

# In-Home Discipleship Guide

Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for Sunday worship. We encourage you to take advantage of this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

**THEME: GODS PROVISION!**

**MEMORY VERSE:** Ruth 2:12 “The Lord repay you for what you have done, under whose wings you have come to take refuge”

**BIG IDEA: God sees us and provides for our needs!**

**SONGS:** Click [here](#) for Sunday’s worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

**TEACHING PASSAGE:** Ruth 2:1-23

*See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.*

Discussion Questions:

Ruth 2:1-23

1. What does the Old Testament say about the practice of gleaning (Leviticus 19:9-10) and what does that tell us about Naomi and Ruth’s place in society?
2. We can learn a lot about Ruth and Boaz from Chapter 2, what are some characteristics that you see? (Ruth: verses 2,7b,10,11b,17,18b) (Boaz: verses 4,8-9,12,14-16)
3. Do you think Ruth just happened to go to the field of Boaz by chance? What does it teach you about God’s provision?
4. Boaz in verses 4 and 12 talks about the Lord, his speech is filled with references to God. Do your words reveal that you are focused on things of God or something else?
5. In verses 15-16 Boaz shows Ruth an extra measure of kindness without telling her, how can this be an example of giving for us? (Matthew 6:3-4)
6. How do we see Naomi’s attitude change from verse 1:20 to verse 2:20 and has God changed between these 2 chapters? (Proverbs 16:9)

## Additional Resources

### **Teaching Passage: Ruth 2**

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." 3 So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. 4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. 7 She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest." 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. 9 Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." 10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" 11 But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. 12 The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" 13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants." 14 And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. 15 When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16 And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her." 17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. 19 And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." 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." 20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." 21 And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" 22 And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." 23 So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

**Talk about the story.**

Ask: How would you describe the characters in this story?

Naomi:

Ruth:

Boaz:

How do you see God's provision?

**Definition of gleaning:** Gleaning is the gathering of grain or other harvested material left behind by reapers. In the Bible, the Israelites were commanded to allow the poor to follow behind reapers and pick up leftover spears of grain and fallen grapes. In this way, the Law of Moses provided food for the poor, orphans, widows, and resident aliens. The law specified that land owners must leave some of the harvest for gleaners: "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 19:9–10). [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)

**Gleaning/Craft Activity**

Supplies: 10 Craft sticks per child, masking tape, paint and paint brush (you can substitute markers for paint), black permanent marker.

Activity: Scatter the craft sticks around the yard or room and pretend they are sheaths of barley. Send your child out to glean the leftover sheaths of barley. For added fun count to see how long it takes to find and gather all the barley. Scatter again and try to beat your time. When your child tires of this game use the craft sticks for the craft.

Craft: Lay the craft sticks side by side, long sides touching. Lay pieces of masking tape across the sticks to secure them all together to form a flat canvas. Flip the canvas over and paint the side without tape. Paint a scene from the story or abstract design. After the paint is dry use the permanent marker to write "God Provides" or one of the words you used to describe Ruth or Boaz like "Loyal" or "Kind"

