

Ruth Loves Naomi

Ruth 1—2:23

Workers Cut Grain

Ruth and Naomi did not have any money to buy food. They were hungry, so Ruth went to find some food. Ruth went to a field where workers were cutting barley. Barley is used to make bread. The workers tied the barley into bunches. Some of the barley fell on the ground. People who did not have enough food to eat picked up the grain.

Ruth Picks Up Grain

Ruth asked one of the workers if she could pick up some of the barley from the ground. He said, “Yes.” So Ruth picked up the barley and put it into her basket. She worked and worked.

Boaz Is Kind

A man named Boaz owned the field. He saw Ruth working hard. Boaz told Ruth, “You may pick up all the leftover barley you can find in my field. And when you are thirsty, you may drink from our water jars.” Boaz was kind to Ruth.

Later that day, Boaz shared his lunch with Ruth. She saved some of the good food to take home to Naomi. Then Ruth went back to work. She picked up all the barley she could carry in her basket. When it got dark, she went home.

Ruth and Naomi Are Glad

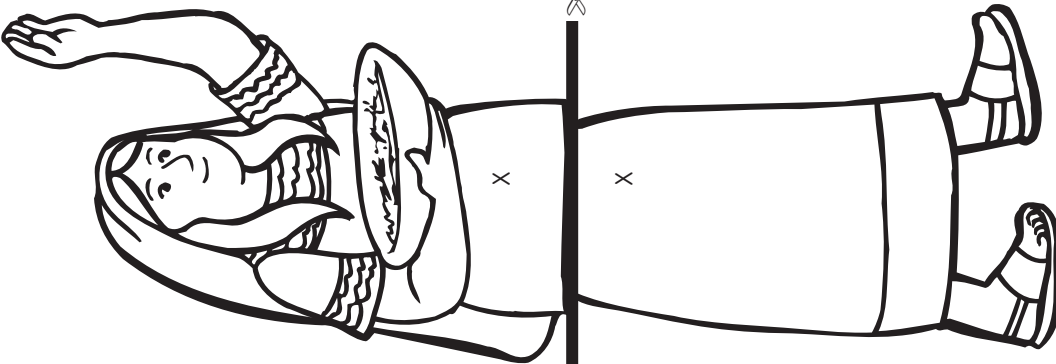
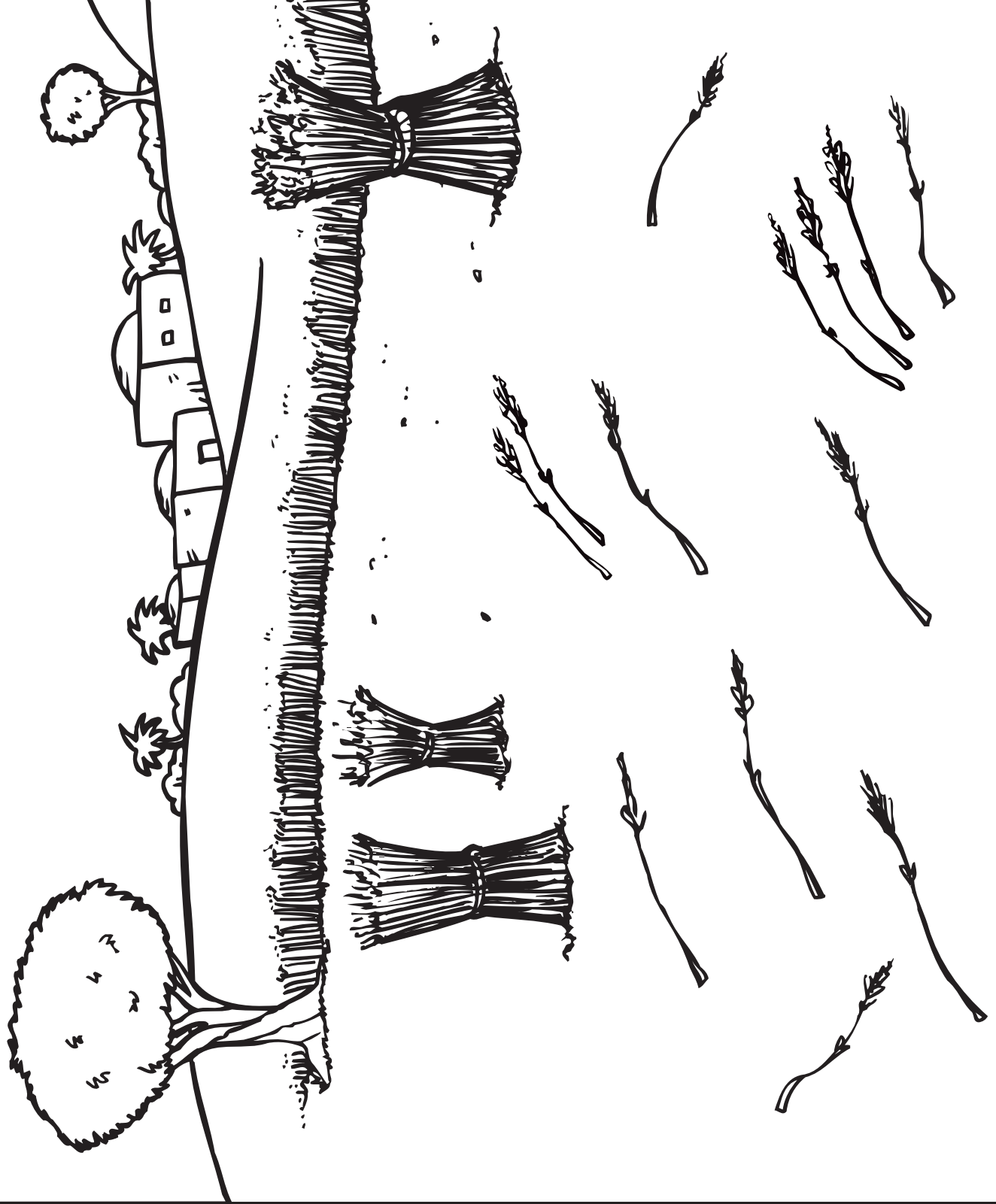
Naomi was surprised that Ruth brought home so much barley. There was enough to make many loaves of bread. Ruth also gave Naomi the food she had saved for her. Naomi was glad that Ruth was kind to her. She was glad that Boaz was kind, too.

Every day, Ruth went to Boaz’s field. She picked up the barley she found. And every day, Naomi and Ruth had enough food to eat.

Conclusion

Ruth showed God’s love by being kind to Naomi. She was patient when it took a long time to pick up the barley. We can be kind to others and patient, too.

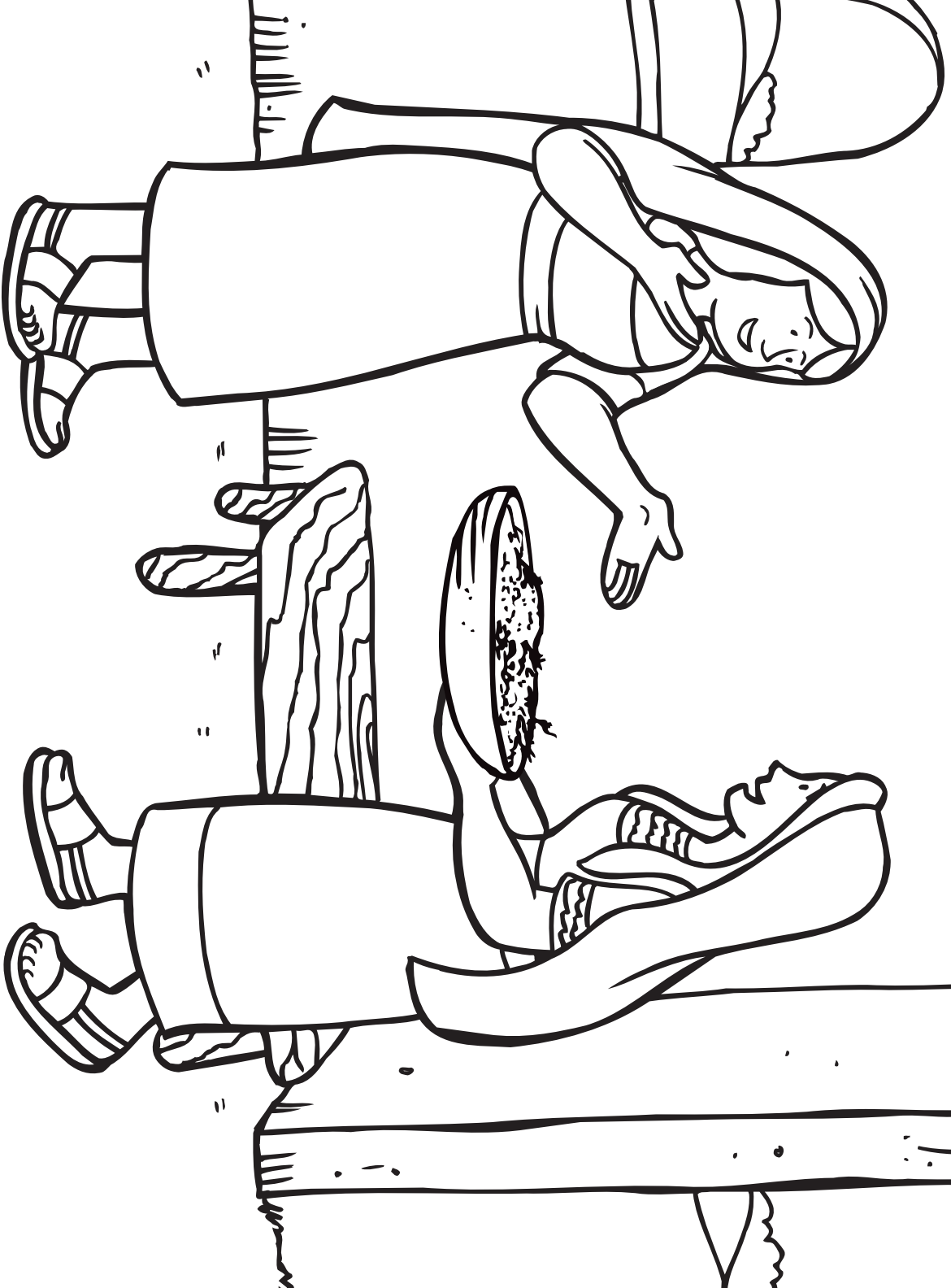
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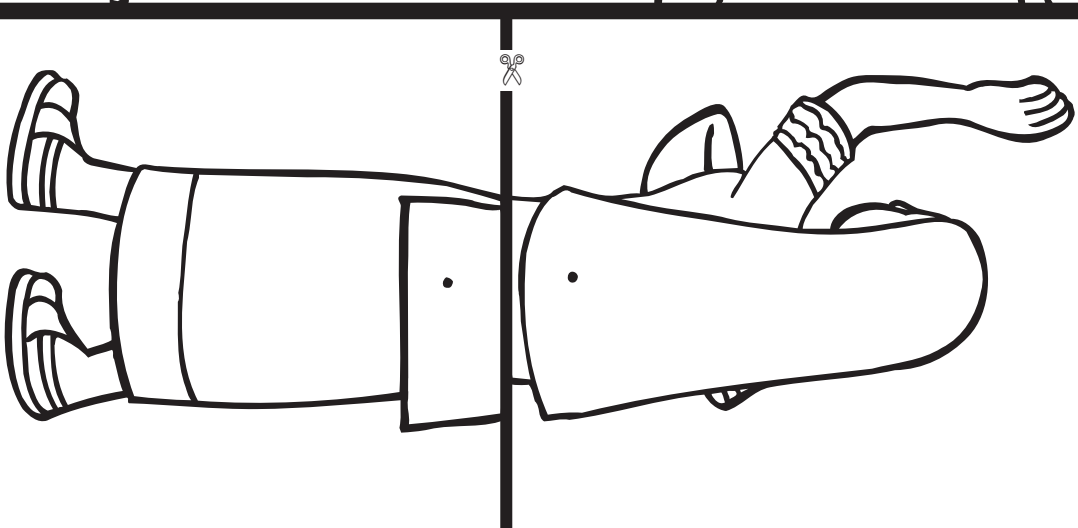
- Child colors page.
- Child cuts off Ruth figure and pushes paper fastener through X's to fasten figure together.
- Child retells story by moving Ruth figure up and down to pick up barley in Scene 1 and then showing Scene 2.



"Love is patient, love is kind." 1 Corinthians 13:4



Scene 2



- What did Ruth do to be kind and show love to Naomi?
- What can you do to be kind to your family and friends?