

RUTH FINDS A NEW HOME

LOYALTY

SCRIPTURE: From Ruth 2

KEY VERSE: “A person who tries to live right and be loyal finds life, success, and honor.” Proverbs 21:21

SCRIPTURE TO SHARE:

“One day Ruth, the woman from Moab, said to Naomi, ‘Let me go to the fields. Maybe someone will be kind and let me gather the grain he leaves in his field.’ Naomi said, ‘God, my daughter.’ Therefore, Ruth went to the fields. She followed the workers who were cutting the grain. And she gathered the grain that they had left. It just so happened that the field belonged to Boaz.

Then Boaz said to Ruth, ‘Listen, my daughter. Stay here in my field to gather grain for yourself. Do not go to any other person’s field. Continue following behind my women workers. Watch to see which fields they go to and follow them. I have warned the young men not to bother you. When you are thirsty, you may go and drink. Take water from the water jugs that the servants have filled.’ Then Ruth bowed low with her face to the ground. She said to Boaz, ‘I am a stranger. Why have you been so kind to notice me?’ Boaz answered her, ‘I know about all the help you have given to Naomi, your mother-in-law. You helped her even after your husband died. You left your father and mother and your own country. You came to this nation where you did not know anyone. The Lord rewards you for all you have done. The Lord, the God of Israel, will pay you in full. You have come to him as a little bird finds shelter under the wings of its mother.’”

TALKING ABOUT IT:

1. What did Ruth do to help Naomi?
2. What special thing did Boaz do for Ruth when she gathered grain in his field?
3. Ruth showed loyalty by leaving her homeland to travel with and care for Naomi. NO matter what happened, Ruth would not leave Naomi. A true friend shows loyalty by sticking close by you no matter what happens. Think about three qualities you would like to have in a friend. Make a list of these.
4. What does it mean to be loyal?
5. Has anyone shown loyalty to you? If so, in what ways?
6. In what ways have you seen God be loyal to you?
7. How can you be loyal to God?

8. Do you have a good friend that you could do something for? Talk about it and then make a plan to do something for a special friend.

PRAYER FOCUS:

To be loyal to God first and then to others.

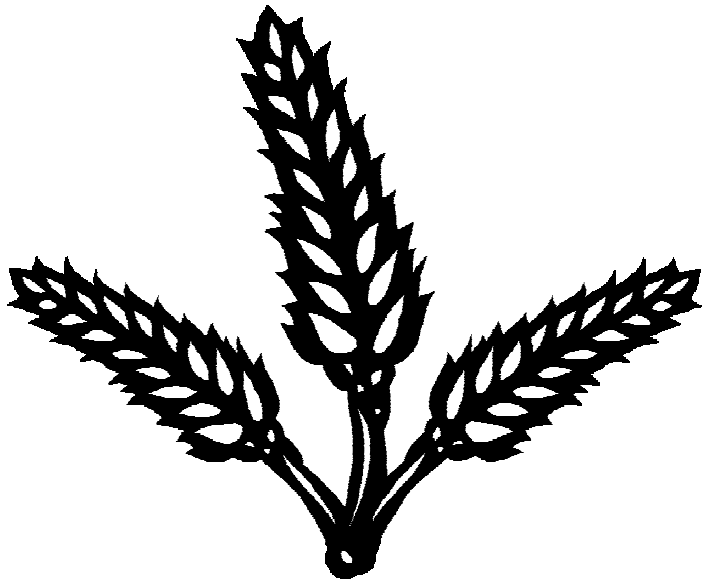
RUTH SHOWED LOYALTY

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The grain Ruth picked up in Boaz’s field may have been barley or wheat. Did you know that wheat prays? When wheat is ripe, it bows its head down. Then the farmer knows it’s time to gather the wheat. Maybe that is God’s way of reminding the farmer to be thankful for his good crop.



WHEAT



BARLEY

We show loyalty to God, our family, and friends by defending them when others say hurtful words against them. You can build strong loyalty by saying positive things about them to others. Below, write one positive thing about God, your family members and any of your friends.



**RUTH WAS LOYAL TO NAOMI.
BOAZ WAS KIND.**