

Ruth Stays with Naomi

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Ruth 1:1-22, Ruth 2:1-23, Ruth 3:1-18, Ruth 4:1-22

Characters: Ruth, Naomi, Boaz, Orpah, Elimelech, Mahlon, Chilion

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NAOMI WAS VERY sad. Her husband and both her sons had died. She was all alone in a foreign country called Moab. She decided to go back to her home in Israel.

Naomi had two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. 'You should stay here in Moab,' Naomi told them. 'Find new husbands.'

Orpah was sad, but she stayed. But Ruth said, 'No! I'm coming with you! Where you go, I'll go. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God!'

Ruth loved Naomi SO much. She didn't want her to be alone.

So they traveled to Bethlehem together. But they were very poor. Ruth went to a field to pick up leftover grain so they could make bread.

The field belonged to a kind man named Boaz. He saw Ruth working so hard. 'Who is that?' he asked.

'That's Ruth. She takes care of her mother-in-law Naomi.'

Boaz was impressed! He told Ruth, 'Stay in my field. You'll be safe here. Take all the grain you need.'

Ruth was so thankful! She worked hard every day, and Boaz was always kind to her. He even made sure extra grain was left for her to find.

Boaz started to love Ruth. They got married! They had a baby boy named Obed. Now Naomi wasn't sad anymore—she had a grandson to hold!

And guess what? Baby Obed grew up to be the grandfather of King David! And many, many years later, Jesus was born from their family.

Ruth's love and loyalty blessed her whole family—and the whole world!