

In today's part of The Big God Story, Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth, lived in a foreign land called Moab.

Moab was the land where lived during the time of the

judges. Naomi and her two daughters-in-law lost their
and felt really sad. Naomi decided to move back to Judah, her homeland.

Ruth went with her to .



In Judah, neither woman had much money. So, Ruth went to glean (gather)

grain from . There, Boaz saw her and heard from his servant about her reputation as a loving daughter-in-law. Boaz immediately told his servants to take good care of her. He gave her a

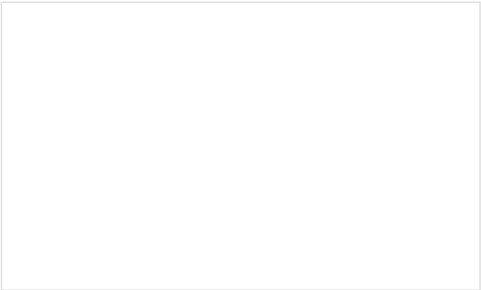
full of grain. He also invited her to eat some

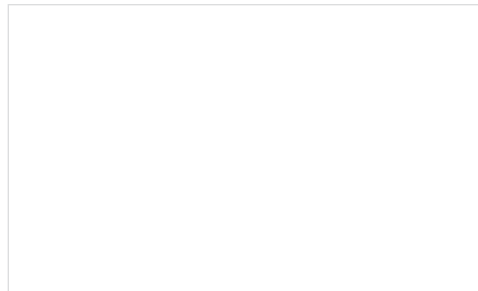
with him.



When Naomi found out that Boaz had been so generous with Ruth, she was overjoyed. “He’s our kinsman-redeemer!” she cried. (That meant he was someone in the family who could “buy back” Naomi and Ruth from their poverty.)

After this, Naomi told Ruth to hide behind the  at

Boaz’s  until he arrived. Then Ruth asked Boaz if he would be her kinsman-redeemer. He said he would have to meet with a man from her family and the elders.



Then Boaz became Ruth kinsman-redeemer. God used him to “buy back” Naomi and Ruth from their debt—as an example of how Jesus would “buy us back” from our sins as our true Redeemer.

