PPT Guide: The Book of Ruth  
“Whither thou goest, I will go”

1. In what land is this story initially set? ________________________________________

2. What “religion” did people of this land observe? _________________________________

3. The Book of Ruth appears to be a work of fiction. What particular types of fiction?  
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4. Who is Ruth, the Moabitess? _________________________________________________

5. How many chapters are in The Book of Ruth? ________________________________

Chapter 1:

6. What does the word Bethlehem mean? _________________________________________

7. What does the word Judah mean? _____________________________________________

8. How is Moab described? _____________________________________________________

9. How is this use of names ironic? ______________________________________________

10. What does the name Elimelech mean? _________________________________________

11. What does the name Naomi mean? _____________________________________________

12. What does the name Mahlon mean? ____________________________________________

13. What does the name Chilion mean? ____________________________________________

14. The two sons, Mahlon and Chilion take Moabite wives. Name them.  
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15. How long had they lived in Moab? ____________________________________________

16. Define apostasy. ____________________________________________________________

17. What does the name Orpah mean? _____________________________________________

18. What does the name Ruth mean? _____________________________________________

19. What does Naomi tell her two widowed daughters-in-law about the difficult lives they would face in Bethlehem?  
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20. What does Orpah decide to do? ______________________________________________

21. And Ruth? __________________________________________________________________
22. Why is Ruth’s decision to follow Naomi so radical?

23. Naomi tells her friends to call her *Mara*. What does *Mara* mean?

24. When the two (Naomi and Ruth) arrive in Bethlehem, it is what season?

Chapter 2

25. Who is the hero of this story?

26. What does his name mean?

27. Describe him.

28. Define the term “gleaning” as it was used in ancient times.

29. How much grain was “accidentally” left in the field for the gleaners?

30. Why was this system NOT considered charity?

31. What did Boaz represent allegorically?

32. What did the reapers represent allegorically?

33. Why would Boaz NOT be expected to make Ruth’s acquaintance?

34. What does Boaz metaphorically give to Ruth as she gleans in his field?

35. How does Ruth react to Boaz’s kindness?

36. What does Boaz tell his reapers?

37. What is an *ephah*?

38. What interesting information does Naomi tell Ruth about Boaz?

39. Can you define the concept “kinsman redeemer”?

Chapter 3

40. Describe the custom associated with “kinsman redeemer” regarding providing a namesake for a dead husband.

41. Why was this custom in place?

42. Briefly describe the activity at a typical threshing floor.

43. What does Naomi urge Ruth to do?
44. Naomi gives Ruth very specific instructions. What were they?
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45. How does Naomi’s “urging” make Ruth’s claim to her kinsman redeemer possible? __________________________________________________________________________________________

46. Instead of making her request of Boaz in a personal way, how could Ruth have made her demand? __________________________________________________________________________________________

47. How did Ruth earn the respect of the townspeople of Bethlehem? __________________________________________________________________________________________

48. What critical information did Boaz relay to Ruth? __________________________________________________________________________________________

49. What does Naomi want to know when Ruth returns that night? __________________________________________________________________________________________

Chapter 4

50. Where did Boaz go to make his request? __________________________________________________________________________________________

51. Why there? __________________________________________________________________________________________

52. Instead of focusing on Ruth, Boaz takes another route. What is his focus when he speaks with the elders?
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53. Why does Boaz remind the “nearer kinsman” that if he redeems the property, he must also assume responsibility for Ruth? Why might that move be controversial?
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54. What was the “nearest kinsman’s” decision? __________________________________________________________________________________________

55. What was the unusual ceremony that the men performed? __________________________________________________________________________________________

56. The story continues with the account of the birth of Ruth and Boaz’s first child. What was his name? _________________

57. What is biblically important about Obed’s genealogy? __________________________________________________________________________________________