Ruth 1:1, 3, 6 - 18
<i>Thurs., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup></i>	An Act of Kindness	Ruth 2:1 - 3, 17 - 23
<i>Fri., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup></i>	More than DNA	Matthew 12:46 - 50
<i>Sat., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup></i>	Daring Faith	Ruth 3:1 - 13
<i>Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></i>	God Has Not Abandoned You	Ruth 4:9 - 17