



# Ruth and Naomi



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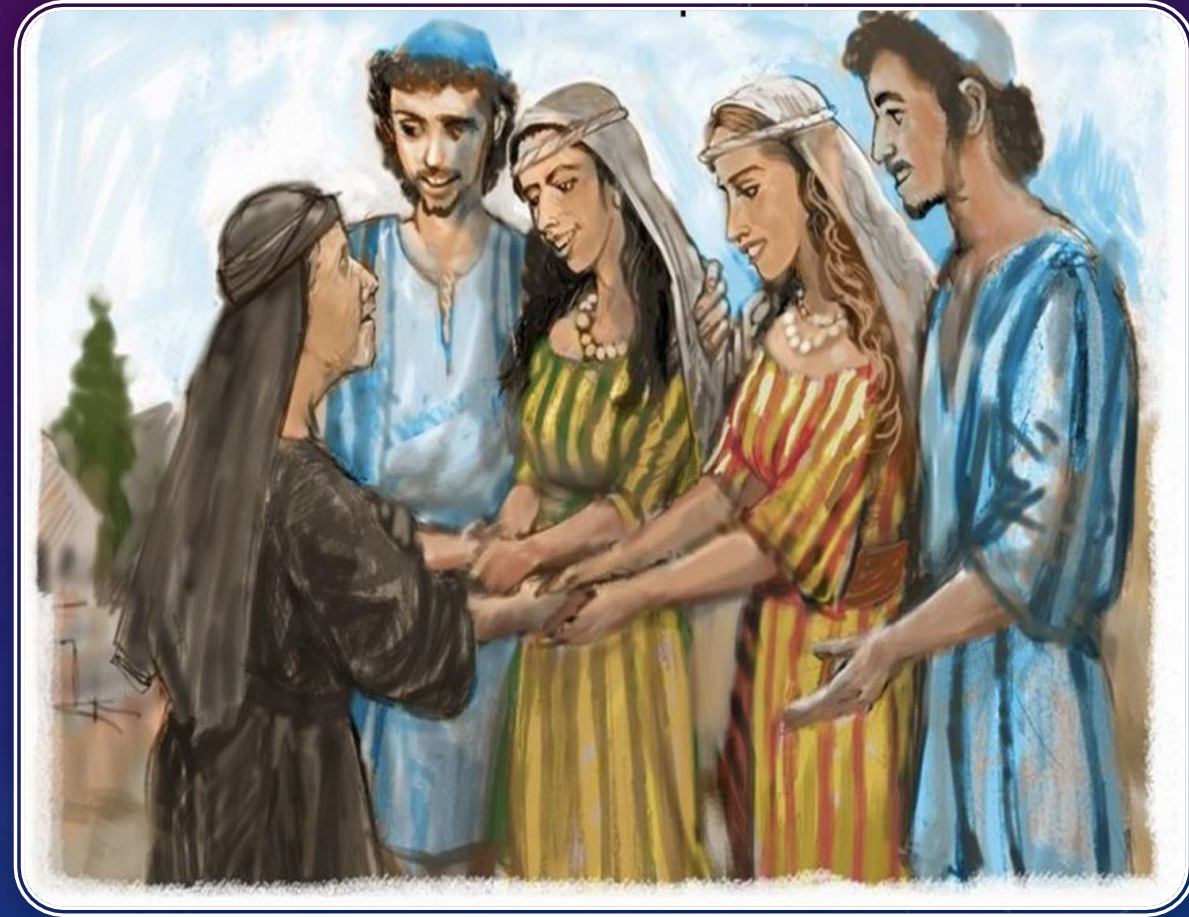


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# NAOMI AND HER SONS

- In a place called **Moab**, there lived a nice family.
- Elimelech, his wife Naomi and their two sons moved to Moab because there was more food there than where they used to live.
- After a while Elimelech died but Naomi wasn't alone she still had two sons.
- Her sons got married but after about ten years they died too.
- At least Naomi still had her sons' wives to keep her company, their names were **Orpah** and **Ruth**.



# NAOMI AND HER SONS' WIVES

- Naomi called her sons wives and told them, "I am going to go back to where I used to live and I would like you also to go back to your family where you used to live. May God show you kindness as you have showed me."
- All the women cried and hugged each other because they were such good friends.
- **Orpah** didn't want to leave Naomi but Naomi told her not to worry, she would be fine. So Orpah left to go back to her family.



# NAOMI AND RUTH

- But no matter what Naomi said to **Ruth**, Ruth would not leave.
  - **"Don't ask me to leave. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your friends will be my friends and your God will be my God."**



# BACK TO BETHLEHEM

- So Ruth and Naomi returned to Bethlehem together.
- It was a good thing Ruth went with Naomi because **Bethlehem** was very far away and Naomi couldn't have traveled all that way by herself.
- Notice that Ruth never complains but is a good friend to Naomi.
- She wasn't expecting anything in return, she just wanted to help.



# RUTH IN THE FIELD

- When they got there Ruth decided that she should do some kind of work.
- It was harvest time, so she worked in the fields following behind the harvesters and picked up any barley that they had dropped.



# BOAZ SAW

## RUTH

- The owner of the field came by to greet the harvesters and noticed Ruth in the field.
- He asked one of the harvesters who she was. "She came back from Moab with Naomi, that's all I know."
- Lucky for Ruth the owner of the field was **Boaz**, he was a kind man who believed in God.
- He had also been related to Elimelech (Naomi's husband that died).





# RUTH ALLOWED TO WORK

- Boaz went to go talk to Ruth, he said to her,
  - "Don't go work in any other field but stay here with the other servant girls. I will make sure you are safe and whenever you are thirsty go and get a drink from the water jars."
- When Ruth heard this she bowed down to Boaz and asked,
  - "Why are you being so nice to me, I'm not even from here."



# RUTH GOT MORE FOOD

- Boaz replied,
  - "I know what you've done for Naomi, you left your family and moved to a place you've never been. May the Lord reward you for your kindness."
- Ruth thanked Boaz and continued with her work in the hot sun.
- Boaz even ordered his workers to drop extra barley so Ruth could have more for herself.
- Ruth took all the barley home and shared what she had with Naomi.



# RUTH AND

**BOAZ** And eventually Ruth married Boaz and everyone was very happy!

- They gave birth to a son named Obed (Eyobed).
  - Obed gave birth to Jesse (Essey)
  - Jesse (Essey) was the father of **King David (Dawit)**!
  - Ruth was the great-grandmother of King David.



# THE MORAL OF THE STORY

- **Be a good friend!**
  - A good friend is loyal and keeps promises.
  - Sometimes our friends aren't perfect and they make mistakes but we make mistakes too, and we don't want our friends to leave us when that happens.
- **God gives us friends when we need them, and we should treat them like a gift from God.**
  - Just like in the story, Naomi could've insisted the women come with her, but she unselfish and wanted them to be free to go home to be with their families.
  - And Ruth had such a good attitude and wanted to help, she moved away from everyone she knew and went to work to help Naomi.
  - She didn't tell everyone what a good friend she was, she knew that she should be a friend like God wanted her to be.

# EXERCISE

1. Where did Naomi and her sons live?

- a. Bethlehem      b. Moab      c. Egypt

2. What is the name of Naomi's Son's wife name?

- a. Ruth      b. Orpah      c. Delila      d. A and B

3. Where did Naomi and Ruth go to?

- a. Moab      b. Bethlehem      c. Nazareth

4. Who was the owner of the field Ruth was working?

- a. Samuel      b. Boaz      c. Joseph

5. Who is the great-grandson of Ruth?

- a. Solomon      b. David      c. Samuel

