

Ruth 1-4 - The Story of Naomi

The Jewish scriptures include several charming stories. The five-page book of Ruth is really the story of Naomi, and her daughter-in-law Ruth, and her new husband Boaz. It shows how Naomi was empty and alone, and how Yahweh blessed her with fullness and family.

1. According to the introduction, **Ruth 1:1-5**, give three reasons why Naomi was empty and lonely.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
2. **SCENE ONE - On the Road to Bethlehem** — List these events in order as you read **Ruth 1:6-22**.
 - _____ Naomi told the women to call her "Marah," "bitter."
 - _____ Naomi sent her daughter-in-law back; "Yahweh has turned against me."
 - _____ Ruth insisted on staying with Naomi.
 - _____ Naomi left Moab for Judah and blessed her daughters-in-law.
 - _____ The women of Bethlehem met Naomi and Ruth.
 - _____ Orpha left Naomi and returned home.
3. **SCENE TWO - In the Field of Boaz** — Read **Ruth 2:1-23** to put these in order.
 - _____ Boaz told Ruth to stay in his field and glean there.
 - _____ Naomi announced that Boaz was her close relative.
 - _____ Naomi let Ruth go to glean in Boaz' barley field.
 - _____ Ruth took 25 pounds of grain back to Naomi.
 - _____ Boaz asked his workers about Ruth.
 - _____ At lunch time Boaz let Ruth eat with his workers.
4. **SCENE THREE - At the Threshing Floor of Boaz** — List these events as they occur in **Ruth 3:1-18**.
 - _____ Naomi predicted that Boaz would settle the matter well.
 - _____ When Boaz fell asleep, Ruth lay down under his covers.
 - _____ Boaz asked Ruth to stay with him until morning.
 - _____ Naomi sent Ruth to Boaz' threshing party.
 - _____ Boaz gave Ruth 50 pounds of grain to take home.
 - _____ When Boaz woke up, Ruth asked him to marry her.

5. SCENE FOUR - At the Gate of Bethlehem — Finish the story by numbering the closing events correctly according to **Ruth 4:1-17**.

_____ Boaz mentioned that whoever bought the field must also marry Naomi's daughter-in-law.

_____ Boaz and Ruth's son Obed became an ancestor of King David.

_____ In front of the elders, Boaz asked another relative whether he wanted to buy Naomi's field.

_____ The women told Naomi how blessed she was because Boaz and Ruth had given her a son.

_____ The city elders witnessed the deal and blessed Boaz.

_____ By taking off his sandal, the other relative agreed that Boaz could have Naomi's field and Ruth as a wife.

6. Naomi had started out feeling lonely and empty, but by the end of the story things are different. Name three ways Yahweh had blessed her to bring her fullness and family. Let these three blessings match the answers you gave in question 1.

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____