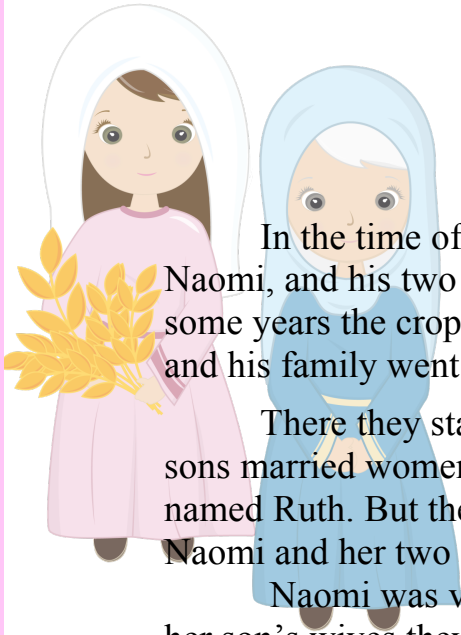


Ruth



In the time of the Judges in Israel, a man named Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and his two sons Mahlon and Chilion all lived in Bethlehem. For some years the crops were poor, and there wasn't much food, so Elimelech and his family went to live in the land of Moab.

There they stayed ten years, and in that time Elimelech died. His two sons married women of the country of Moab, one named Orpah, the other named Ruth. But the two young men also died in the land of Moab. Now Naomi and her two daughters-in-law were all left widows.

Naomi was very sad and decided to go back to Bethlehem. She told her son's wives they could go back to their homes. One of them did, but Ruth could not bear to leave Naomi.

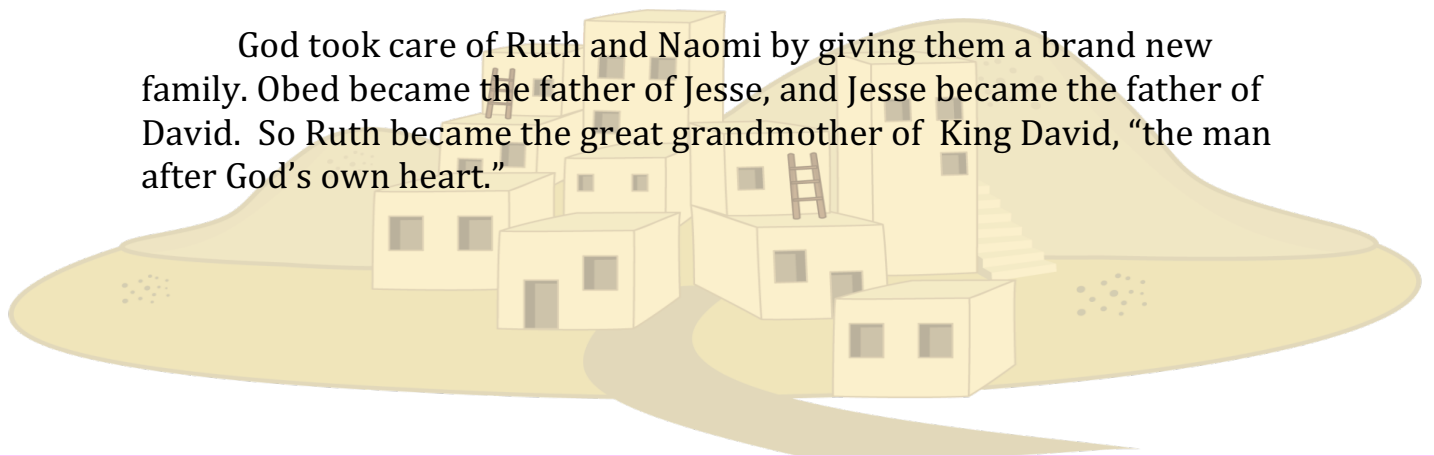
Ruth loved Naomi very much and did not want to leave her. Ruth said to Naomi, "Do not ask me to leave you, for I never will. Where you go, I will go; where you live, I will live; your people shall be my people; and your God shall be my God. Where you die, I will die, and be buried. Nothing but death itself shall part you and me."

When Naomi saw that Ruth had made up her mind, the two women went on together. So, Ruth went with Naomi back to Bethlehem where God's people lived. When they got there, they needed food to eat. Each day Ruth worked in the fields of a man named Boaz, gathering all the grain leftover after the field had been harvested.

Boaz saw her one day and wanted to help her. So, Boaz left extra grain for Ruth to gather. Boaz saw Ruth working hard in the fields everyday and heard his workers talking about what a good girl she was, and he fell in love with her and they got married. Not long after they had a baby boy, and they named him Obed.

Naomi was so happy! She was given the grandson she thought she would never have.

God took care of Ruth and Naomi by giving them a brand new family. Obed became the father of Jesse, and Jesse became the father of David. So Ruth became the great grandmother of King David, "the man after God's own heart."



Ruth Puppet Script

A long time ago, after Jericho fell
God's people were ruled by judges so well,
Then food became scarce at home it was true (hold up sign that says NO FOOD Right)
To move and find chow was what they must do.

Moab became one family's home, (flip over Moab sign Left)
They lived among folks that they'd never have known.
The mother was named Naomi so good (Naomi appears by Moab sign)
She followed the Lord and did as she should.

Her sons, they found wives among strangers in town
Orpah and Ruth were the girls that they found. (Orpah appears left of Naomi and Ruth appears Right of Naomi)
Then tragedy struck this family bereft (they all cry and lean on each other)
All the men died, the women were left.

Naomi decided to go back to her home (she nods)
Leave Moab behind, no more would she roam.
Her daughter's in law, she told them to stay.
"Go home to your folks, I'll be okay." (move her mouth with words)

Though Orpah did cry, she thought it was best
"I'll go back to my home, and there will I rest." (move her mouth with words)
But Ruth she refused to leave her alone.
Naomi she loved more than Moab her home.

"Don't make me go, I love you too deep (move her mouth with words))
I'll live with your folks, God's laws will I keep."
So Ruth and Naomi went back to her land.
And on the long trip, they walked hand in hand. (move close together Right)

So they would not starve, Ruth worked in the fields. (Ruth nods head and Naomi disappears)
She picked up the grain and cooked it for meals. (grain and bread appears around her)
One day the field's owner noticed Ruth there, (Boaz appears Right)
Working so hard for the food she would share.

This man was named Boaz and he fell in love,
With Ruth the good daughter God sent from above. (have them kiss?)
Boaz and Ruth, they married and JOY!
Ruth had a baby, a sweet little boy! (baby appears between them)

Naomi was filled with love for Obed, (Naomi appears between them)
This grandchild she cherished and nurtured and fed. (baby bottle appears by Naomi)
Because of Ruth's love for her mother in law
A future so bright that she never saw.

Obed became a grandfather it's so
To David the king, the Bible does show
After years this good line gave birth to our Lord
Jesus, the Christ, in him we're restored.



“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy” Song

Verse 1:

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart today!

Chorus: I am so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
I am so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

Verse 2:

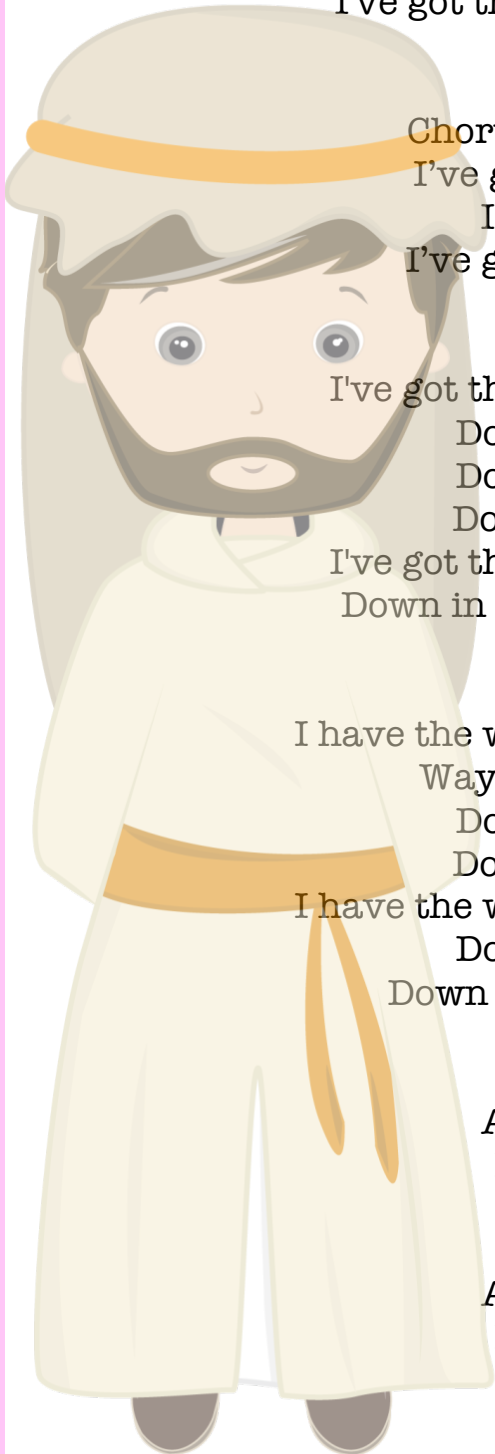
I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart!
I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!

Verse 3:

I have the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer
Way down in the depths of my heart
Down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart!
I have the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer
Down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart to stay!

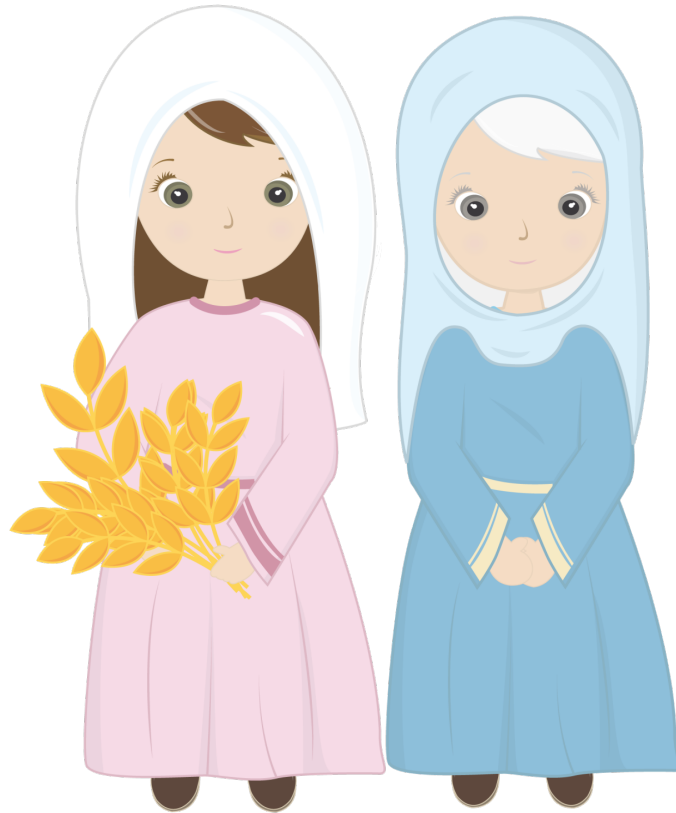
Verse 4:

And if the devil doesn't like it
He can sit on a tack (ouch!)
Sit on a tack (ouch!)
Sit on a tack (ouch!)
And if the devil doesn't like it
He can sit on a tack (ouch!)
Sit on a tack to stay!



Ruth

Memory Verse



“Wherever you go, I will go;
wherever you dwell, I will dwell.
Your people will be my people,
and your God my God.”

Ruth 1:16





Ruth

Application Questions



Ruth was so loyal to her mother-in-law, Naomi!

1. What does it mean to be loyal? (prompting, it means to stick by someone)
2. Why do you think Ruth was so loyal to Naomi? (maybe Naomi was very kind to Ruth, she was good to her, she worried about Naomi traveling and living by herself)
3. When Boaz saw Ruth working in the fields, he had already heard about her and that she was a very hard worker and loyal to Naomi. Do you think that made him like her? (yes) Why? (he thought she was a good person and he appreciated her goodness)
4. Do you know someone who is a very hard worker? (various answers)
5. How can you be a hard worker? (help you parents around the house, help your teachers, help your friends)
6. When Ruth and Boaz got married, they had baby Obed? How do you think Naomi felt about the baby? (she loved him, she loved caring for him)

Ruth Crafts



Make Ruth's basket for gathering grain out of a paper plate cut in half!

<https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/god-helped-ruth-and-naomi-bible-craft/>



Write out all or part of the memory verse and color a beautiful picture all around it with markers, crayons or paint!



Use uncooked pasta or popcorn and make a picture of Ruth's grain!

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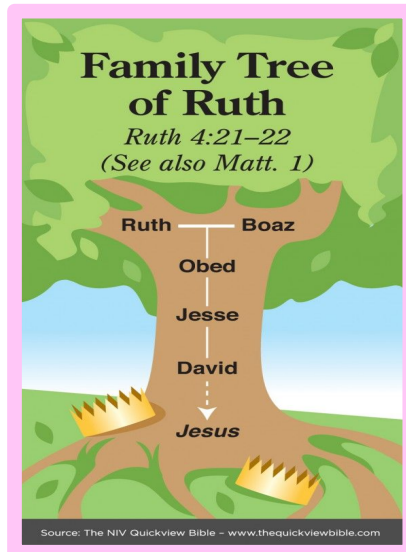


Gather pretzels (grain) in bundles and then eat them!

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Make a paper chain "family line" connecting Ruth to YOU! This is the order: Ruth, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David, Jesus, You! Write each name on a link! Add your family, too!



Draw a tree and add the people in the line of Ruth! Be sure and add your family!

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Outline your feet on paper, cut out, and make shoe straps with pipe cleaners and beads! Now you've got new shoes to make the journey with Naomi and Ruth to Bethlehem!

Write on the shoes, "Where you go, I will go"! <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/260575528417347870/>

Ruth



Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed.