COINS Connect Primary

Ruth Assembly Script

*Welcome*

COINS Club Intro: Welcome to the COINS Connect Club assembly on Ruth, I hope you are all sitting comfortably, then we shall begin!

*Game*

*Three COINS members to do mime and Kate to explain the game.*

Kate: Right, in typical COINS tradition, shall we start with a game?!

Kate: We are going to play charades, my lovely COINS Club people here are going to mime being an animal, and I want you guys in the audience to guess what it is. Because it is mime, they are not allowed to make any noise! You guys in the audience can shout out if you think you know what animal they. Are you ready?

*Kate stays on stage COINS charade people leave.*

2min

*Scene 1 – Present Day*

*Kate (stays in stage) and four COINS Connect Club members in school inform*

Kate: Hi guys, I hear you have been looking at the bible story of Ruth in your COINS Connect Club. Could you tell me what its all about?

COINS Club 1: We can do better than telling you why don’t we show you, hold on tight!

*Wobbly music as the characters hold hands and walk across the stage and leave.*

*Scene 2 – Moab 1040 BCE*

*Kate and the COINS club stood to one side of the stage and on the other side are Naomi, Ruth and Orpah all huddled together crying/looking sad. Someone dressed as a signpost with Moab and Bethlehem written on it stands in the centre of the stage.*

Kate: Woah, what happened there, where are we.

COINS Club 1: Welcome to Moab in 1040 BCE, that’s 3 thousand years ago and 1 thousand years before the birth of Jesus.

Kate: Wow, no wonder I am feeling a bit travel sick! Who are these people?

COINS Club 1: This is Naomi, Ruth and Orpah.

Kate: Why are they so sad.

COINS Club 1: Naomi fled Bethlehem because of a famine with her husband and 2 sons. They settled in Moab and had a great life there. Both her sons married local Moabite women, Ruth and Orpah. But then tragedy struck and Naomi’s husband and both her sons died!

Kate: Well that explains why they are so sad, poor family?

*Naomi picks up a bag and walking stick and walks over to the sign post pointing towards Bethlehem. and mimes that the other women must stay.*

Kate: Where is Naomi going? Why doesn’t she want Ruth and Orpah to go with her?

COINS Club 1: Naomi is returning to her homeland in Bethlehem as there is nothing left for her in Moab, she wants Ruth and Orpah to go back to their parent’s in Moab and start their lives again.

Kate: Oh look Orpah is staying in Moab, she looks so sad to be saying goodbye. But wait what is Ruth doing, it looks like she is going with Naomi.

*Orpah walks away from Naomi and Ruth looking sad, Ruth takes Naomi’s hand, and they walk off towards Bethlehem.*

COINS Club 1: Ruth didn’t want to leave Naomi, she said to Naomi, “Every place you go, I will go. Every place you live, I will live. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God.”

Kate: Wow such loyalty, lets follow them.

*Kate the COINS club leave the stage following Naomi and Ruth.*

*Scene 3 – Bethlehem 1040 BCE*

*In a wheat field in Bethlehem, 3 farm workers are harvesting the wheat far side of the stage, Ruth crouched on the floor collecting grain into a basket looking hot and tired in the centre of the stage. Kate and COINS on the other side of the stage.*

Kate: Wow, its hot out here, what are they doing (pointing to the farm workers)

COINS Club 2: Those are the farm workers harvesting the grain.

Kate: Oh, and there’s Ruth. What is she doing?

COINS Club 2: Ruth is gleaning.

Kate: What does that mean?

COINS Club 2: She is picking up the wheat left behind after the workers have finished. The farmers left this for the poor and foreigners who didn’t have enough food. Ruth and Naomi have nothing, and Naomi is too old so this the only way that Ruth can get food for them both.

*Boaz walks into the field near the workers*

Kate: That looks hard work, poor Ruth. Oh, who’s that? (pointing to Boaz)

COINS Club 2: That’s Boaz, he owns the farm. Look he is watching Ruth.

Kate: Oh no, is he going to stop her?

COINS Club 2: No, look he is helping her he is telling the farm workers to leave some easy grain for her to collect and now he is getting her some water.

*Boaz pours some water into a cup and offers it to Ruth.*

Kate: That’s really kind and generous, he didn’t have to do that.

COINS Club 2: Boaz admired Ruth’s loyalty, she was looking after Naomi and he was really impressed he wanted to help Ruth, even though she was a foreigner from another country.

Kate: Look Ruth’s leaving shall we follow her?

*Ruth, Kate and the COINS Club leave the stage.*

*Scene 4 – Naomi's house in Bethlehem*

*Naomi is sat by a fire, Ruth returns with her basket full of grain, happy and excited.*

Kate: Where are we now.

COINS Club 3: This is where Naomi and Ruth are staying in Bethlehem, it’s just a small shed with a simple fire, they had nowhere else to go.

Kate: Look Ruth is giving Naomi the grain to make some bread and telling her about her day.

*Naomi jumps up really excited and dances round the room with Ruth*

Kate: What are they so happy about?

COINS Club 3: Naomi has just found out that Ruth was gleaning in Boaz’s field, Boaz is a distant relation of Naomi, what are the chances of that! This is great news, Boaz can be Naomi’s family redeemer!

Kate: What’s a redeemer?

COINS Club 3: A redeemer is a person who returns something to someone. Under the law of Israel Boaz is able to buy back the home that Naomi’s family had before they left for Moab.

Kate: Wow, that is good news! Naomi has her home back!

*All leave the stage.*

*Scene 5 – Wedding in Bethlehem*

*Ruth and Boaz are stood with a ‘priest’ getting married, Naomi is stood nearby they are all bursting with happiness!*

Kate: Are Ruth and Boaz getting married!

COINS Club 4: Yes, isn’t it great, Boaz was so impressed with Ruth’s loyalty to Naomi and Ruth loved how kind and generous Boaz was, they decided to get married.

Kate: What a lovely end to the story that started out so sad.

COINS Club 4: This wasn’t the end, Ruth and Boaz had a son called Obed.

Kate: Amazing, now Naomi has got back everything that she lost, she has a new home and a new family.

COINS Club 4: The story doesn’t end there either, Obed will become grandfather to King David, Israel’s greatest King.

Kate: Wow, that is amazing what a way to end the story of Ruth.

COINS Club 4: Wait, it doesn’t end their either! Jesus is born into the family of David. Ruth and Boaz are Jesus’ great, great, great, 40 more greats, grandparents!

Kate: There is so much in this little story. I can see how God is working in the little details of Ruth’s life, like when Ruth ends up collecting grain in Boaz’s field rather than another field. It’s all part of God’s master plan to redeem the whole world through Jesus bringing us back into a loving relationship with Him. Thanks for showing me story of Ruth shall we head back to 2022?

COINS Clun 4: Yep, hold on tight!

*Wobbly music and everyone leave the stage!*

Kate: That was amazing, thanks guys.

*Curtain call everyone come on for a bow.*

*10 min*

*Interview spot*

Julia: Hi, I am Julia and I help Kate with the COINS Connect Club. I want to ask the COINS club members what they have learnt about the story of Ruth.

Eg.

What was your favourite part of the Ruth story?

What have you learnt about Ruth that you didn’t know before?

What have you learnt about God through this story?

*Prayers*

Kate: We are now going to have some prayers led by members of COINS Connect.

Couple of prayers written by COINS Club members

*Thank you and goodbye!*

15 min

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