

## Ruth's Story

**This story starts off with problems and sadness,  
but ends happily ever after!!**

God does not forget Naomi and Ruth and God never forgets us and will look after us too, if we follow him.

Naomi lived in Moab with her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah. Unfortunately both her sons died and she too was a widow as her husband had died about ten years earlier. So Naomi decided to go back to Bethlehem, her home town. All three widows packed up all their belongings and set off together on the road.



Then Naomi said, *"Go back, daughters you must find new husbands - the Lord will be kind to you for all you have done for me."* Orpah and Ruth both cried and ran after her. Then Orpah kissed Naomi gently and turned back towards Moab, but Ruth clung to Naomi. Ruth would not go back. She said, *"I will never leave you. Where you go, I will go. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God!"*

Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, so she stopped protesting. Then, the two women walked on together to Bethlehem

When they finally arrived, the people were surprised to see Naomi, looking older and sadder, without her husband and sons but only with Ruth. Why had Ruth left her land of Moab to come with her? They settled in Naomi's old house. It was covered in dust and weeds, but Ruth quickly cleaned it up and made it more comfortable.

To find food, Ruth went out with the poor people into the fields. There were no paid jobs for women in those days.

They were allowed to pick up any grain dropped after the harvesters had finished, called gleaning. Ruth found a field and worked all day gleaning. She wanted to carry the grain back home to Naomi to bake into bread.



Later that day the owner of the field, a good man named Boaz noticed her and asked, *"Who is she?"*

"She is the daughter-in-law of Naomi, from Moab," he was told. Boaz was related to Naomi and had heard of Ruth's kindness to Naomi. So, he said to his workmen, *"Look after her, leave her some extra grain, and whenever she needs a drink, let her have one from our water jars."*

Boaz said to Ruth, *"You are welcome to come each day into my field."* He also told her that he'd heard how much she had helped Naomi. *"May the Lord repay you for what you have done! May you be richly rewarded by the Lord God of Israel under whose wings you have come to take refuge."* Ruth was surprised that he spoke so kindly to her, as she was from Moab and she bowed down low as she felt that she was less important than all his servants.



At mealtime, he invited Ruth to eat with his servants and offered her some roasted corn. That evening, Naomi was amazed how much grain Ruth had gleaned.



When she heard it was Boaz who had helped her, she was thankful. *"He is one of our closest relatives! The Lord has not stopped showing his kindness to us."* Naomi cried for joy. Boaz was one of her kinsmen-**redeemers**, so he might be willing to look after them.

To cut a long story short, Boaz continued to be kind to Ruth and he really loved her. Naomi saw that Ruth was impressed by Boaz. Naomi prayed to God and then suggested that she got specially dressed up in her best clothes, and put on perfume and did something strange, which was an ancient custom in Israel. She went to the place where he was sleeping and lay quietly at his feet! She did this to show him he was a close relative, and she wanted him to marry her and be her kinsman-**redeemer**.



Soon they got married and eventually had a baby called Obed. When he grew up, he became the father of Jesse, who later became the father of the great king David! Jesus was born in the same family many years later!  
JESUS is the Redeemer of us all!

**God sent Jesus to pay for the things we do wrong and show his kindness, and love to us, like Boaz showed kindness and love to Ruth and her mother Naomi. We can trust Jesus our Redeemer!**

## Links for Ruth and Naomi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irThVpdeSXk> God's story: Crossroads Kids Club: Ruth (3 minutes 35)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Kt0geKYNs4> The Story of Ruth | What's in the Bible? (3 minutes 42)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hX8APKXMOBk> Short Beginners Bible Story (1 minute 25)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyr3AyI7zVY> Saddleback Kids Ruth (1 minute 15)

Powerpoint slides with story to read.

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ruth-2/>

<http://freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ls-ruth-boaz/>

Crafts and activities

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/mruth.html> make model of Ruth from template and a toilet paper roll

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/t.asp?t=http://www.dltk-bible.com/crosswords/c-crossword-withwords-ruth.gif>

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/word-search/wordsearch-ruth.htm>

**Our new memory verse is in a Psalm of King David: Psalm 34:4**

I asked the Lord for help, and he answered me.

He saved me from all that I feared.

**Prayer:**

Thank you, Lord, that you are our Redeemer which means you gave your life for us as the saviour of the whole world.

Thank you, Lord, that even when we feel lonely or sad, you understand and are thinking of us in love.

Thank you, God that you provide all we need, our food, family and friends.

Thank you, Lord that you always hear our prayers.

AMEN

# Ruth Gleaning Corn

*Ruth 2:2-18*



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## RUTH AND NAOMI

Scripture: Ruth 1



Memory Verse: Ruth 1:16

# Boaz notices Ruth gleaning





# Ruth and Boaz



Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed.