GENESIS TO REVELATION | BIBLE ACCOUNT

Kindness in the Harvest Field

Ruth 2:1-23;4:13-17



YOUR BIBLE READING

Kindness includes welcome, safety, and practical help.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

AGES 6-10 WITH AN ADULT • 6 COLORFUL A4 PAGES • ENGLISH ONLY

EXTENDED ENGLISH READING • PAGE 1 OF 2

Ruth Finds a Place to Gather Grain

Ruth 2:1-23;4:13-17



Ruth and Naomi were living in Bethlehem. Ruth asked Naomi whether she could go to the fields and gather grain left behind by the harvest workers. This was called gleaning. She would need permission and kindness from the people working there. Naomi agreed, and Ruth went out. The portion of field she reached belonged to Boaz, a wealthy relative of Naomi's late husband, Elimelech. Ruth began gathering behind the reapers.

Boaz came from Bethlehem and greeted the workers with a blessing. He asked the servant in charge who the young woman was. The servant explained that she was the Moabite woman who had returned with Naomi. She had asked to glean and had worked through the morning, with only a short rest. Boaz's question brought Ruth's situation to his attention while she was working for food in his field.

Boaz spoke to Ruth and told her not to go to another field. She could stay close to his women workers and follow where they harvested. He had ordered the men not to harm her. When she was thirsty, she could drink from the water they had drawn. His welcome included practical protection and water, not merely pleasant words. These instructions made a difference to a newcomer gathering food among people she did not yet know.

Ruth bowed and asked why he had noticed her kindly when she was a foreigner. Boaz said that he had heard about her care for Naomi after her husband's death and about leaving her parents and homeland. He spoke of her taking refuge under God's wings. Ruth thanked him for his comforting, kind words. At mealtime, another invitation would give her a place beside the harvesters as well as a place in the field.

Remember: I can make room for someone who needs kindness.

EXTENDED ENGLISH READING • PAGE 2 OF 2

A Meal, a Harvest, and New Joy

Ruth 2:1-23;4:13-17



Boaz invited Ruth to eat bread and dip it in the sour wine with the workers. She sat beside them and received roasted grain. She ate enough to be satisfied and kept some left over. The meal answered a present need while she was working. It also included her among the people resting and eating, rather than leaving her on the edge of the group with nothing to share.

When Ruth returned to gleaning, Boaz gave more instructions to the young men. They were to let her gather even among the bundles, without scolding her. They should pull out extra stalks and leave them for her. Ruth worked until evening and then beat out what she had gathered. The result was a substantial amount of barley. She carried it into the town and showed Naomi the food she had collected that day.

Ruth also shared the food she had saved from her meal. Naomi asked where she had worked and blessed the person who had noticed her. When Ruth named Boaz, Naomi explained that he was a close relative. Ruth told her about his invitation to remain through the harvest. Naomi agreed that staying with his women workers was wise. Ruth continued gathering during the barley and wheat harvests while living with her mother-in-law.

Later, Boaz married Ruth, and she gave birth to a son. The women celebrated God's kindness to Naomi and spoke of Ruth's great love for her. Naomi held the child and cared for him. The neighbors named him Obed. The passage tells us that Obed became the father of Jesse, who became the father of David. The account's ending reaches from daily work for food toward a family's new joy and a future generation.

Pause and think: What practical detail could turn a friendly greeting into a welcome someone can actually use?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

A Welcome Can Include Practical Things



List what Boaz makes available: a place to gather, protection from harm, water, a meal, and extra grain. Which of these might disappear from a retelling that only said he was nice? Practical details help us understand kindness. In an ordinary group activity, a welcome might include showing someone where supplies are, explaining a rule, or making sure they can join the shared break.

Ruth works, and she also receives help. Those two facts do not cancel each other. People can contribute effort while needing protection, opportunity, or resources from others. Think of a task you have done with support. What did you do, and what did someone else provide? Being thankful for help does not require you to pretend that your own work had no value.

Ruth shares food with Naomi, and Naomi shares knowledge about their family connection. Notice that people can give different kinds of help. Ask someone you trust about a practical skill or piece of information they could teach you. You may have something suitable to share too. A caring relationship is richer than a simple picture of one person always giving and another person only receiving.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Boaz's practical kindness supports Ruth's work, and the account moves from shared food toward new family joy.

What practical detail could turn a friendly greeting into a welcome someone can actually use?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. How did Boaz help Ruth while she worked?

2. What did Ruth do with what she gathered?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Ruth brought food home to Naomi.
- ☐ Boaz welcomed and protected Ruth in his field.
- ☐ Ruth went to gather leftover grain.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Ruth bringing a bundle of grain home to Naomi.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can make room for someone who needs kindness.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Ruth 2:8-12

A thoughtful conversation

Gleaning was gathering leftover grain, not stealing. Emphasize that Ruth deserved protection and dignity as a foreigner; kindness is not earned by being useful.

Activity answers

1. He offered safety, water, food, and extra grain to gather.
2. She took it home to share with Naomi.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help us notice needs and share kindness wisely. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

English retellings, lessons, reflections and activities by DigiPick (2026), based on Ruth 2:1-23;4:13-17. Source checked with the public-domain World English Bible. Illustration © Sweet Publishing; 08_Ru_02_01_RG.jpg. CC BY-SA 3.0. Source: unfoldingWord. Resized proportionally, without cropping.
This adapted story pack is shared under Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 3.0. Credit the creators, identify changes and use the same license for adaptations. Genesis to Revelation edition 3.0.