

Gleaning the Fields

Materials

- ☐ One basket for each team
- ☐ White drinking straws
- ☐ Colored drinking straws

Instructions

Divide class into teams. Set each team's basket at one end of the room. Scatter all the drinking straws on the floor. Explain that the white straws will be like grain they will pick up. Colored straws will be weeds that they should not pick up.

When you say, "Go!" have all students pick up as many white straws as they can and put them into their team's basket. After all the white straws are gone or you call time, count up the straws in the baskets. Subtract one point for each colored "weed" straw in a team's basket. The team with the most points is the winner.

Suggested Discussion

- ?** Good job gleaning the grain! Who did we read about today that gleaned grain from the fields? *Ruth.*

Ruth needed to find a way to help Naomi. They didn't have any food. So Ruth gleaned the grain from the fields. That means she picked up the leftover grain after most of it had been picked and taken away.

When Boaz saw Ruth, he knew she and Naomi needed help, so he gave Ruth extra grain to take home for food.