



Introduction

The widow Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth, settle into life in Naomi's home town of Bethlehem.



Questions

1. What does Ruth suggest to Naomi that she should do and what happens?
2. What has Boaz been hearing about Ruth before he meets her?
3. What does Ruth end up doing for the rest of harvest time?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 7** To find food, Ruth goes out gleaning and happens to come to the field of Boaz
- **v 8 to 16** Boaz shows kindness (see theme) to Ruth and tells her to continue gleaning in his field as he knows that she has put her trust in the God of Israel
- **v 17 to 23** When Ruth tells Naomi what has happened Naomi tells her that Boaz is a close relative of theirs

Timeline 1100 BC (see below)



Theme

Showing kindness

A selection of verses showing what the Bible tells us about showing kindness.

Kindness is one of God's characteristics:

Psalm 117 verses 1 and 2

God tells the prophet Isaiah that even if the physical world comes to an end, his kindness towards his people will still be there:

Isaiah 54 verse 10

The apostle Paul reminds the Ephesian believers that we can be saved because of God's kindness:

Ephesians 2 verse 7

He encourages the Colossian believers to respond to God's kindness by showing it themselves:

Colossians 3 verses 12 and 13



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2 and 3, Q 2: v 11, Q 3: v 23



Bible timeline

