

Rich Rewards

Ruth and Naomi had both been married, but both of their husbands had died. Ruth decided to stay with Naomi. She was Naomi's friend and helper, as well as her daughter-in-law, but she did not want any rewards.

However, the people in Bethlehem noticed how loving she was and praised her. Even the rich man Boaz praised her, saying, "May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD" (Ruth 2:12). Later Boaz married Ruth. They had a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David, who became Israel's most famous king. Someday Jesus would be born into their family line too.

It's important to appreciate our true friends, to treat them with kindness, and to show them that they are important to us. Ask whether you can have your birthday party with two or three friends. Serve a good treat, and buy little presents with your own money. Make a card for each guest. Write down why you're glad they are your friends.

Live It!



Ruth 4:1-22