

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: God sees what we can't see.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ruth 1:1-2

Ruth 1:3-5

Ruth 1:6-13

Ruth 1:14-18

Ruth 1:19-22

Romans 8:28

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

When have you been angry at God? Why were you angry?

Have you ever made a really bad move?

Why did you make it?

What would have changed if you had been totally trusting God in the circumstances that motivated the move?

Why does Naomi decide to move back to Bethlehem?

Why does Orpah not go with her?

Why does Ruth go with her?

Who do you identify with in this story? -Elimilech, Mahlon or Kilion, Naomi, Orpah, or Ruth?Why?

Naomi blames God for her situation.

What do you say to people when they are in situations similar to the one Naomi is in?

Where is God in this chapter? What is He doing? Why?

Where is God in your life right now? What is He doing? Why?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His continual presence and activity.

Agree with God about your limited perspective.

Thank God for the way He has worked through difficult circumstances in your life.

Ask God to show you the next step to demonstrate trust in Him.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ RUTH 1:1-2

Why did Elimelech & his family leave Bethlehem?

Where would you like to go? Why?

Pack a suitcase with things you'd need on the trip.

READ RUTH 1:3-5

Did they have a pleasant life in Moab?

What's the worst trip you ever took?

What made it a "bad" trip?

READ RUTH 1:6-13

What did Naomi plan to do? Why?

What did Naomi want her daughters-in-law to do?

Take a walk around your neighborhood together.

READ RUTH 1:14-18

What did Orpah do?

What did Ruth do?

Show each other all the different ways you can think of to say goodbye.

READ RUTH 1:19-22

Put two glasses side by side.

Make one of them full and the other empty.

Which one did Naomi feel like? Why?

Draw a picture of Naomi's family tree.

MEMORY VERSE:

For the foolishness of God

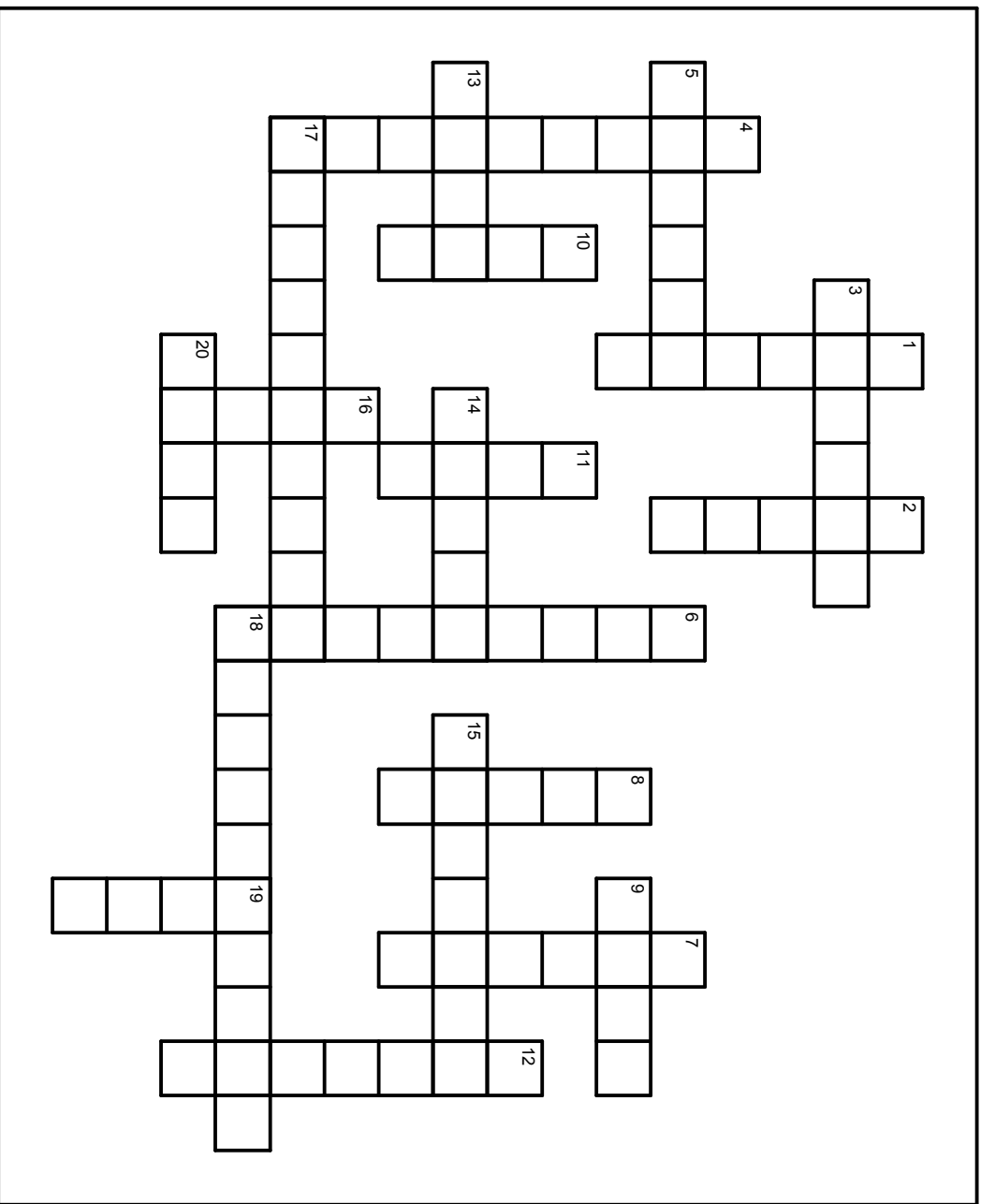
is wiser than man's wisdom,

and the weakness of God

is stronger than man's strength.

1 Corinthians 1:25

Naomi is Bitter



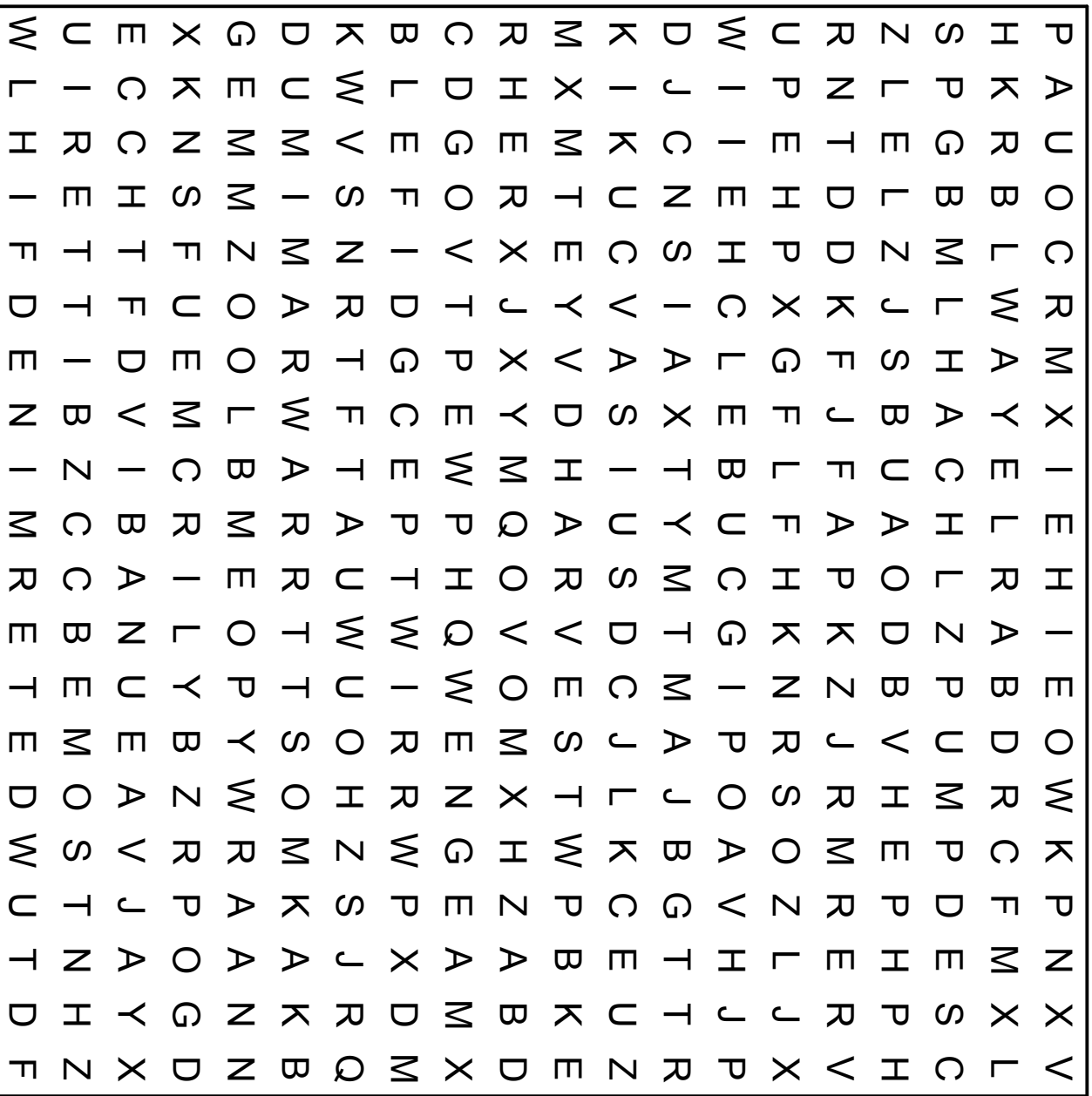
Across

3. a kind of grain (Ruth 1:22)
5. go back (Ruth 1:6)
9. what Naomi's husband did (Ruth 1:3)
13. cried (Ruth 1:9)
14. Elimelech's wife (Ruth 1:2)
15. the time to gather grain (Ruth 1:22)
17. a bad situation (Ruth 1:21)
18. had her mind made up (Ruth 1:18)
20. went away (Ruth 1:7)

Down

1. a time when there is no food (Ruth 1:1)
2. go away (Ruth 1:16)
4. where they were from (Ruth 1:2)
6. hurt (Ruth 1:21)
7. sad and hurtful (Ruth 1:13)
8. she kissed Naomi goodbye (Ruth 1:14)
10. she clung to Naomi (Ruth 1:14)
11. where they went to live (Ruth 1:1)
12. interested (Ruth 1:19)
16. encourage (Ruth 1:16)
19. it means bitter (Ruth 1:20)

Naomi is Bitter



Naomi Moab famine Bethlehem died

return left wept bitter Orpah

Ruth urge leave determined stirred

Mara afflicted misfortune barley harvest

Naomi is Bitter

1. AHVREST -----
2. LAEBYR -----
3. HOAPR -----
4. GEUR -----
5. IAMNFE -----
6. TWPE -----
7. TIDMNEDERE -----
8. VAELE -----
9. TTIREB -----
10. HTEEBEHML -----
11. DSRTRIE -----
12. RAMA -----
13. OMAB -----
14. IEACTLFFD -----
15. URTH -----
16. LFET -----
17. IFRUMOSNTE -----
18. NERTRU -----
19. EIDD -----
20. MANOI -----