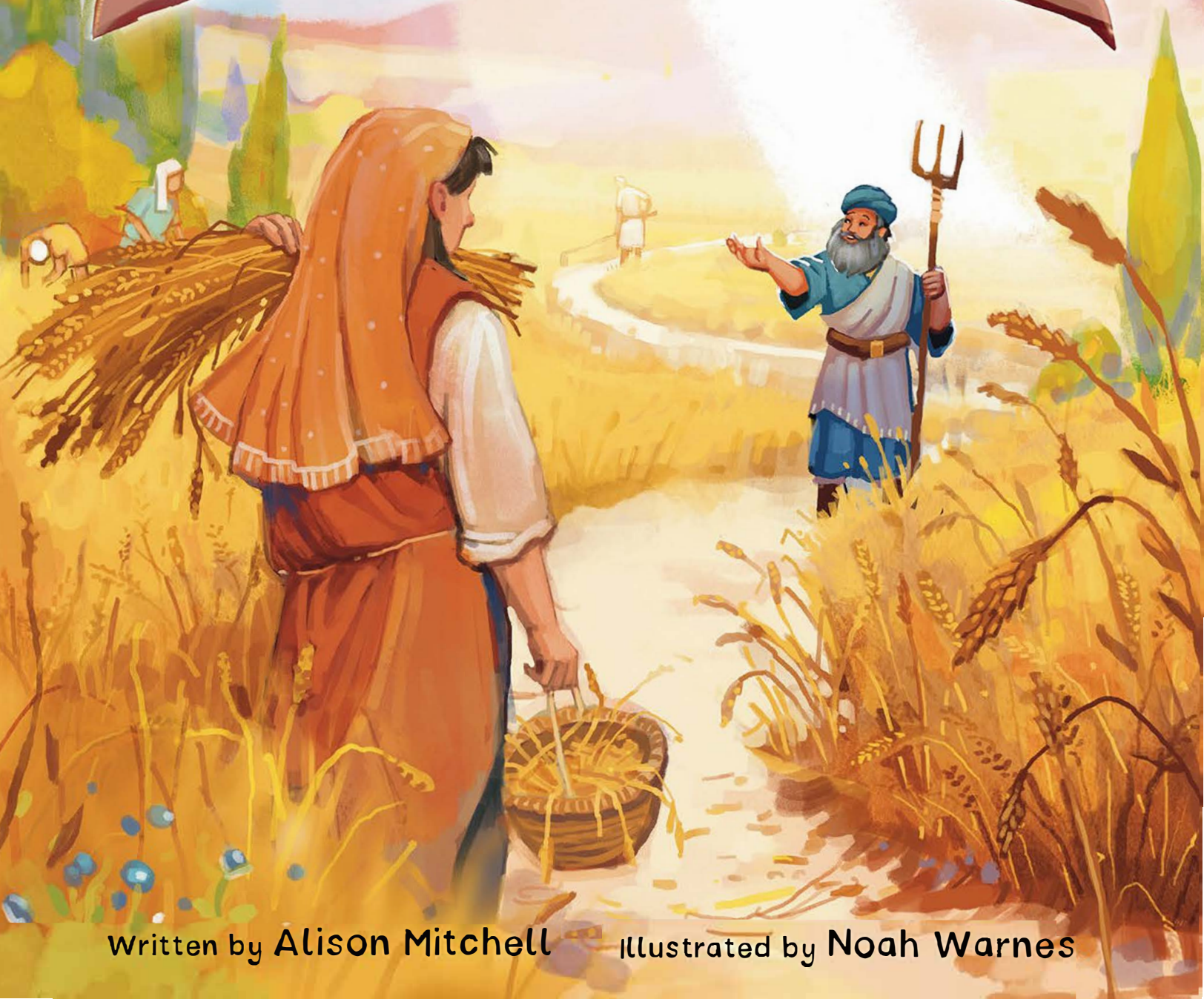


Jesus Moments

# Ruth

Finding Jesus in the story of Ruth



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Did you know that the oldest stories in the Bible are a bit like puzzles? If you look carefully, you can spot some

## “Jesus moments”.

These are moments when someone or something in the story is a little bit like **Jesus**.

So this book is the exciting true story of how God gave **Ruth**, an outsider from Moab, a new home, a new husband and a new family. But what makes it even more exciting is that it's also about **Jesus**, the Rescuer King, who came from Ruth's new family.

As you read about **Ruth** and **Boaz**, keep a lookout for some hidden **oil lamps**. Each time you spot one, that's a clue that there's a **Jesus moment** to find as well.

So let's get started...







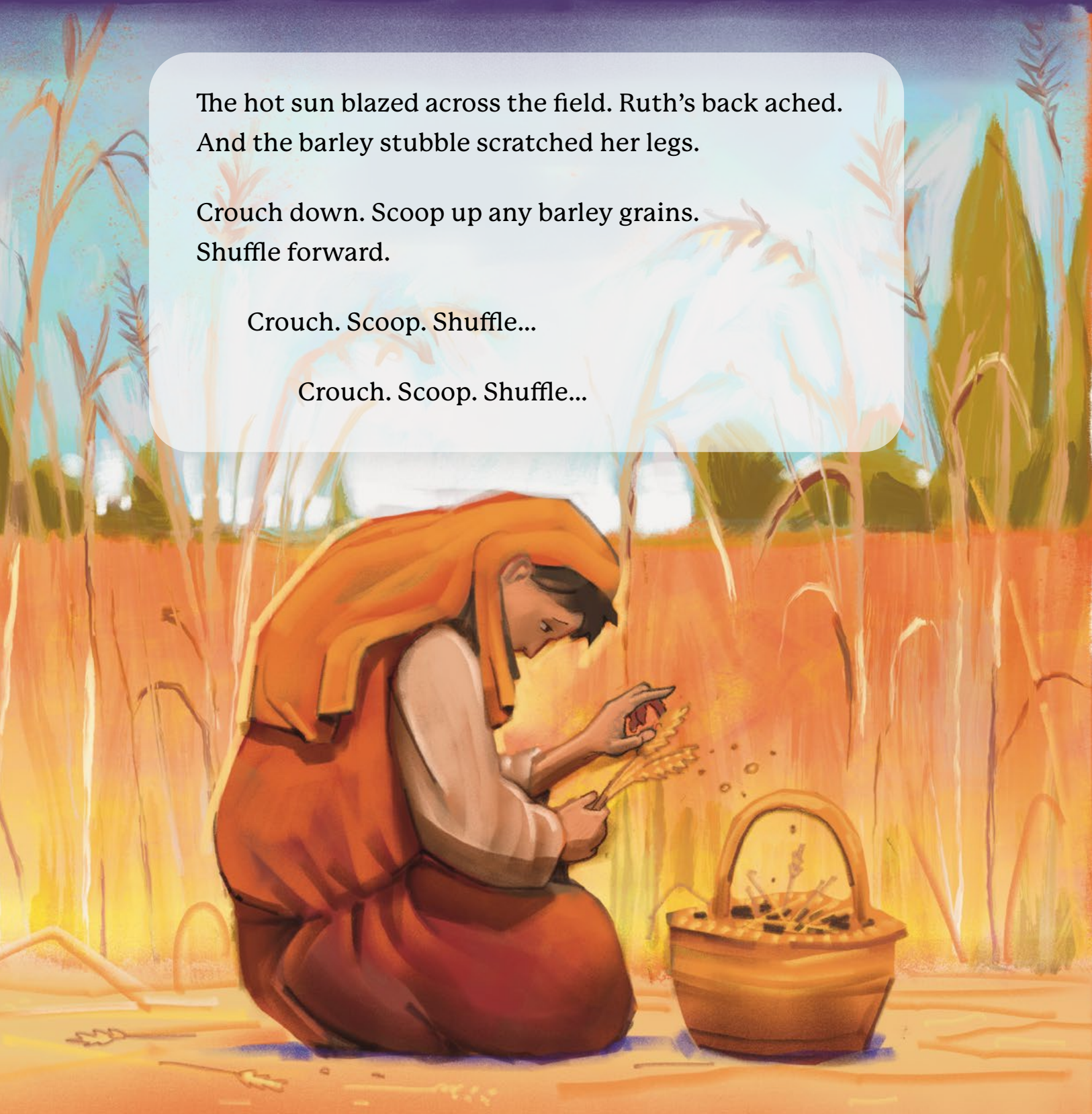


The hot sun blazed across the field. Ruth's back ached.  
And the barley stubble scratched her legs.

Crouch down. Scoop up any barley grains.  
Shuffle forward.

Crouch. Scoop. Shuffle...

Crouch. Scoop. Shuffle...





“Who’s that?” asked Boaz. It was his field.



Boaz was a good man who loved God and wanted to keep his laws. He could see a young woman working hard but didn’t know who she was.

“Her name is Ruth,” he was told. “She’s the Moabite who came here with Naomi. We’re letting her pick up barley that’s left over, just as God’s law tells us to.”

“Ah yes,” thought Boaz, “I’ve heard of Ruth. When Naomi and her family were living in Moab, Ruth married Naomi’s son. But then Naomi’s husband and Ruth’s husband both died. Naomi came back to Bethlehem – and Ruth came too. She chose to look after Naomi rather than stay in her own country with her own family and friends.”







Boaz wanted to be kind to Ruth.

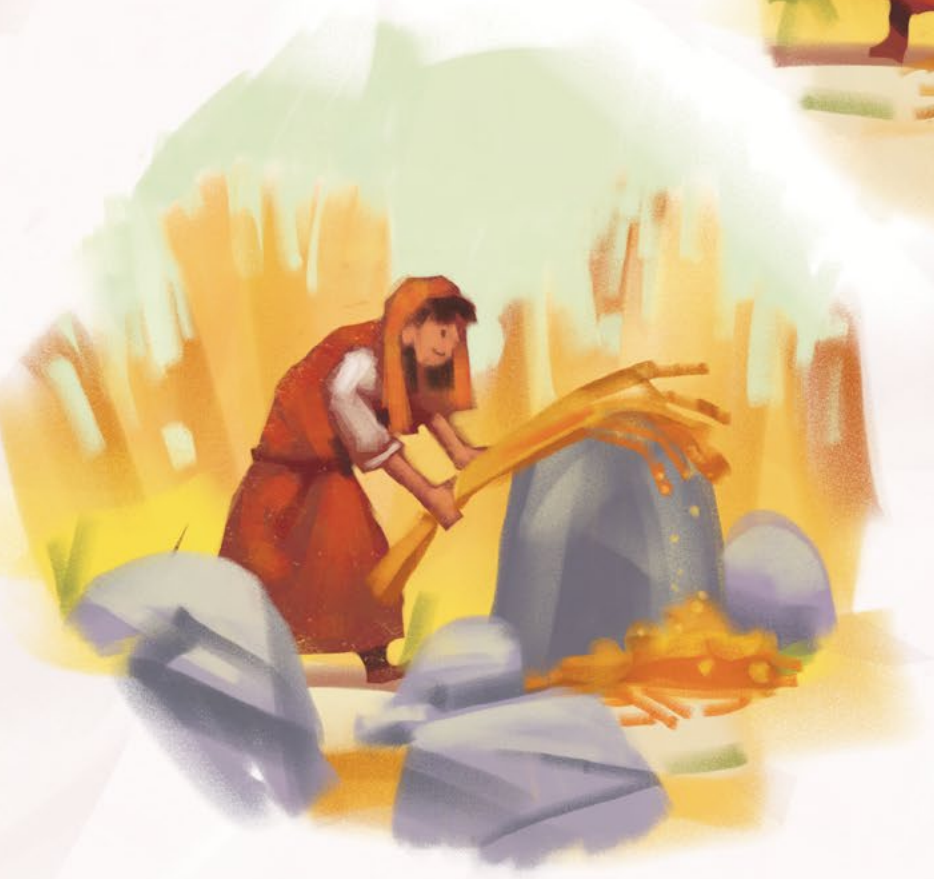
He told his men, “When you cut the barley, make sure you pull out some of the stalks so that Ruth has extra to collect”.



Crouch. Scoop. Shuffle...

Hang on!

Now there was lots of  
barley to scoop up.



Ruth made a big pile. Then  
she beat the barley to sort  
out the good grain.



“How did you get so much barley?”  
asked Naomi.

“A man named Boaz gave it to  
me,” Ruth answered.

