



FAMILY
LifeGroup

Sunday 21st June 2020

SWEETNESS OF REDEMPTION
Ruth Chapter 2



CHALLENGE

Last session we asked you to try and remember a Bible verse. See who can remember it.

Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.”
Ruth 1:16



EXPLORATION

This week we will look at the second chapter of the book of Ruth

Click [here](#) to watch!



VERSE

Ruth 2:1-23

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband’s side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite 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.” So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, “The LORD be with you!” “The LORD bless you!” they answered. Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, “Who does that young woman belong to?” The overseer replied, “She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.’ She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.” So 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 the women who work for me. Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.” At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?” Boaz 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. May 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.” “May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord,” she said. “You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants.”

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, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. Even 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. 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. Her 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. "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 guardian-redeemers. Then Ruth the Moabite said, "He even said to me, 'Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain.'" Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with the women who work for him, because in someone else's field you might be harmed." So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.



MAIN THOUGHT

God is always in control and always providing for us, even if we can't see how.



DISCUSSION

These are to guide the general conversation.

1. What are the things you always pack when you go on holidays?
2. When you go grocery shopping what are your favourite things to buy?
3. Do you like to do puzzles? What is your method to completing it?
4. What is something you know God has provided for you?



ACTIVITIES

CRAFT ACTIVITY

RUTH GATHERS THE WHEAT

Ruth and Naomi had no way of providing for themselves. Gathering the left over wheat from the ground in the field was their only way to survive. Instead of just scraping by though, God provided an abundance for Ruth and Naomi, through Boaz' generosity.

You will Need:

- The craft print out
- scissors
- glue

Cut out all of the pieces. Make sure you cut out the triangular hole on the background and the small rectangular slit on the basket. Fold along all the dotted lines. Glue the 2 'hand' pieces together. Slide the



pull tab into the background piece. Carefully turn it over and attach the back. Turn it back over and glue the basket on, just gluing on the top and sides.

ACTIVE ACTIVITY

SCAVENGER HUNT

Ruth had to gather the left over wheat that was on the ground of the field. This week you are going to need to gather some things from around your house.



You will Need:

- *The Scavenger hunt sheet*
- *A pencil to tick off your items*
- *A basket or bag to carry all your items*



PRAYER

Jesus, we thank you that even in times when we feel lost or alone, you are still with us, providing for us and giving us all we need. Help us to have open ears, hearts and eyes to see those in need around us. Give us your love to share with those who need it most. In your name we pray, Amen.



BLESSING

[Name], God has, and is blessing you. Amen



CHALLENGE

Try and remember this verse this week. Perhaps you and your family might like to make up some actions to help, or even a song? It's a big one this week!!

“Why have I found such favour in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?”

Ruth 2:10

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We would love to see how you and your family are growing faith in your home.

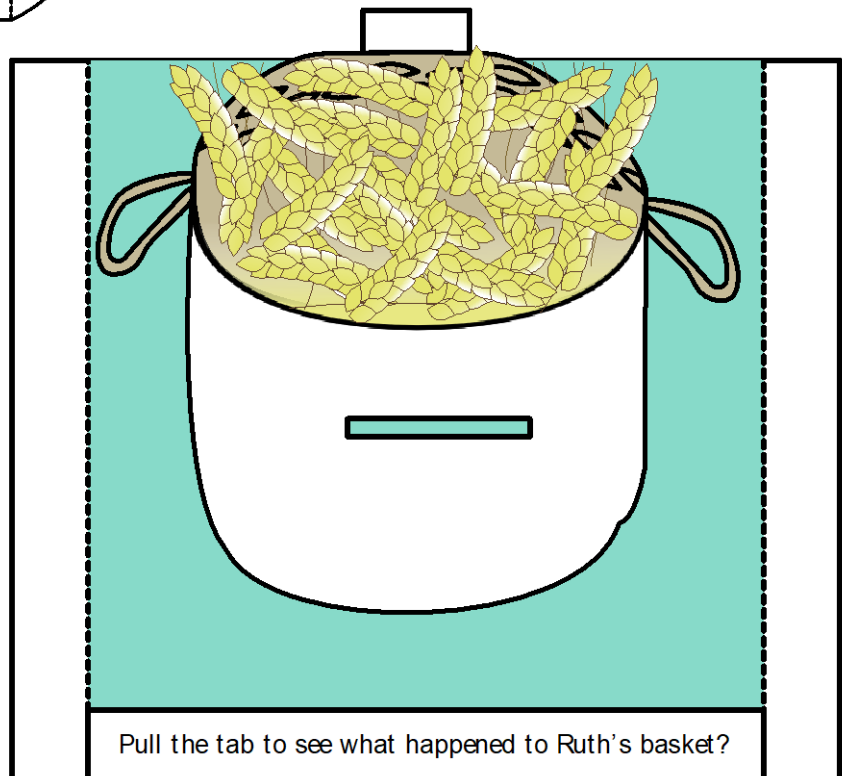
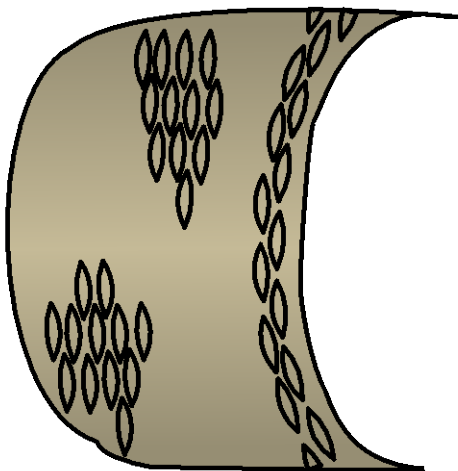
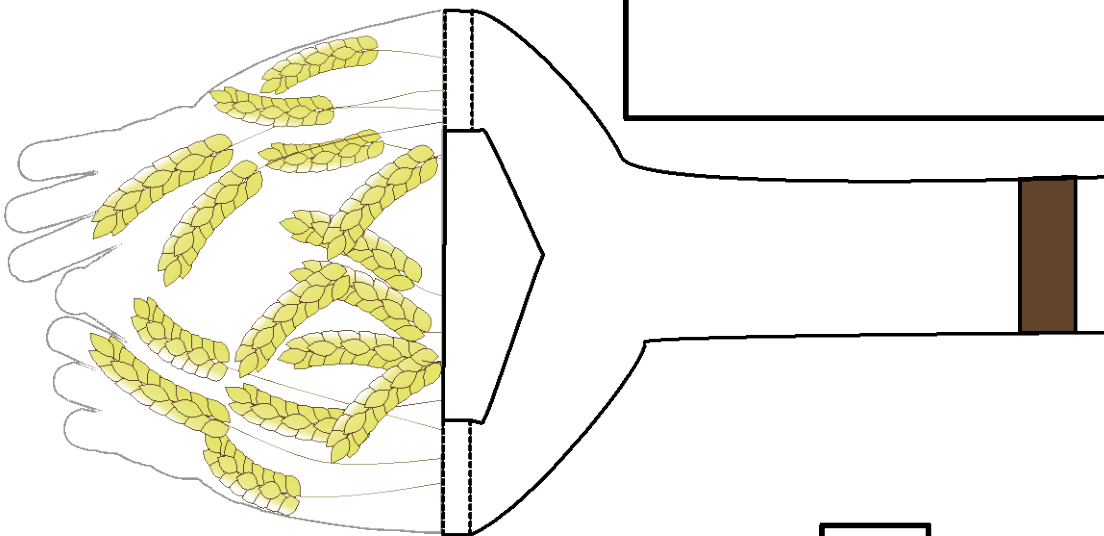
Why not set up a mini ‘Table’ for the kids like we have been using at LifeWay? It can be as simple as paper and pencils, scissors and glue and Lego or Play dough. They can then make something while you watch the Live Stream as a family.

If you are happy to share photos or videos of what you have been doing please send them to Elise von Stanke elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au and we will share these with our community through Facebook and Instagram [@lifewaylutheranchurch](https://www.instagram.com/lifewaylutheranchurch).



Instructions

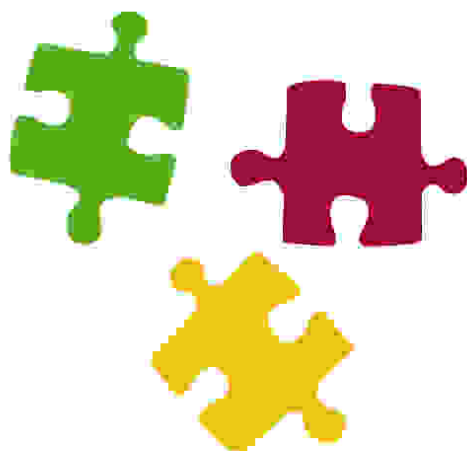
Cut out all the pieces, including the slit on the background and the hole in the pull tab. Fold along the dotted lines. glue the two hands pieces together. Slide the tab through the hole and then glue on the back piece (this bit). Fold and glue the securing flap to the back piece too! Glue the basket top and sides to the background... then pull the tab!



Indoor Scavenger Hunt

Can You Find Them All?

- ☐ An elastic band
- ☐ A square of toilet paper
- ☐ A left sock
- ☐ Something fluffy
- ☐ A piece of LEGO
- ☐ A jigsaw piece
- ☐ A pencil
- ☐ Your favourite book
- ☐ A photograph
- ☐ Something white
- ☐ A playing card



- ☐ A spoon
- ☐ Something green
- ☐ A necklace
- ☐ A ball
- ☐ Your favourite doll or teddy
- ☐ A paper clip
- ☐ Something to eat
- ☐ A cushion or pillow
- ☐ A coin
- ☐ Something square
- ☐ A dice

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