

Little Hands, Big Hearts

Worship for the Family

Week 22: Ruth & Naomi



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Getting Started

Encourage everyone to get their minds focused and prepared for studying the Bible. Consider singing a song or two. I have uploaded a teen songbook that we use at camp. Perhaps you will spot some songs that are familiar and you can sing together as a family. Click [here](#) to download the songbook.

Review

Last week we studied about Ruth and Naomi. They had returned to Bethlehem and met Boaz. What family role did Boaz have? What was being harvested when the women returned? How did Ruth catch Boaz's attention? What kindnesses did Boaz extend to Ruth? Did Ruth work hard for just one day? The old testament commanded field owners to leave behind some of the produce of the field for which two groups of people?

Devotional Thought

There is no way to cover Ruth 3 in this short space, but we're going to try. READ Ruth 3:1-18.

After Ruth helped her survive, Naomi wanted to make sure that Ruth was provided for. Naomi knew that Boaz was the man for Ruth. The text says Boaz was a relative of theirs, but this would be a distant relative, and by marriage. Family was a HUGE deal at this time in society so you would be aware of anyone you were even slightly related to.

Naomi tells Ruth to go to the threshing floor where Boaz is processing the barley harvest. When does she tell her to go? Naomi specifically told her to wait until after he had a chance to eat and relax. The symbolism of Ruth laying at Boaz's feet is lost on our society. This was a grand gesture of submission.

Boaz wants to be the kinsman redeemer but knows of another relative who is more closely related to Naomi. He provides safety and warmth for her rest that night then sends her away before daybreak to protect her reputation. To make sure she doesn't return empty handed he sends Ruth with a large amount of barley.

Why was Boaz sleeping on the threshing floor with a pile of barley?

Conclusion

So many points to talk about in Ruth 3. Pick one of the highlights of the text and spend some extra time focusing on that section with your family.

