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Series: God is Our Rescuer
Fall Year 2, Lesson 25

There is Someone Who Will Rescue You

Take Home Point: *You need a redeemer – Jesus.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: Ruth 1- 4. The story of Ruth.

Key Verse: 1 Peter 1:18-19 “Realize that you weren’t set free from the worthless life handed down to you from your ancestors by a payment of silver or gold which can be destroyed. Rather the payment that freed you was the precious blood of Christ...”

We will help kids know:

- The story of Ruth and how she helped Naomi.
- How Boaz was kinsman redeemer and rescued her.
- How through their lineage Jesus came as our kinsman redeemer.
- The concept of redemption, how things are bought back with a price. Particularly, kids need to know their price of redemption paid for in Jesus.

We will help kids feel:

- Awe in how God prepared a redeemer for us, even through the family tree of the redeemer Boaz.
- Excited to help others cash in their redemption ticket with Jesus.

We will help kids do:

- Identify ways in which they use redemption tickets to get prizes.
- Invite friends to church during the next three weeks to cash in a redemption ticket, win a prize, and, more important, lead that friend to our redeemer and rescuer – Jesus.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Small Group Warm-Up 	3-4	The kids have a mini-carnival and redeem toys with their tickets. This helps them understand the concept of redemption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a supply of small, trivial prizes or small candy • carnival tickets (up to 10 per child) • games (suggestions p.3)
Large Group 	4 8-9 10-11 11-12	<p>Overview</p> <p>Puppet Presentation: “Gordy Redeems His Tickets”—Gordy learns what “redeemed” means as he trades his tickets for a special prize.</p> <p>Dramatic Presentation: “Ruth, One Who Was Redeemed”—God points to our kinsman redeemer, Jesus, through a Moabite woman in the genealogy of Christ.</p> <p>Puppet Presentation Conclusion: “Gordy Redeems His Tickets”—Gordy begins to understand the kinsman redeemer custom of the Israelites and how we need Jesus to be our redeemer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordy puppet • a spool of tickets, which can be rolled out • a goofy moustache-nose-glasses disguise • Ruth costume • worn travel bag • a bushel basket or wheat stalk • pair of sandals • crown • manger
Small Group Application 	5-7	Kids will see what a great price God paid for them by sending his son to die on the cross and coming to life again. They are encouraged to share this good news with a friend and invite them to church or Sunday School.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tickets • one Jesus dollar per child (<i>You can order from www.gospelmagic.com. See gospel money.</i>) • Special Gift Tickets (see p. 13)

Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes

Purpose: *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

Hold a mini carnival in which kids win tickets.

Make four simple games with age appropriate difficulty so students will successfully complete a game and win a ticket. (These tickets may be homemade tickets or a roll of tickets purchased from hobby stores.) Make up your own games or use these simple suggestions.

Carnival Game Suggestions:

1. Bowling pin knock down: Use ten two liter pop bottles as bowling pins and have them bowled over with a small ball.
2. Clothespin drop: Have children hold a clothespin under their chin and drop it into an empty milk jug.
3. Target ball: Cut a hole in a cardboard box and throw tennis balls into it. Another variation would be to bounce tennis balls into small pails.
4. Chop stick pickup: Have a set of chopsticks to pick up bottle caps and place them in a jar.

In addition to the carnival games there should be a table marked "Redemption Center." This is where tickets are turned in and prizes are collected. You will need a supply of small trivial prizes. It would be fun to collect them from the kids before today's lesson. A flier was available in last week's lesson inviting the children to bring donations of small junky toys from home. Small pieces of candy may also be used. The shepherd may redeem the tickets giving every child an opportunity for a prize.

To cut down in supplies and space have two or more small groups combine together for the carnival games. After the games and redemption of tickets, gather back into small groups and discuss the following:

Did you like trading tickets and cashing them in for something like these toys/candy? We have a special word for this kind of trading. The word is "redeemed" which means to buy back, just like you used tickets to buy back some of these toys or candy.

Today we will find out that we need to be bought back, and we have someone who is a "buy-backer." We have a redeemer. What do you think we need to be bought back from? (Sin).

***Note that we are not bought back from the devil. He does not own us. Jesus does not pay the redemption price of his life to Satan. He paid it to the righteousness of God, paying for the price of sin. This might be too complicated for the children to understand, but it's helpful for shepherds to know.

Who redeemed us from sin or bought us back with his power? Right, it was Jesus.

In large group, we will hear how one of Jesus' ancestors who lived hundreds of years earlier, was also a redeemer who bought back a lady named Ruth. It's a neat story about how she was rescued.

Today we will learn **you need a redeemer – Jesus. He is the only one who can rescue you from the power of sin. We will even find out how we can help others meet Jesus as their redeemer and friend as well.*

Large Group: 20-30 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

Overview

Puppet Presentation: “Gordy Redeems His Tickets”—Gordy learns what “redeemed” means as he trades his tickets for a special prize.

Dramatic Presentation: “Ruth, One Who Was Redeemed”—God points to our kinsman redeemer, Jesus, through a Moabite woman in the genealogy of Christ.

Puppet Presentation Conclusion: “Gordy Redeems His Tickets”—Gordy begins to understand the kinsman redeemer custom of the Israelites and how we need Jesus to be our redeemer.

Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.

The word “redeem” means to buy something back or trade something for what you are seeking to obtain.

During the first part of small group, focus on the questions and discussion and offer tickets to the kids for their answers and participation. Do not tell them yet what they can cash their tickets in for.

At the end of the discussion they can cash in their tickets for large Jesus dollars. These large, inexpensive Jesus dollars make great take-home lesson reminders.

The last part of the session will be devoted to helping kids to see the value of inviting their friends to meet the Redeemer. That way the kids themselves become an agent in the redemption process. They will receive redemption coupons, which can be given to their friends and redeemed for special prizes when they attend on Sunday morning.

Observation Questions: What happened?

Have kids refer to the book of Ruth in their Bibles.

What country did Ruth come from? *(Ruth 1:4. Moab)*

How was she different in her religious practice than her own Moabite people? *(She followed the living God instead of false idols since she married an Israelite.)*

What was her mother-in-law's name? *(Ruth 1:6. Naomi)*

Why did Ruth and Naomi travel back to Israel? *(Ruth 1:5-6. Naomi's husband and sons had died, and they had no one to provide for them. They heard that there was food in their homeland.)*

What was Naomi's hometown? *(Ruth 1:19 Bethlehem)*

Were Naomi and Ruth rich or poor? How did they survive? *(Ruth 2. They were very poor so Ruth would go to the field of Boaz and gather grain. They needed redeeming.)*

What was Ruth and Naomi's plan to survive? *(Ruth 3:6-18. Ruth would lay at the feet of Boaz and let him know she needed redeeming.)*

What did Boaz do? *(Ruth 4:1-12. Boaz went to the city gate and redeemed Ruth. He bought the land that was in Naomi's family and made sure no one else had a claim on Naomi, Ruth, or the land. He took the responsibility of taking care of them.)*

What is a redeemer? *(Someone who buys back.)*

Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

Why do you think Ruth went back to Israel with Naomi? *(Because she loved her and wanted to take care of her.)*

Why do you think God chose for these women to go back to Bethlehem? Why is Bethlehem so significant? *(It is the birthplace of*

Jesus. Boaz and Ruth are ancestors of King David and Jesus. Boaz as kinsman redeemer is a picture of our redeemer, Jesus.)

Application Questions: What does this mean to me?

The story of Ruth and Boaz is a good picture of what it means to redeem someone. Let's look at what it means to us personally.

Does anyone here need to be redeemed or bought back?

Read 1 Peter 1:18-19:

“Realize that you weren't set free from the worthless life handed down to you from your ancestors by a payment of silver or gold which can be destroyed. Rather the payment that freed you was the precious blood of Christ...”

The Bible says that all of us need to be redeemed or bought back from an empty life of sin. Who do you think is the only one who can save you or redeem you?

Let's imagine we have a big box filled with one hundred dollar bills and it was this high (Point upward). Imagine that this would be as much money as you would earn in your whole lifetime. But let's say that we had two of these boxes. No, let's say that we had ten of these boxes. Wait a minute. Let's say that we had enough boxes to fill this whole building from top to bottom. That would be a lot of money wouldn't it?

Do you know you have something that is more valuable than all that money? Do you know what it is? It is Jesus, because Jesus gave himself for you. The value of Jesus' life given for us is worth more to God than all the money in the whole world. It shows how much *you* are worth to God. How does that make you feel?

Make sure the kids know what a great price God paid for them by sending his son to die on the cross and coming to life again. This shows how important we are to God.

Application Activity:

Collect all the tickets given for participation and return one “Jesus dollar” to each person. Say:

I am buying back all your tickets for something more valuable.

Have kids examine the Jesus dollar and find different phrases that help describe who Jesus is and how much he loves us. Restate the take home point: ****We need a redeemer—Jesus!***

Then challenge the kids to think of someone they know who might not know Jesus as their friend or savior. Jesus wants to be their redeemer as well. Ask them how much they would be willing to pay to help their friend know Jesus. Note that we can't pay money to make that happen. The payment is for them to be willing to talk to a friend and tell him about Jesus.

To make it easier to invite a friend to church, give the children coupons to give their friends that don't know Jesus. The coupons are redeemable when the guest attends Kingdom Quest or Kids Church. The more this inviting process is discussed the more effective your kids will be in inviting their friends to meet Jesus.

Closing Prayer:

Pray that God would lead the children to those he wants them to invite to Kingdom Quest or Kids Church. Pray they would then be obedient in asking. Pray that God would open the hearts of these friends and family to receive the Redeemer.

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Large Group Presentation: 20-30 minutes

Gordy Redeems His Tickets Puppet Presentation

Two special props are needed: a spool of tickets, which can be rolled out, and a goofy moustache-nose-glasses disguise.

Mr. King: Boys and girls, today we are talking about what it means to redeem something. To redeem something means to buy something back. I have asked Gordy to help us explain what it means to buy something back. Shall we call him?

Kids chant: Gor-dy, Gor-dy, Gor-dy.

Gordy: Hi, kids!

Mr. King: Hi, Gordy. Today we are talking about redeeming, or buying back. You said that you would help explain it.

Gordy: I sure did. Look at this. I have oodles and oodles and oodles of tickets. *(Tickets are rolled out or thrown off of the stage.)*

Mr. King: Where did you get them all?

Gordy: I got them at Slurpie Sam's Hot Dog Hut and Arcade.

Mr. King: Wow. It sounds like quite a place.

Gordy: It sure is. They have all of these games that if you're really good or really lucky you can win these tickets.

Mr. King: How much did all of those tickets cost you?

Gordy: Only \$32.75!

Mr. King: What will you do with all of those tickets?

Gordy: Well, I can turn all of them in and get a special prize.

Mr. King: What prize will you get?

Gordy: Well, here. Let me show you. *(Disappears and then returns wearing moustache-nose-glasses.)*

Mr. King: **Wow, Gordy. That's um...uh... Well, I guess that's nice. Is that all you got, though?**

Gordy: Well, I only have a hundred or so tickets. This is about all you can get, but it's worth it.

Mr. King: **Why is that?**

Gordy: Because now I can look like you!

Mr. King: **Gordy, I don't wear stuff like that.**

Gordy: Well, you should. It might improve your looks.

Mr. King: **Enough teasing, Gordy. I think we understand it now.**

Gordy: Understand what?

Mr. King: **What it means to redeem something.**

Gordy: What does it mean?

Mr. King: **To buy it back.**

Gordy: With tickets?

Mr. King: **With tickets or with something else. Today we are going to meet someone named Ruth. She met a person who was a kinsman redeemer. That meant he bought her back and became her redeemer. He paid a price for her and offered to take care of her.**

Gordy: Wow! Sounds like she has quite a story.

Mr. King: **She sure does. Why don't I introduce her to the kids, and we can talk later.**

Gordy: Okay. Bye, Mr. King.

Mr. King: **And now I introduce you to Ruth, the "One who was redeemed."**

The character, Ruth, enters.

Ruth, One Who Was Redeemed

A Dramatic Presentation

A costumed woman will come and present Ruth's story using five props: a worn, old travel bag; a bushel basket or wheat stalk; a pair of sandals; a crown; and a manger.

The first three props will help visualize the three sections of Ruth's life story. The fourth and fifth objects help bridge this story to the New Testament.

In the first section of the story, Ruth describes how she is a Moabite that married one of Naomi's sons, an Israelite. After her husband died, she chose to accompany Naomi back to her land in Judah.

In the second section, Ruth uses a bushel basket or wheat stalk to explain how she gleaned in Boaz's fields and how Boaz could be a kinsman redeemer. She goes on to explain how she asked Boaz to marry her and become her redeemer in the third section.

In the final sections, Ruth uses a crown to refer to King David who becomes Ruth's great grandson and an ancestor of Jesus, and a manger that represents Jesus and the ultimate Redeemer who purchases us back to God with his very life.

The Ruth character should be very familiar with her story. She will tell it according to the following sections.

Section One:

Enter carrying a used worn out travel bag.

I came from the country of Moab. This was a land where the people did not worship the true God. Instead the Moabites worshiped false gods.

A man named Elimelech and his wife, Naomi, moved to Moab from Israel when their country was having a famine. Though they lived among idol worshipers, Elimelech and Naomi worshiped the one true God. Their two sons did as well. I married one of their sons and so did my friend, Orpah. I learned to serve the true God and stopped worshiping false gods.

Naomi's husband's died, then my husband died, and so did his brother. We were left alone and very poor widows. Naomi had heard that the famine in Bethlehem was over, so she decided it best to go back to her home. She told Orpah and me that she was too old to take care of us and we should stay in Moab and find new husbands. But I told my mother-in-law, Naomi, "Wherever you go I will go, your

people will be my people. Your God will be my God.” So I went back to Bethlehem with Naomi.

Section Two:

Hold up wheat.

In Bethlehem, we did not have anything to eat or any money, so I picked up leftover grain from fields that had been harvested. One of these fields belonged to a kind, rich landowner that was a kinsman, or close relative of Naomi’s. His name was Boaz.

There was a custom that when a man dies, his closest relative should marry the widow and care for her. If this kinsman redeemer, Boaz, would buy back the land that once belonged to Naomi, then I could become his wife. He would then take care of me and Naomi.

Section Three:

Show the pair of sandals.

Naomi encouraged me to make an offer. Boaz was guarding his grain and sleeping at the threshing floor. I could go and sleep at his feet, which is a request for marriage and protection from a kinsman redeemer. Boaz was honorable and made sure that a closer relative did not take claim. He bought the land and cared for Naomi and me.

Section Four:

Hold up the crown.

Boaz and I had a baby boy named Obed. He grew up and had a son named Jesse, who grew up and had a son named David, who became king over Israel. God promised that through his descendants he would send the ultimate king, the Messiah Jesus.

Section Five:

Show the manger.

Jesus was born in the same town: Bethlehem. He is the Redeemer who bought us back from our empty way of life...not with silver or gold, but with his own precious blood and the sacrifice of his life.

1 Peter 1:18, 19 says: (NIV uses the word “redeemed”) *“For you know that it was not with perishable things, such as silver or gold, that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ...”*

Jesus is our kinsman redeemer.

Ruth exits.

Gordy Redeems His Tickets

Puppet Presentation Conclusion

Gordy: Wow, Mr. King, that was a strange custom.

Mr. King: Which one?

Gordy: Where Ruth had to go sleep by that man's stinky feet to let him know she wanted to be redeemed, or bought back, or whatever it is.

Mr. King: Well, it worked and he redeemed her. But sometimes it takes quite a bit to be redeemed. At least it did for God.

Gordy: What do you mean?

Mr. King: Well, God redeemed us at a very big price.

Gordy: He did? Do we have to go sleep by his feet?

Mr. King: No, but God did redeem us by sending his son Jesus and Jesus paid the price for our sin. He bought us back from an empty life without God so we could have a full life with God.

Gordy: Yeah, that means Jesus is with us every day.

Mr. King: Right. Just like the song "*I know that My Redeemer Lives.*" I know he lives here with me every day. Gordy, why don't you close us in prayer?

Gordy: Okay. Dear God, thank you for redeeming us by sending us Jesus. We must be pretty important to you. Thank you for not making us go to sleep by someone else's feet, either. Help us to show other people that you want to redeem them, too, so Jesus can be with them always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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