

Ruth 2

Pray

Father God, help us to understand what we are going to read and learn today from Your Book, The Bible, because we know that you are close by our side. Amen.

Discuss

Talk with the adults around you and share some of the kindnesses you have felt from your family, friends, school mates, and how God has helped you be kind to others even when it can be difficult.

In response to Ruth's kindness God spoke to Boaz, the owner of the field where Ruth was gleaning. God led him to leave handfuls of grain for her "on purpose" (Ruth 2:16)

If you are kind to people everywhere you go, you will find "handfuls" of kindness God has left on purpose, lying around for you. God will return a harvest of kindness to you because you have sown seeds of kindness. God's heart is to bless you, so be on the lookout, because His "handfuls" are everywhere.

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So, Ruth and Naomi returned to Bethlehem together. It was a good thing Ruth went with Naomi because Bethlehem was extremely far away, and Naomi couldn't have travelled all that way by herself. Notice that Ruth never complains but is a good friend to Naomi. She wasn't expecting anything in return, she just wanted to help.



When they got there Ruth decided that she should do some kind of work. It was harvest time, so she worked in the fields following behind the harvesters and picked up any barley that they had dropped.

The owner of the field came by to greet the harvesters and noticed Ruth in the field. He asked one of the harvesters who she was. "She came back from Moab with Naomi, that's all I know." Lucky for Ruth the owner of the field was Boaz, he was a kind man who believed in God. He had also been related to Elimelech (Naomi's husband that died).

Boaz went to go talk to Ruth, he said to her, "Don't go work in any other field but stay here with the other servant girls. I will make sure you are safe and whenever you are thirsty go and get a drink from the water jars." When Ruth heard this, she bowed down to Boaz and asked, "Why are you being so nice to me, I'm not even from here."

Boaz replied, "I know what you've done for Naomi, you left your family and moved to a place you've never been. May the Lord reward you for your kindness."

Ruth thanked Boaz and continued with her work in the hot sun. Boaz even ordered his workers to drop extra barley so Ruth could have more for herself.

Ruth took all the barley home and shared what she had with Naomi.

God is a God of purpose. We may not always understand His purpose, but we can be sure He has one. Something may initially look terrible to us, as Ruth's situation must have looked to her and Naomi after the loss of their husbands, and yet all the while God intends to show His glory by working something good from it.

In the Book of Ruth, we see three women who have lost their husbands, one of them Naomi, not only lost her husband, but also her two sons. We see Ruth and Naomi recover from their losses and go on to live joy filled, fruitful lives. When we suffer loss in our lives, we also can recover with God's comfort and help.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Ruth and Naomi Anagrams (Answers published next week)

Ruth Gleaning in the Field Colouring Page

Ruth and Boaz Word Search

PRAY

Father, it is good to know that You are faithful and loving, always keeping Your promises. Help us to be faithful and loving even when we don't understand what is going on around us. Thank You that we can turn to You to help us. Amen.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Ruth & Naomi Anagram



defhiinprs _____

giknorw _____

aehrstv _____

aehtw _____

defil _____

afilmy _____

allotyy _____

ehmort _____

hrtu _____

aimno _____



God Is Faithful

Ruth and Boaz

O T A T K F Y N G Z I K W J S
Y I F T L C A Y H D Q D Q H F
L W M B E E M B N Y J L C P A
F B G O L J O E H H E E W S I
L I D G A Q O J H Q L D I M T
B R E R G N I T S E V R A H H
L U T L R Z G T M M L J W A F
W T T W D B J I H Y D H K X U
A H I D R O L S Y A B E T P L
H C M Q Q E U B G L N J B E B
S J M K I N D N E S S K F F B
M J O L B X R S D D A Z F Q A
T X C O W J S R U O V A F U P
X L A B R E A D E X C U Q K L
J Z B V D B S C S L T V I U R

BETHLEHEM
BLESSED
BOAZ
BREAD
THANKFUL

COMMITTED
ELIMELECH
FAITHFUL
FAVOUR

FIELD
GLEAN
HARVESTING
KINDNESS

LORD
NAOMI
RUTH
SHAWL