

Ruth

(from the book of Ruth)



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There had been no rain for a long time. Things were hard for Naomi (Nay-oh-me) and her family. They went to another land where there was water. They would wait for rain and then they could go home.



Ruth said,
“Do not force me to leave you; do not make me go home. Where you go, I go; where you live, I will live. Your people are my people, your God is my god.”



Naomi had the one true God. So Ruth wanted that too!

When they got there they had to find a way to get some food. When the big farmers finished working in their fields, poor people were allowed to come in and pick up what was left over. It was called “gleaning.” Ruth told Naomi that she would go gleaning for both of them.



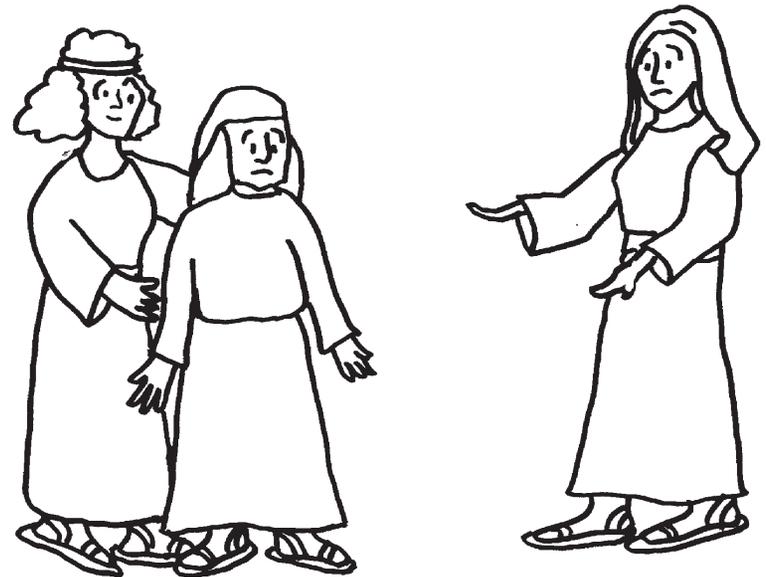
In the new land, Naomi's husband died. Her two boys met some girls and got married.



But then her two sons died too. Things were not going well!

Naomi found out that things were better at home. She decided to go back where she had come from.

Naomi could not take care of herself and the two girls. She told them to go back to their own families.



One of them went. The other one did not. Can you guess her name?

One of the big farmers was a man named Boaz. He saw Ruth working. He knew how much she helped Naomi. He told her to always glean in his fields. He told his men to leave some good things for her to glean. One thing led to another and they got married and had a baby!



So you could say that they lived happily ever after! Naomi and Ruth were taken care of and they had a baby to love.

Later, that baby grew up and had a baby. That baby grew up and had a baby that you have heard about. His name was

