

Ruth 3

Name



Meeting the Need

Read Ruth 2 v 23

1. What did Ruth do for the rest of the harvest?



Look at Ruth 3 v 1-6

Naomi wanted the best for Ruth. As a widow Ruth had no one to provide for her. Naomi wanted her to marry so she would have a husband to look after her. So she told Ruth to go to Boaz. As a close relative Boaz had a duty to marry Ruth and buy back land belonging to Naomi.

2. Where was Boaz? (v 2)

Winnowing was a way of separating the grain from the other bits of the barley and wheat heads which were not useful, called chaff. People used to throw up the heads of corn into the air. The chaff is light, and the wind blows it away. The grain is heavier and falls to the ground, where it is gathered up.

Threshing is another way of separating the grain from the chaff. This method involves beating the corn or rolling something heavy over it. You do that on a threshing floor.

Either way, it is the grain that is precious. It is hard, dusty work to gather it in, but it is worth all the effort!



Read Ruth 3 v 7-13



Ruth followed Naomi's instructions. It was an Israelite custom to claim protection in this way. It feels a bit strange to us!

3. Was Boaz pleased or upset with Ruth? (v 10)

4. Did he agree to marry Ruth? (v 10-11)

5. What was the problem though? (v 12) Cross out the wrong words

He was already married / He hadn't got the money /

There was a closer relative whom he had to ask first

Look at Ruth 3 v 15-18

5. What did Boaz give to Ruth? (v 15)



Draw the correct amount of sacks around the page

6. What did Naomi tell Ruth to do next? (v 18)



We have a need. *Ruth had a need. She knew she had a need and was prepared to go to someone who could meet that need. We have a need too. We need to be rescued from our sins. Do you realise you need a Saviour? Are you prepared to go to Someone, to the Lord Jesus, Who can meet that need? Like Boaz, He is kind and full of compassion when we come to Him. Unlike Boaz, there is no one else to whom we can go. He is the only One Who can wash us clean.*

"Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6 v 68