



**A father to the fatherless,
a defender of widows, is God. . .**

Psalm 68:5 (NIV)

Ruth & Naomi

Ruth 1-4

"There's no food here," said Naomi. "We have to find somewhere else to live."

It was a hard time to live in Bethlehem, so Naomi, her husband and their two sons went to live in Moab.

In Moab things did not go well either.

Naomi's husband died. Her two sons married, but they died too. Then it was just Naomi and her two daughters-in-law. When Naomi got news that there was food in Bethlehem again, she decided to go home.

She told her daughters-in-law that it would be better for them to stay in Moab. One agreed and went home. The other refused to leave Naomi alone. Her name was Ruth.

After a long walk, Ruth and Naomi arrived in Bethlehem. They were poor and Naomi was sad and bitter about all that had happened to her.

Ruth was determined to take care of her mother-in-law and began collecting grain in the barley fields since it was harvest time. When the owner of the field saw her, he spoke kindly to her and helped her. His name was Boaz. He was one of Naomi's husband's family members. He knew how kind Ruth was to Naomi.

When the harvest ended, Boaz bought back the land that had been Naomi's husband's and he married Ruth. They had a son who became the grandfather of King David and an ancestor of Jesus Christ.

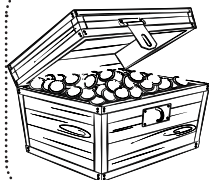


What did we discover?

- 1) Naomi left Bethlehem because there was not enough _____ there.
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- 2) In Moab, Naomi's husband and sons all _____.
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- 3) When Naomi returned to Bethlehem, _____ went with her.
A PET RUTH BOAZ
- 4) When Boaz saw Ruth working in the field, He _____.
LEFT HER ALONE SPOKE KINDLY SENT HER AWAY



Could I leave everything to follow God?



My hope is in the Lord.

I may feel all alone,
but God doesn't leave
me without hope.



**Father God,
I like being
with You.**

