

## **THE BIBLE TALKS ABOUT GENEROSITY** **Boaz Is Generous to Ruth and Naomi**

**Scripture Reference: Ruth 2:2-20**

Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the left-over grain....”

So Ruth went out and began to glean in the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech.

**(To “glean” means to pick up the left over grain in the field)**

Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, “The Lord be with you!”

Boaz asked the foreman of his harvesters, “Whose young woman is that?”

The foreman replied, “She is the Moabitess who came back from Moab with Naomi. She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.’ She went into the field and has worked steadily from morning until now, except for a short rest in the shelter.”

So Boaz said to Ruth, “.....Stay here with my servant girls. Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the water jars the men have filled.”

At mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar.”

When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, “Even if she gathers among the sheaves, don’t embarrass her. Rather, pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up and don’t rebuke her.”

So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah (**an “ephah” is about 20 quarts**). She carried it back to town and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough...

**(“Threshed” means taking the seeds of grain off the plant.)**

**Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working .  
“The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz.” She said.**

**“The Lord bless him!” Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. “He has not stopped showing his kindness....”**

## BEING GENEROUS



PUT "YES" BY THE SENTENCE IF IT TELLS ABOUT GENEROSITY. PUT "NO" IF IT DOESN'T TELL ABOUT BEING GENEROUS.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Boaz told the men to take all the grain away and be sure Ruth and the other gleaners could not have any.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Boaz told Ruth to get a drink from the water jars when she was thirsty.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Boaz wanted to keep all the grain for himself.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth gave some of her grain to Naomi.

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FIND AND CIRCLE THESE WORDS IN THE BIBLE STORY. THEN WRITE THE WORD BY ITS MEANING.

Gleaning

Threshing

Harvesters

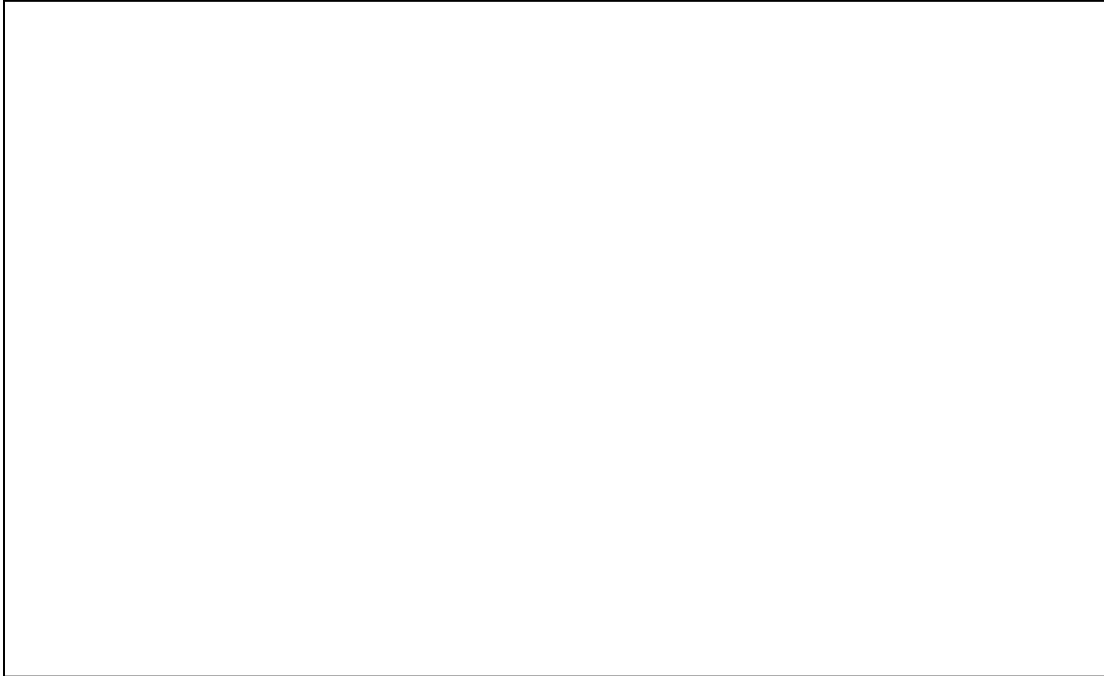
Picking up the leftover grain or other crop was called \_\_\_\_\_

The people picking the ripe crop were called \_\_\_\_\_

Before grain could be used for food, it had to be taken off the plant. This was called \_\_\_\_\_

## THE VALUE OF GENEROSITY

Draw a picture of yourself and what you could be doing to show generosity.



My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Having generosity \_\_\_\_\_ important to me.  
is is not

I \_\_\_\_\_ spend time willingly giving to others.  
do do not

Happily and willingly giving to others is having generosity.

I can show that generosity is becoming my value when I \_\_\_\_\_

And \_\_\_\_\_



At mealtime Boaz said to Ruth, "Come, eat with us."

*Ruth 2.14*