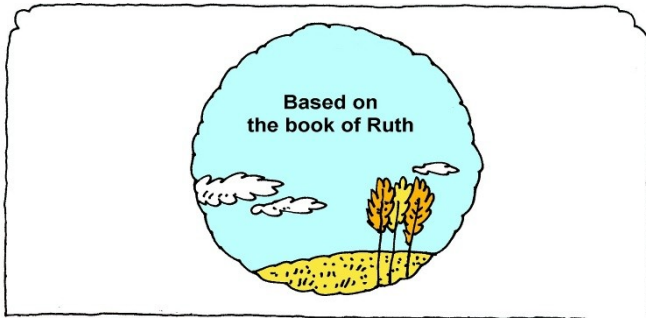


RUTH and Boaz

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God had give his people rules to follow
so that widows and children would be
looked after if a husband and father died.
Boaz was a good man and followed God's rules.



Naomi was praying for a husband for Ruth.
She told Ruth to go to the barley shed
and sleep at the end of Boaz's bed.
Boaz woke up and was surprised to see her there.



He did want to marry Ruth, but an older uncle
had first choice of buying her dead
husband's land and marrying her.
So Boaz went to the town gate to talk to him.



"I could buy my nephew's land," the other
uncle said, "but, because I can't marry Ruth,
you are next in line to carry on the family name.
Here is my shoe to show we have agreed to this."



Boaz took the shoe and turned to
the ten men who had come to witness
the agreement. "I promise to marry Ruth,
who comes from the country of Moab," he said.



When Boaz and Ruth got married
their friends prayed that God would
always be with them and give them
children to carry on the family name.



Soon their baby boy was born and they
thanked God for answering their prayers.
Now Naomi had a grandson
to love in her old age.



The baby's boy's name was Obed.
When he grew up, Obed would become
the grandfather of King David.
Jesus was born of this family tree.