

**Narrator** (From 2:17-18): “So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about a bushel of barley. She took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned.”

**Naomi** (From 2:19 & 20): “Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed. May he be blessed of the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead.”

**Narrator:** Thank all who helped, then explain, “Boaz and Ruth became married. Their child Obed became the father of Jesse, who was the father of the King David. David was the greatest king of Israel, about whom the Bible has more to say than about any other human person except Christ. Jesus is a descendant of Boaz and Ruth.”

**Picture.** Let the children draw a picture of a sheaf of grain or a scythe. Let them show their pictures to the adults and explain that we give thanks to God for harvests and other blessings.



**Memorize** Ruth 2:12.

**Poetry.** Let two children **recite** Isaiah 9:3 and 2 Corinthians 9:11.

Let the **older children** write a song, poem or brief drama that shows people giving thanks to God for harvests and His many other blessings.

## Rejoice at Harvest Time

Boaz showed gratitude for the harvest by sharing it with others.

**Prayer.** “Dear Lord, please help the children to thank You for harvests and your other blessings. Help us to show our gratitude by sharing your blessings with other people, like Boaz did.”



### Give thanks to God.

**Let the children mention things** for which they thank God. Let the children pray and thank God for these blessings.

**Let a teacher or older child read,** or tell from memory, the story from Ruth chapter 2. It tells how Boaz treated Ruth with kindness during Harvest.

**Dramatize** the story of how Boaz showed thanks to God by sharing with others. Arrange with the worship leader for the children to present a drama to the adults. Prepare the drama while you teach the children. Let older children help smaller ones. You may do only parts of the drama.

- If there are not enough people for all of the parts, let the Narrator tell whose part it is and read it.

- Actors may want to read their longer speeches directly from the Bible.
- Let **adults or older children** play the parts of **Boaz, Ruth, Naomi, Servant** and **Narrator**. Ruth carries a big sack or other kind of container in which to gather grain.
- Let **smaller children** play the parts of **Head Reaper** and several **Harvesters**. Some harvesters pretend to use scythes (blades fastened to a long handle that the harvesters swing to cut stalks of grain).

**Narrator:** “Ruth chapter 2 shows how Boaz, a farmer, showed kindness to Ruth, a widow, during harvest.”

**Harvesters:** Some pretend to cut grain with scythes. Others pretend to tie them into bundles, carry them to one side and stack them. Do this while the two women talk.

**Ruth:** Point toward the harvesters and speak to Naomi (from Ruth 2:2): “Naomi, my dear mother-in-law, please, let me go to the fields and glean some ears of grain, where I may find favor with the farmer.”

**Naomi:** “Go, my daughter.” (Ruth follows the harvesters around for a few moments, pretending to pick up ears of grain from the ground and placing them in her sack.)

**Boaz:** “Good morning, harvesters! May the Lord be with you!”

**Servant:** (Stand near the Harvesters.) “Good morning, Boaz! May the Lord bless you!”

**Boaz:** Watch Ruth for a while, then say to the Servant, “Whom is this young woman related to?”

**Servant** (From 2:6-7): “She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from Moab. She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.’”

**Boaz** (Speak to Ruth, from 2:8-9): “Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; stay here with my maids. Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw.”

**Ruth:** Bow to the ground before Boaz, then rise and say (from Ruth 2:10): “Why have I found favour in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”

**Boaz** (from 2:11-12): “All that you have done for your mother-in-law, after the death of your husband, has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know. May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.”

**Ruth** (From 2:13): “I have found favour in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants.”

**Boaz** (From 2:14): “Come here, and dip your bread in the vinegar.”

**Narrator** (from 2:14-15): “So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.”

**Boaz:** (Walk over to the Servant and say to him, from Ruth 2:15-16): “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her. Also you shall purposely pull out for her some grain from the bundles and leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.”