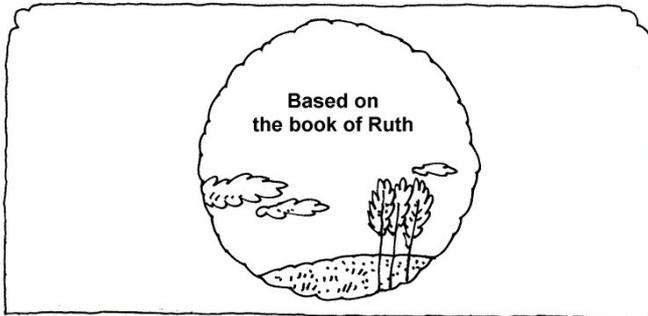


# RUTH and Boaz

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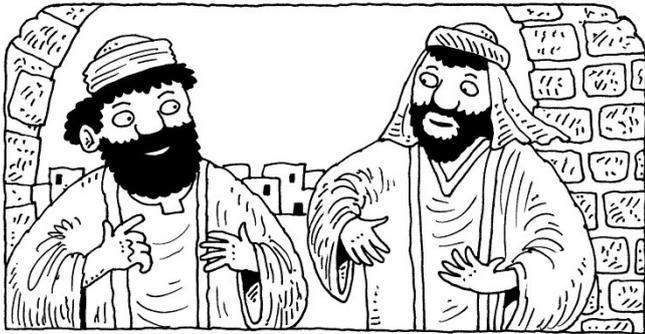
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God had give his people rules to follow  
so that widows and children would be  
looked after if a husband and father died.  
Boaz was a good man and followed God's rules.



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."



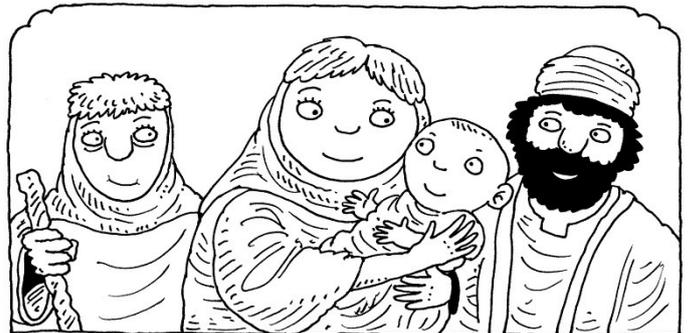
Boaz took the shoe and turned to  
the ten men who had come to witness  
the agreement. "I promise to marry Ruth,  
who comes from the country of Moab," he said.



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.