



**HOPEWELL MB CHURCH
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE**

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

Classes will be held each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please join us in person for an in-depth discussion. All lesson discussion material will be taken from the Adult Bible class Sunday School book (please see **Youth Corner** for all other versions).

In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

June 2024

UNIT I: Women of Faith

All lessons this month will focus on how God displayed His greatness and glory through women

WEEK 1-The Creation of Woman: This lesson highlights how God completed His creation with the creation of woman

WEEK 2- Deborah Encourages Barak: This lesson shows how God chose Deborah to deliver His people from the Canaanites

WEEK 3- Ruth Follows Naomi : This lesson shows how God demonstrated His faithfulness to a woman who was not an Israelite because of her commitment to her mother-in-law

WEEK 4- Ruth Meets Boaz: This lesson shows how God demonstrated His faithfulness to Ruth through Boaz's protection

Week 5-Ruth Marries Boaz: This lesson continues to show God's faithfulness to Ruth through Boaz's protection

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DATE OF LESSON: June 2, 2024

LESSON TITLE: The Creation of Woman

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 2:18-25

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 1:26-31; 3:9-21; 5:1-2; I Timothy 2:12-15

GOLDEN TEXT: *“The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him*

an help meet for him”

(Genesis 2:18)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Genesis repeatedly say about Creation, and what was different in Genesis 2?
2. How does God’s view of women differ from what is found in many of the world’s cultures today?
3. What task did God give Adam soon after the Creation?
4. In what key way did Adam’s situation differ from that of all the creatures he named?
5. What does the term ‘help-meet’ tell us about Eve in relation to Adam?
6. How was the creation of Eve different from that of Adam?
7. What did Adam name this new creature, and why did he choose that name?
8. Why do we find the classic biblical statement about the establishment of marriage here?
9. What truths are stated in it?
10. What are the implications of the command to “leave” and “cleave”?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Everything Made Was Very Good (Genesis 1:26-31)

T- Fallen Relationship (Genesis 3:9-20)

W- Wise Women (Proverbs 11:16; 14:1-31; 30:31)

Th- The Woman Was Deceived (I Timothy 2:12-15)

F- Training Young Women (Titus 2:3-5)

Sa- A Beautiful Setting for the First Marriage (Genesis 2:8-17)

Su- Fashioned With Purpose (Genesis 2:18-25)

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DATE OF LESSON: June 9, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Deborah Encourages Barak

LESSON TEXT: Judges 4:4-10, 12-16

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Judges 4:17-24; II Kings 22:14-20; Exodus 14:23-28; 15:18-21

GOLDEN TEXT: *“And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee?”* (Judges 4:14)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were Deborah’s two ministerial callings?
2. Why did people from all over Israel come to Deborah in the territory of Ephraim?
3. What message did Deborah convey to Barak in Kadesh-naphtali?
4. How did Barak react to Deborah’s message?
5. How did Deborah respond to Barak’s proposal?
6. Why did the Israelites have cause to fear Sisera’s army?
7. What advantage did Deborah indicate that Israel had over Sisera?
8. Where did Barak’s army engage the Canaanite forces under Sisera?
9. What did God use to help Israel defeat the Canaanites?
10. How did Jael fulfill the prophecy made in Judges 4:9?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- -The Lord Fights For Israel (Exodus 14:23-28)

T- Miriam’s Song (Exodus 15:20-21)

W- Huldah the Prophetess (II Kings 22:14-20)

Th- Jael and Sisera (Judges 4:17-21)

F- Deborah’s Song (Judges 5:1-12)

Sa- Tribute to Jael (Judges 5:24-31)

Su- Deborah the Prophetess (Judges 4:4-10, 12-16)

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DATE OF LESSON: June 16, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Ruth Follows Naomi

LESSON TEXT: Ruth 1:1-9, 14b, 16

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:27-30

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: they people shall be my people, and they God my God.”* (Ruth 1:16)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the portrayal of life in Israel differ in the books of Judges and Ruth?
2. Where did Elimelech and his family live? Why did they go to Moab?
3. Who were the Moabites? How had they dealt with Israel?
4. What peril attended the marriage of Israelites to Moabites?
5. What tragedies befell this Israelite family in Moab?
6. What kind of future did Naomi face after her husband and sons died?
7. What factors led Naomi to decide to return to Bethlehem?
8. How did Naomi’s daughters-in-law initially respond when she urged them to remain in Moab?
9. Why did Orpah return to her home?
10. What level of commitment is expressed in Ruth’s “cleaving” to Naomi?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Origin of Moab (Genesis 19:29-38)

T- A Husband for Tamar (Genesis 38:1-11)

W- The Lord Protects Moab (Deuteronomy 2:8-22)

Th- Honor Godly Widows (I Timothy 5:3-8)

F- Leaving All Behind (Matthew 19:27-30)

Sa- Released to Find New Husbands (Ruth 1:10-13)

Su- Marriage and Death in Moab (Ruth 1:1-9, 14b, 16)

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DATE OF LESSON: June 23, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Ruth Meets Boaz

LESSON TEXT: Ruth 2:8-18

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Ruth 2:1-7; Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19-22; I Timothy 6:17-19

GOLDEN TEXT: *“The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust”* (Ruth 2:12)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What had Boaz already heard about Ruth before he met her?
2. What did Boaz tell Ruth about where to glean, and what advantage did this give her?
3. What does Ruth’s response to Boaz reveal about her and what she might have expected?
4. Why did Boaz say he had taken notice of Ruth?
5. How do we explain the concept of being under God’s wings (Ruth 2:12)?
6. How did Ruth express gratitude to Boaz for what he was doing for her?
7. What surprising events happened for Ruth at lunchtime?
8. What did Boaz command his reapers, and why was this unexpected?
9. What were the results of Ruth’s day of gleaning?
10. What does Ruth’s large harvest say about Ruth’s character and the character of Boaz?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Providing for the Poor (Psalm 22:1-18)

T- You Will Be Fed (Psalm 37:1-6)

W- Assignment for the Rich (I Timothy 6:17-19)

Th- Kindness to the Poor (Proverbs 14:26-27, 30-31)

F- Return to Bethlehem (Ruth 1:19-22)

Sa- Gathering Grain (Ruth 2:1-7)

Su- Welcome and Protection (Ruth 2:8-18)

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DATE OF LESSON: June 30, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Ruth Marries Boaz

LESSON TEXT: Ruth 4:1-10

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Ruth 3:1-18; 4:11-22; Deuteronomy 25:7-10; Jeremiah 32:6-15

GOLDEN TEXT: *“If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee”* (Ruth 4:4)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What happened in Ruth 3 that set up the events of chapter 4?
2. Why did Boaz go to the city gate, and what did he do after he arrived there?
3. What was Boaz’s initial proposal to the other kinsman?
4. How did Boaz make certain the other kinsman understood that his was a legal transaction?
5. What additional fact did Boaz explain that caused the kinsman to rescind his offer to redeem Naomi’s land?
6. How was the transaction sealed?
7. What did this action mean?
8. What were the two transactions that took place that day?
9. How did Boaz reiterate to the witnessing elders that what they had seen was important?
10. What was the response of those witnessing this event?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Levirate Marriage (Deuteronomy 25:7-10)

T- Redeeming Property (Jeremiah 32:6-15)

W- Moabite Prohibition (Deuteronomy 23:2-6)

Th- Blessing of Children (Psalm 127:1-5)

F- Waiting for Redemption (Ruth 3:11-18-)

Sa- David’s Ancestor (Ruth 4:15-22)

Su- Marriage and Blessing (Ruth 4:1-10)