

RUTH MEETS BOAZ

Ruth 2:1-23

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¹Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, from the clan of Elimelech, a man of standing, whose name was Boaz.

²And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor."

Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter."³So she 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.

⁴Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The LORD be with you!"

"The LORD bless you!" they called back.

⁵Boaz asked the foreman of his harvesters, "Whose young woman is that?"

⁶The foreman replied, "She is the Moabitess who came back from Moab with Naomi. ⁷She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She went into the field and has worked steadily from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."

⁸So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with my servant girls.

⁹Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the girls. I have told the men not to touch you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

¹⁰At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She exclaimed, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?"

¹¹Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹²May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

¹³"May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord," she said. "You have given me comfort and have spoken kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servant girls."

¹⁴At 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. ¹⁵As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Even if she gathers among the sheaves, don't embarrass her. ¹⁶Rather, pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."

¹⁷So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. ¹⁸She 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.

¹⁹Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!"

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.

²⁰"The LORD bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsman-redeemers."

²¹Then Ruth the Moabitess said, "He even said to me, 'Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain.'"

²²Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with his girls, because in someone else's field you might be harmed."

²³So Ruth stayed close to the servant girls of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

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| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | QUESTIONS |
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| 5 | | 1.) What did Ruth want to do in the wheat field? |
| 5 | | 2.) Who noticed Ruth working in the field? |
| 5 | | 3.) What did Boaz tell his men to do? |
| 5 | | 4.) Why do you think Boaz was so kind to Ruth? |

| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | MEMORY VERSE |
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| 10 | | <p>“And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 12:29</p> |

| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | HOME CONNECTION | PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE |
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| 5 | | <i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i> | |
| 5 | | <i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i> | |
| 10 | | <i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i> | |

| TOTAL POINTS | CLUB CONNECTION |
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Ruth picks up leftover grain from Boaz's field

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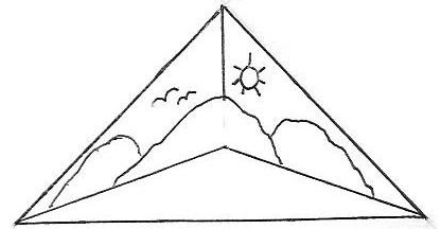
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: WHEAT FIELD TRIARAMAS

Students will make wheat field triaramas (wheat field scenes) to remind them of how God provided Ruth and Naomi wheat from Boaz's field.

MATERIALS

1. 67 Lb. White Cardstock
2. Triarama Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
5. Glue
6. Dirt (optional)



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the "triarama pattern" onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have the students color the wheat stalks, the sun, sky, mountains, and foreground (the flap that says, "God provides food for Ruth and Naomi") with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Have students cut out the "triarama" and wheat stalks on the solid black lines.
4. Instruct students to fold on the dotted lines.
5. Glue the flap that says, "God provides food for Ruth and Naomi" on top of the flap that has the box that says "*glue*".
6. *Optional:* Glue dirt to the flap that says, "God provides food for the Ruth and Naomi" to make it look like a field.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their triaramas, remind them that it was God, through Boaz, that provided leftover wheat for Ruth to collect. It was customary for farmers to leave some wheat behind for poor people to glean from the field. Help students realize that God is concerned with our physical needs too. We need not worry about what we will eat or drink. God provides for us (sometimes in ways in which we cannot even imagine).

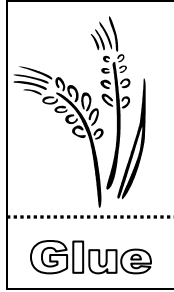
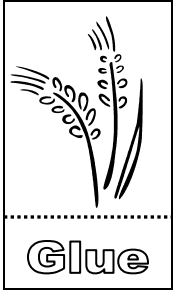
TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

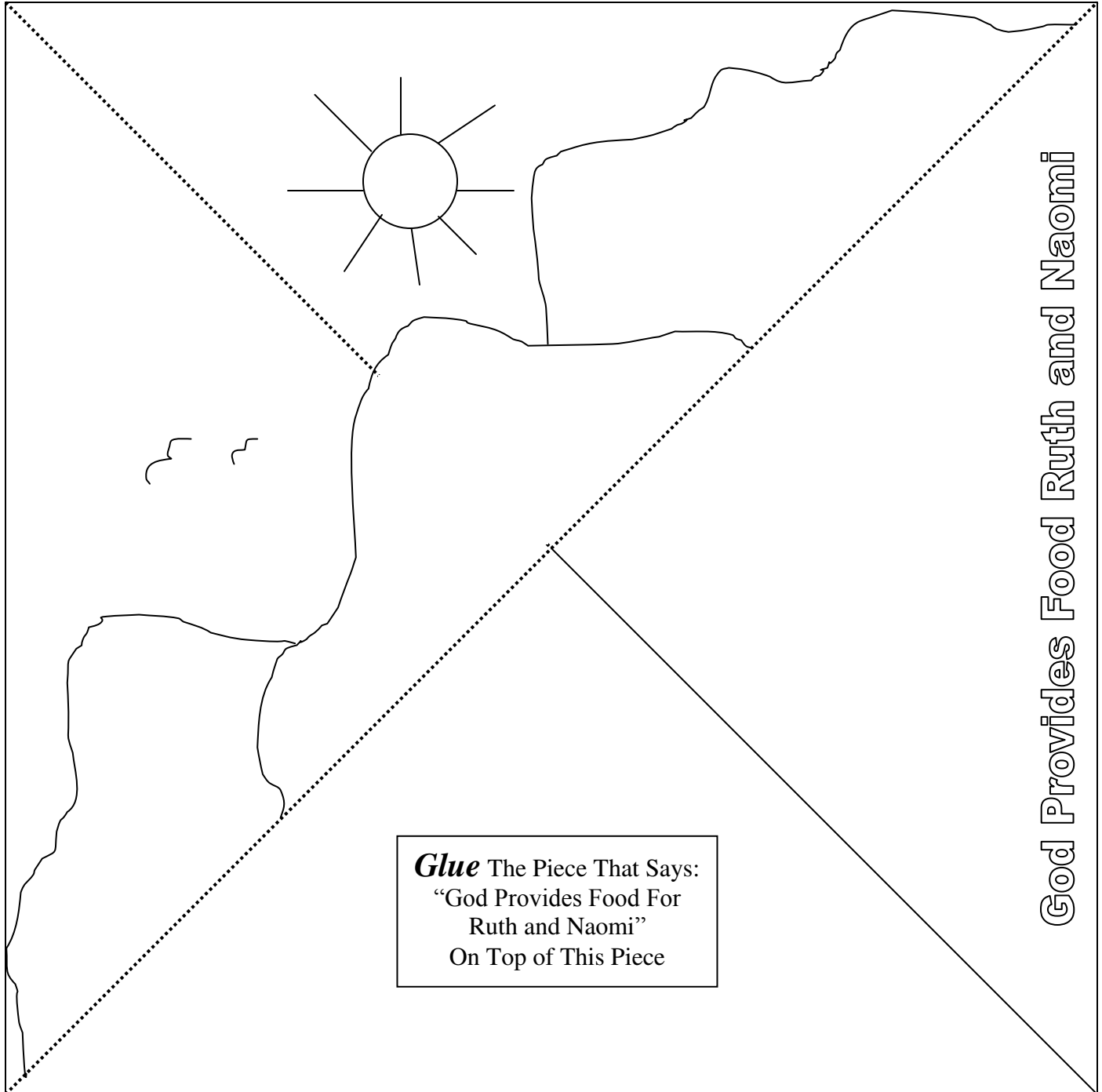
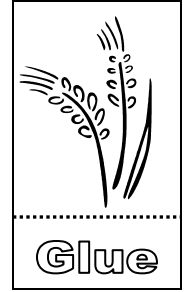
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TRIARAMA PATTERN



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FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. Ruth "went and _____ in the field after the _____. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech." **RUTH 2:3**
2. "Boaz said to Ruth, 'You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay _____ my young women.'" **RUTH 2:8**
3. Ruth "gleaned in the _____ until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of _____." **RUTH 2:17**

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

4. "And her mother-in-law said to her,..." **RUTH 2:19**
 - a. Where have you gleaned today?
 - b. And where did you work?
 - c. Blessed be the one who took notice of you.
 - d. All of the above

TRUE OR FALSE:

5. "So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, 'The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz.' " **RUTH 2:19**
TRUE OR FALSE

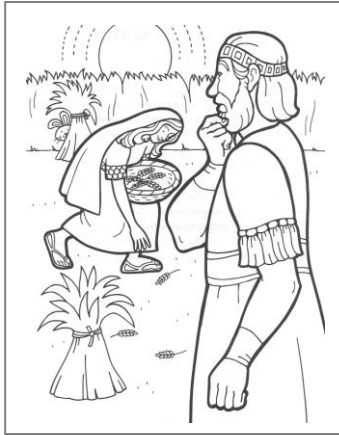
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6. "Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, '_____ be he of the LORD, who has not forsaken His _____ to the living and the dead!' And Naomi said to her, 'The man is a relative of ours, one of our near kinsmen.'" **RUTH 2:20**
7. "So she stayed close by the young women of _____, to glean until the end of the barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law." **RUTH 2:23**

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON RUTH 2:1-23

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Yesterday, Ruth was seen picking up leftover grain in a field. The field is owned by a man named Boaz.

Boaz noticed Ruth and asked his worker who she

was.

“She is from Moab. She has worked all day picking up leftover grain,” the worker told Boaz.

Witnesses have noticed how nice Boaz has been to Ruth. They tell us that Boaz lets her pick up grain whenever she wants to. He also lets her get drinks from his water jars.

Ruth is surprised at how kind Boaz is to her, our sources tell us. He is being kind to Ruth because Ruth is kind to her mother-in-law Naomi.

Boaz wants to take care of Ruth. He was overheard talking to his workers. He told them to let her take as much grain as she wanted.

When Ruth got home, she explained how nice Boaz was to her. Naomi knew that he was a relative. Naomi was pleased that Boaz was taking care of Ruth!

For more details, please read Ruth 2:1-23 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Ruth doing in Boaz’s field?
2. What did Boaz tell his workers?
3. What kind of man do you think Boaz was?
4. Why do you think Boaz was so kind to Ruth?

MEMORY VERSE

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Luke 12:29

UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

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