

Bible Verse: Ruth 1:16b (NIV) “Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.”

This week our story is about a woman named Ruth. In the Bible, there is a whole Book of Ruth. Because of Ruth’s loyalty, she becomes a famous mother and grandmother in God’s family.

The story of Ruth begins in a country called Moab. The people of Moab were called Moabites, and they worshipped many gods- not the one God of Israel.

Ruth is a young Moabite woman. Ruth marries a young man who is living in Moab with his mother Naomi. Naomi’s family is from Bethlehem, and they do worship the one God of Israel.

Now Ruth is part of Naomi’s family, because she is married to Naomi’s son. Naomi also has another son. He is married to a woman named Orpah. Orpah is also a Moabite, like Ruth.

So Naomi stays in Moab for ten years with her two sons and their wives Orpah and Ruth.

But a sad thing happens. Both of Naomi’s sons die. Naomi decides it is time for her to return to her hometown of Bethlehem. Naomi tells Orpah and Ruth that they should stay in Moab and find new husbands.

Orpah decides to stay, but Ruth decides to be with Naomi. She says this to Naomi: “Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.” Ruth and Naomi return together to Bethlehem. They live near Naomi’s old family. They worship God together. Ruth takes care of Naomi in Bethlehem.

During the harvest, Ruth gathers grain so that she and Naomi can eat. She is working with a man named Boaz.

Boaz is impressed with Ruth. He notices how well she is caring for Naomi, and he helps them. Ruth becomes his wife. Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz stay loyal to each other and to God.

Ruth and Boaz have a son named Obed. Obed has a son named Jesse. Jesse’s son is David who becomes a famous King of Israel. King David is Ruth’s great-grandson.

And a thousand years later Jesus is born into the family of Ruth and Jesse and David, in that same town of Bethlehem.

Wonder Question: Besides Ruth, think about another character in the story. What is interesting about him/her?

Ruth & Naomi Word Search

B Y U D T M L M C M N C Q B F
B E T F R I E N D S H I P T A
D A T L P P H E D N W F R D M
I L R H A W D V I O P A T E I
M O E L L Y T A E S V R D I L
S K F I E E O E D E O R M R I
B O A Z F Y H L L P O O O R E
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R E H T O M D U M N T F E M J
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BARLEY
BETHLEHAM
BOAZ
DIED
DROP
FAMILIES
FIELD
FRIENDSHIP
HARVEST
LEAVE



LOYALTY
MARRIED
MOTHER
NAOMI
RUTH
SONS
SUPPORT
TRAVELED
TWO
WORKING