

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: God does amazing things through difficult circumstances and ordinary people.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ruth 1
Ruth 3
Ruth 2
Ruth 4
Matthew 1:5-16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Ruth 4:13-22

What has changed for Naomi?

What has not changed for Naomi?

What are some possible reasons why Ruth was unable to conceive while she was married to Mahlon?

Who names the baby? What is the significance of this?

“Obed” means servant. Why is this name chosen?

What long-term significance does it have?

How would your life change if you recognized what God was doing in and through all your circumstances?

What has God done in and through your life that non-believers view as circumstance, but you see as God at work?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for being the ruler over circumstances.

Agree with God about your tendency to complain about circumstances.

Thank God for your current circumstances and what He is doing through them.

Ask God for the ability to see Him in your circumstances.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ RUTH 1:3-5 & 19-21

Why was Naomi sad?

Draw a sad face.

READ RUTH 4:13-17

Why is Naomi happy now?

Look at your baby pictures.

READ RUTH 4:18-22 & RUTH 1:2-4

Draw a picture of Naomi's family tree.

Do you recognize any of the names?

READ LUKE 2:4-7

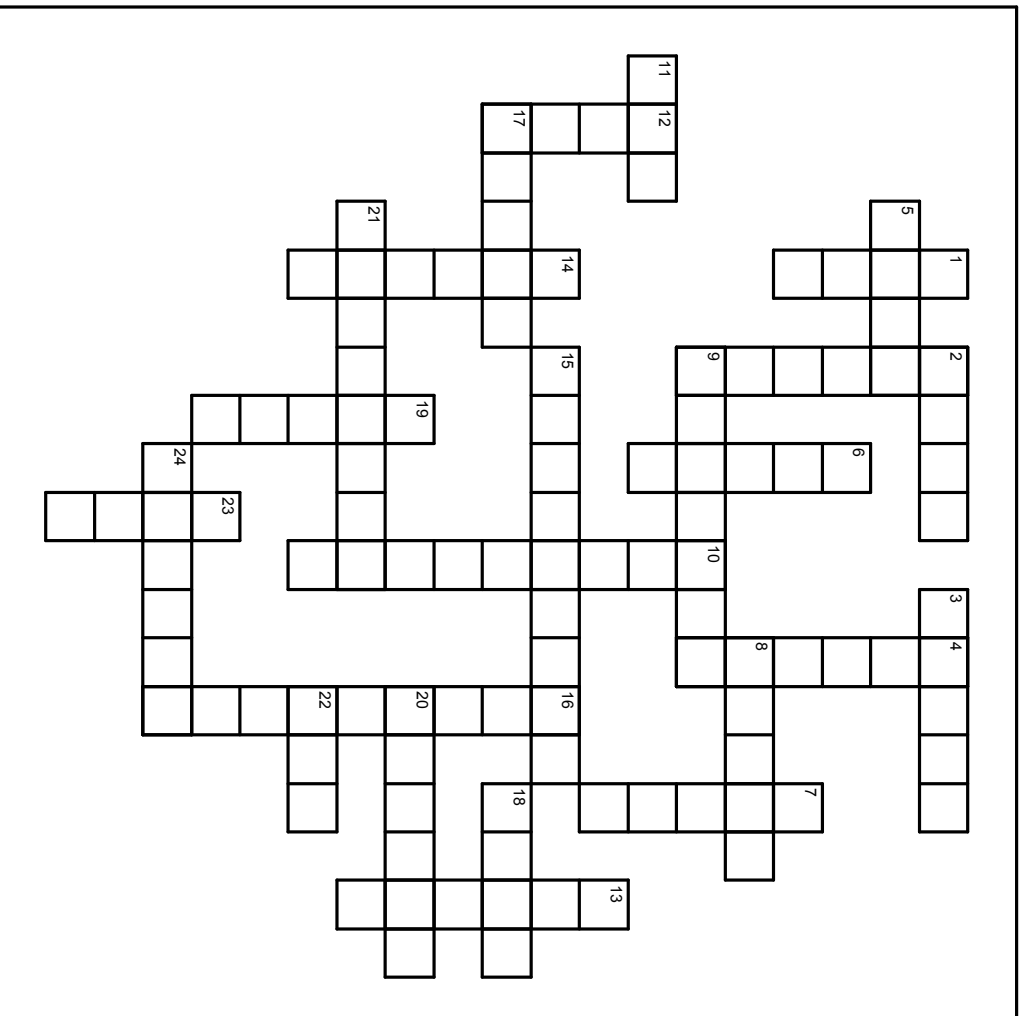
How did Boaz and Ruth fit into God's BIG plan? Make & bury a memory capsule in your backyard.

Who do you think will find it?

MEMORY VERSE:

For the _____ of _____
is _____ than _____,
and the _____ of _____
is _____ than _____.
1 Corinthians 1:25

God Blesses Naomi



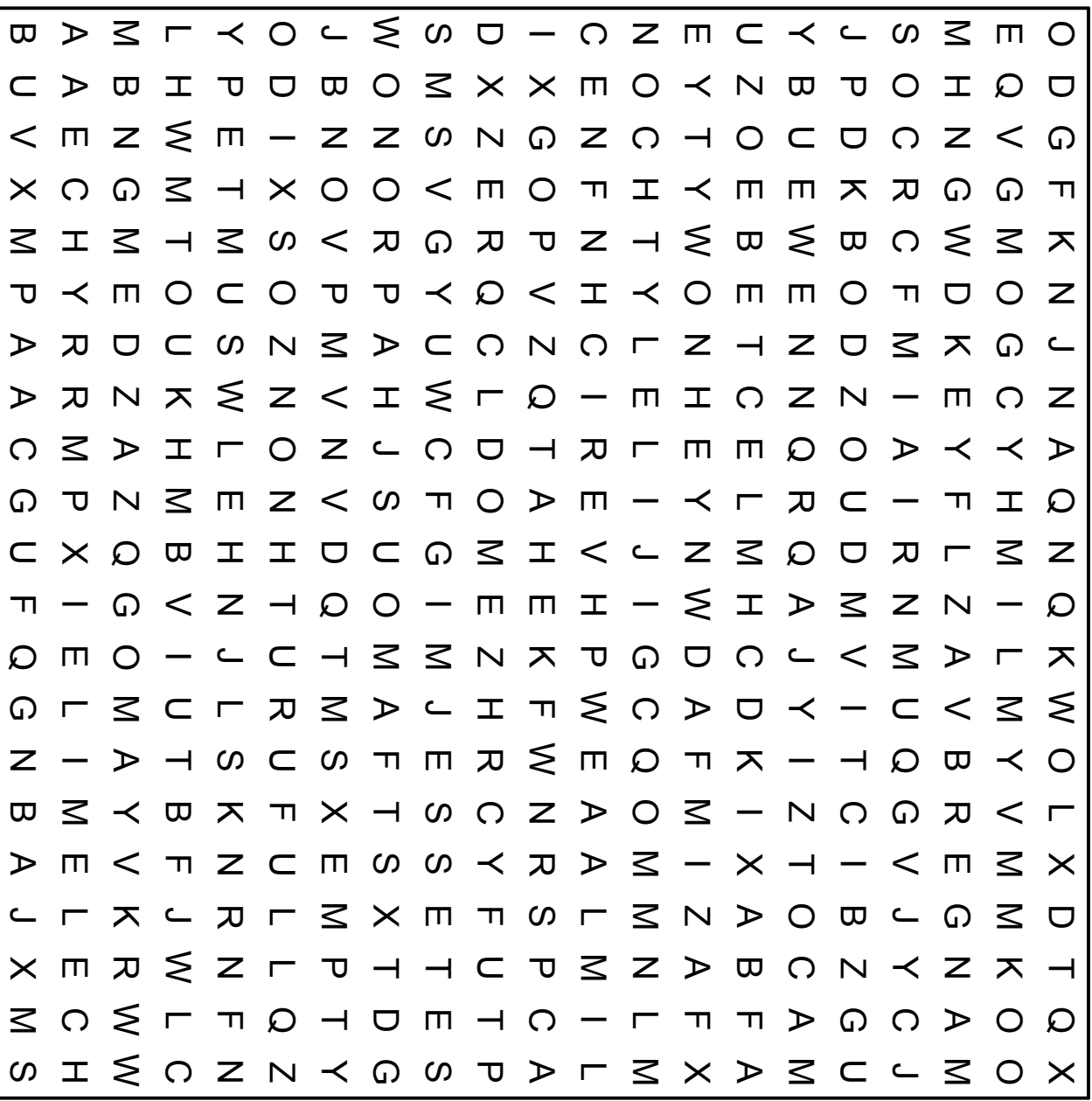
Across

- holding plenty (Ruth 1:21)
- with nothing (Ruth 1:21)
- Naomi asked people to use this name for her (Ruth 1:20)
- one of Naomi's daughter-in-laws (Ruth 1:4)
- support (Ruth 4:15)
- baby boy (Ruth 4:13)
- came to be called the "town of David" (Luke 2:4)
- Obed's grandson (Ruth 4:22)
- one of Naomi's daughter-in-laws (Ruth 1:4)
- where the baby was laid (Luke 2:7)
- get pregnant (Ruth 4:13)
- where Naomi put the baby (Ruth 4:16)
- he was a descendant of David (Luke 2:4)

Down

- she was going to have a baby (Luke 2:5)
- well known (Ruth 4:14)
- one of Naomi's sons (Ruth 1:5)
- Obed's son (Ruth 4:22)
- the people who lived in Bethlehem were surprised to see her (Ruth 1:19)
- hurt (Ruth 1:21)
- this name means servant (Ruth 4:17)
- sad and angry (Ruth 1:20)
- one of Naomi's sons (Ruth 1:5)
- name of a dead husband (Ruth 1:3)
- give new meaning to (Ruth 4:15)
- he married Ruth (Ruth 4:13)

God Blesses Naomi



Elimelech

Orpah

Ruth

Mahlon

Kilion

Naomi

Mara

bitter

full

empty

afflicted

Boaz

conceive

son

famous

renew

sustain

lap

Obed

Jesse

David

Joseph

Mary

manger

Bethlehem

God Blesses Naomi

1. SMAOFU -----
2. BAOZ -----
3. ERNWE -----
4. PHORA -----
5. EJPHOS -----
6. ILETADFCF -----
7. MHOLAN -----
8. MLEEHEBHT -----
9. AYMR -----
10. BETTRI -----
11. MNOAI -----
12. EECOVIN -----
13. MGARNE -----
14. UHRT -----
15. ULLF -----
16. OSN -----
17. SESEJ -----
18. AARM -----
19. STUAINS -----
20. LPA -----
21. ODEB -----
22. KNIOIL -----
23. MYPTE -----
24. MHLIECELE -----
25. VAIDD -----