

RUTH 3

FAITHFUL GOD - THE GOD WHO GIVES REST THROUGH HIS REDEEMER

A CCS Resource
for Parents & Carers



FOR OLDER KIDS
& TEENS



KEY POINT:

Trust in God who gives rest through His redeemer.



- When life is crazy, or busy, or difficult, how do you try to cope?
- How do you like to do to rest? What are some ways that your family likes to rest?
- When things are hard do you turn to God to give you rest? Why?



PRAY for God's help as you come to His Word.

READ **RUTH 3**



1. What are the three scenes in this story?



Verses 1-6

2. What does Naomi want for Ruth? (*If you're reading the NIV the word for 'home' is 'rest'*).
3. Why is **rest** such an important idea in the Bible? What does **rest** mean? Have a look at Ruth 1v9 and 16, Deuteronomy 3v18-20 and Judges 3v7-11. *Having rest meant being in a right relationship with God and having his blessings.*
4. Why did Naomi tell Ruth to look to Boaz to find rest? *A guardian-redeemer legally had to marry a relatives widow to look after them. This would mean both Ruth and Naomi would be looked after.*

Verses 7-15

5. What does Ruth do? *She listens to Naomi and goes to find Boaz.*

For older teens:

6. What do you make of what Naomi tells Ruth to do? How right or wrong is this? How should we understand this in light of what God is doing in the story? *We're not told how right or wrong this was, but it certainly is suspicious! We can't use this instance as an excuse to be as close as possible to someone without sleeping with them. What we see is that God works through the good and the bad (like Ruth 1v1-4) to bring about His plans.*
7. What does she ask Boaz to do in v9? Why is it important that she asks Boaz to spread his garment/wings over her? (2v12; 1v16-17 - the word for wings and garment is the same) *God's blessings for rest will come to her and Naomi through a Redeemer.*

Verses 16-18

8. How does Boaz answer Ruth? *He promises to redeem her if the person first in line doesn't.*
9. Why does he send food back for Naomi? Think back to Ruth 1v21. *To show that he wants to look after them and redeem her.*



1. Who do we need to look to to give us rest today? **Matthew 11v28**
2. What is the rest that we can have in Jesus? **Revelation 21v3-4**
3. How can we have this rest? **Hebrews 4v6-13** (*By not hardening our hearts to God's Word*)
4. In what ways don't we rest in Jesus? What stops us from resting in him?
5. How does Ruth 3 help you to rest in Jesus? How is Jesus even more willing to redeem us? **Ephesians 1v7**



GIVE THANKS to God for **Jesus who redeems us so we can have a relationship with Him and the hope of rest in heaven.**