

Ruth's Story – Week 1



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Naomi and Ruth returning to Bethlehem.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Ruth 1

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Why do you think Naomi wanted to change her name?

Sometimes when we go through difficult times it feels like we can never go back to who we were before. Naomi knew she would always miss her husband and sons, thinking about them hurt and made her sad. Even her name was a reminder of the person she had been when she was with them.

Why not share some of the things that you think have changed about you during lockdown. What are the good things you would like to keep? What are some of the things you can't do at the moment that you would like to go back to?

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you had to say goodbye to somebody you cared about? Who helped you through?

A verse to remember

Where you go, I will go. Where you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.

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A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Naomi and Ruth, thank you that you are always with us, through the good times and the difficult or sad times.

Help us to be good friends and family to others, to show love and kindness.

We pray for all those in the world who are missing loved ones, that they would know your comfort.

Amen

Family Activities

Naomi had travelled to a strange land with her family, but then her sons married and Ruth and Orpah became a new family for Naomi. Why not **draw your own family tree** – spend some time praying for all the people in your own extended family.



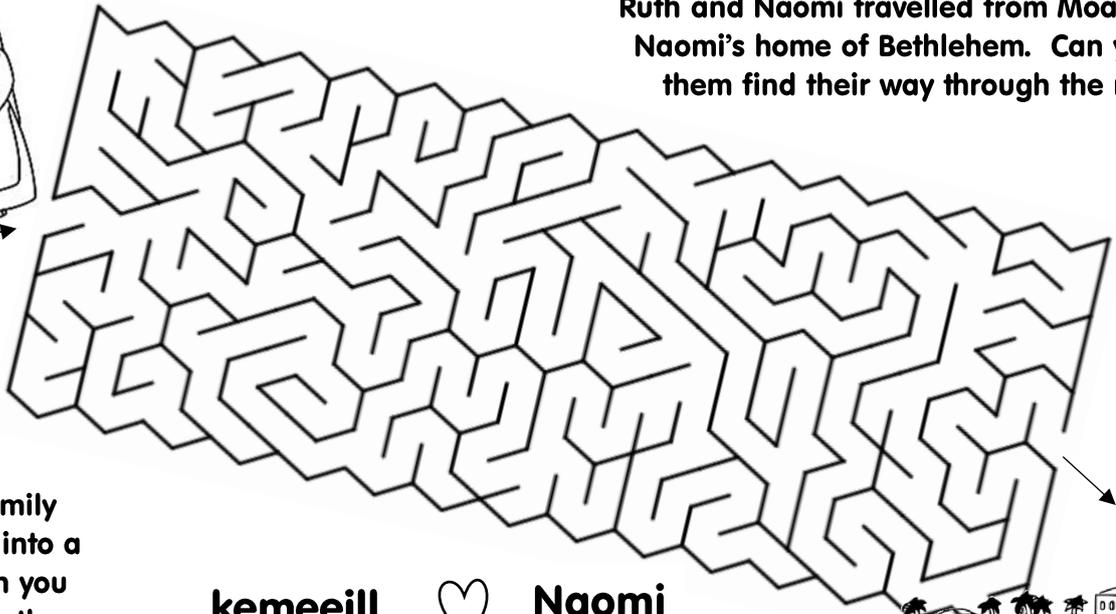
Play a game of follow the leader – in the story Ruth wanted to follow Naomi, but Naomi tried to stop her. Take it in turns to be the leader, everybody else must follow you and do exactly what you do!



Week 1 – Printable Puzzles and Colouring



Ruth and Naomi travelled from Moab back to Naomi's home of Bethlehem. Can you help them find their way through the maze?

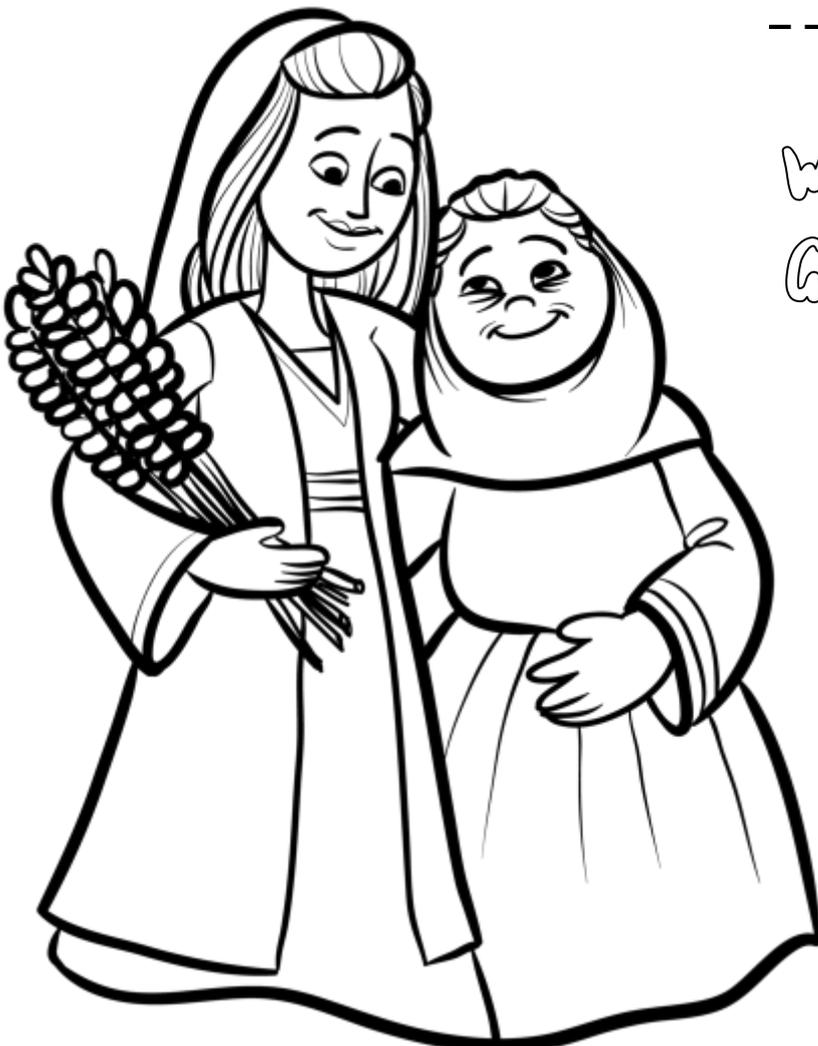


Naomi's family tree has got into a muddle, can you unscramble the names? You can look them all up in the book of Ruth Chapter 1.

kemeeill ♥ Naomi

Mahlon ♥ hrtu

liknloi ♥ Orpah



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