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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word and transform (Change) our lives.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

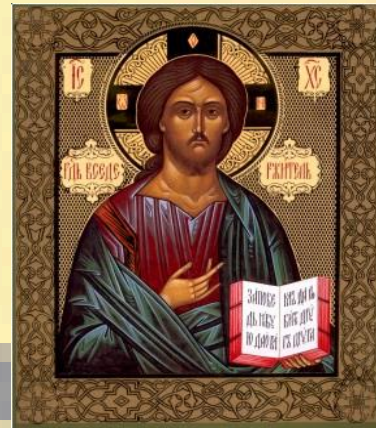
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



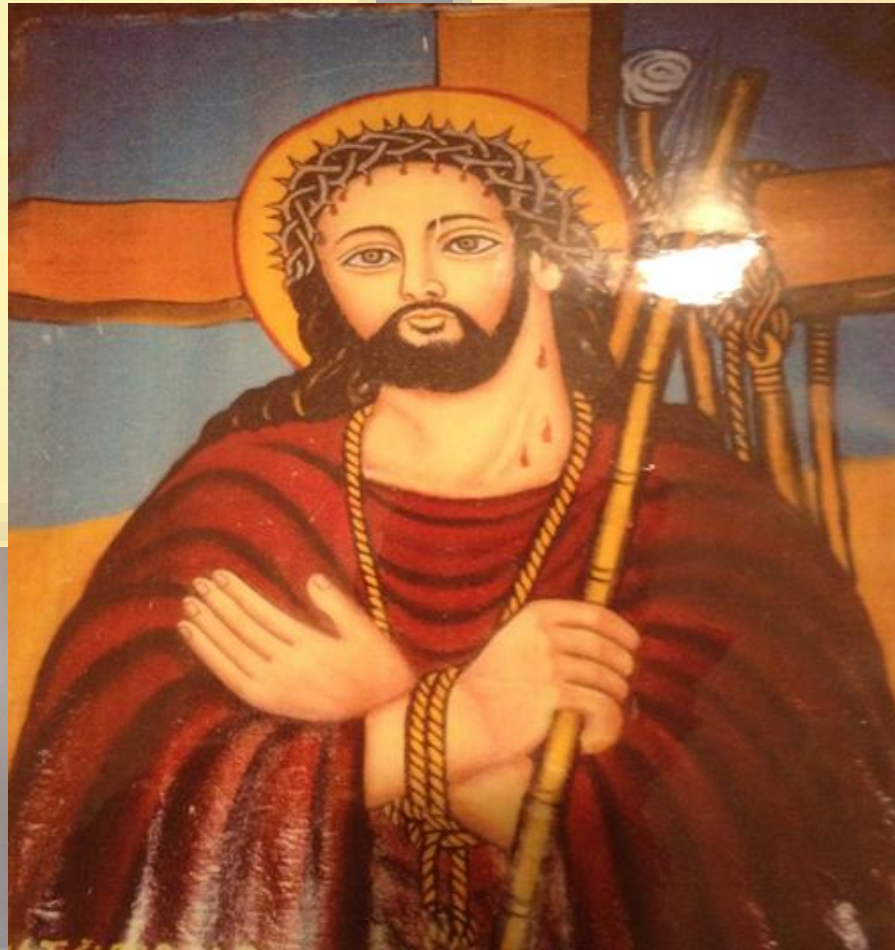
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Review

1. What was Samson's special work given to him by God?

To deliver the Israelites from the Philistines.

2. Samson's hair---Did Samson's hair make him strong?

God is the source of his strength but his hair was a symbol of his dedication to God.

3. How many Philistines did Samson kill with just the jawbone of a donkey?

1000

4. Samson carried away the gates of Gaza

to show his enemies how helpless they were against the strength that God had given him.

5. What was Samson's weakness?

Fried Chicken or Delilah

6. The Philistine rulers offered money to Delilah if she did what?

if she would find out the secret of Samson's strength.

Review

7. Samson told Delilah the truth about his strength the first time she asked him.

True or False

8. If Samson's hair was cut

God's blessing on his life would be taken away.

9. Samson killed more Philistines at his death than he had during his entire life.

True or False

10. The lesson of Samson's life is

that we ought to surrender our lives completely to God.

11. Why is it important to choose good friends?

12. Did Samson always obey his parents? If he had obeyed them, would that have kept him out of trouble?

13. Did disobeying make Samson happy or sad? Will disobeying make you happy or Sad?

14. Does God give up on people right away when they do something wrong?

MEMORY VERSE




**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

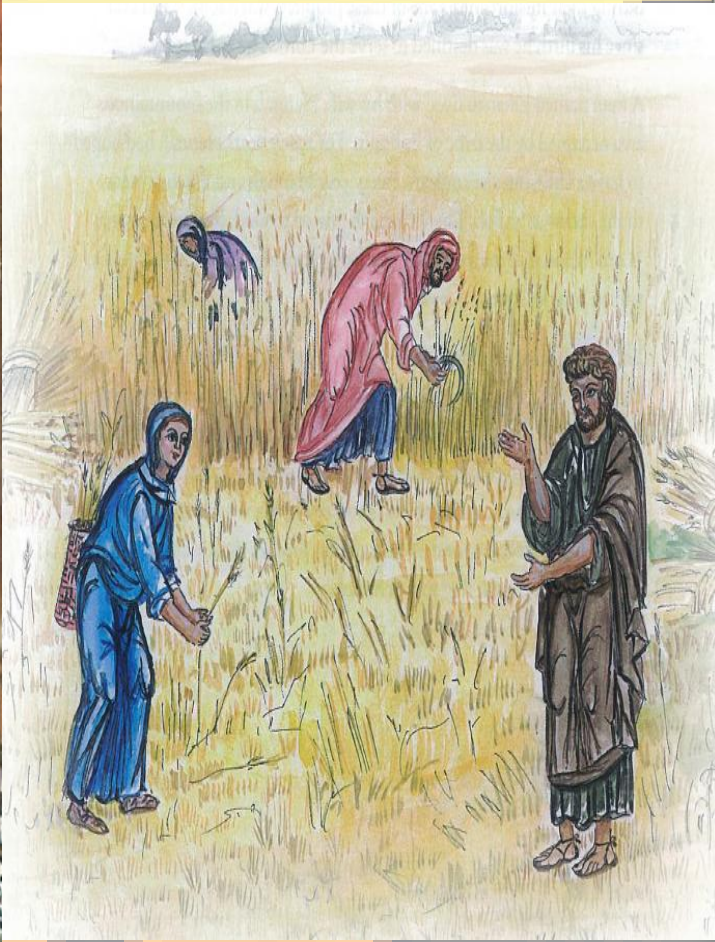
“Out of the eater came something to eat”
(Judges 14:14)



Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Ruth



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Memorize today's Verse

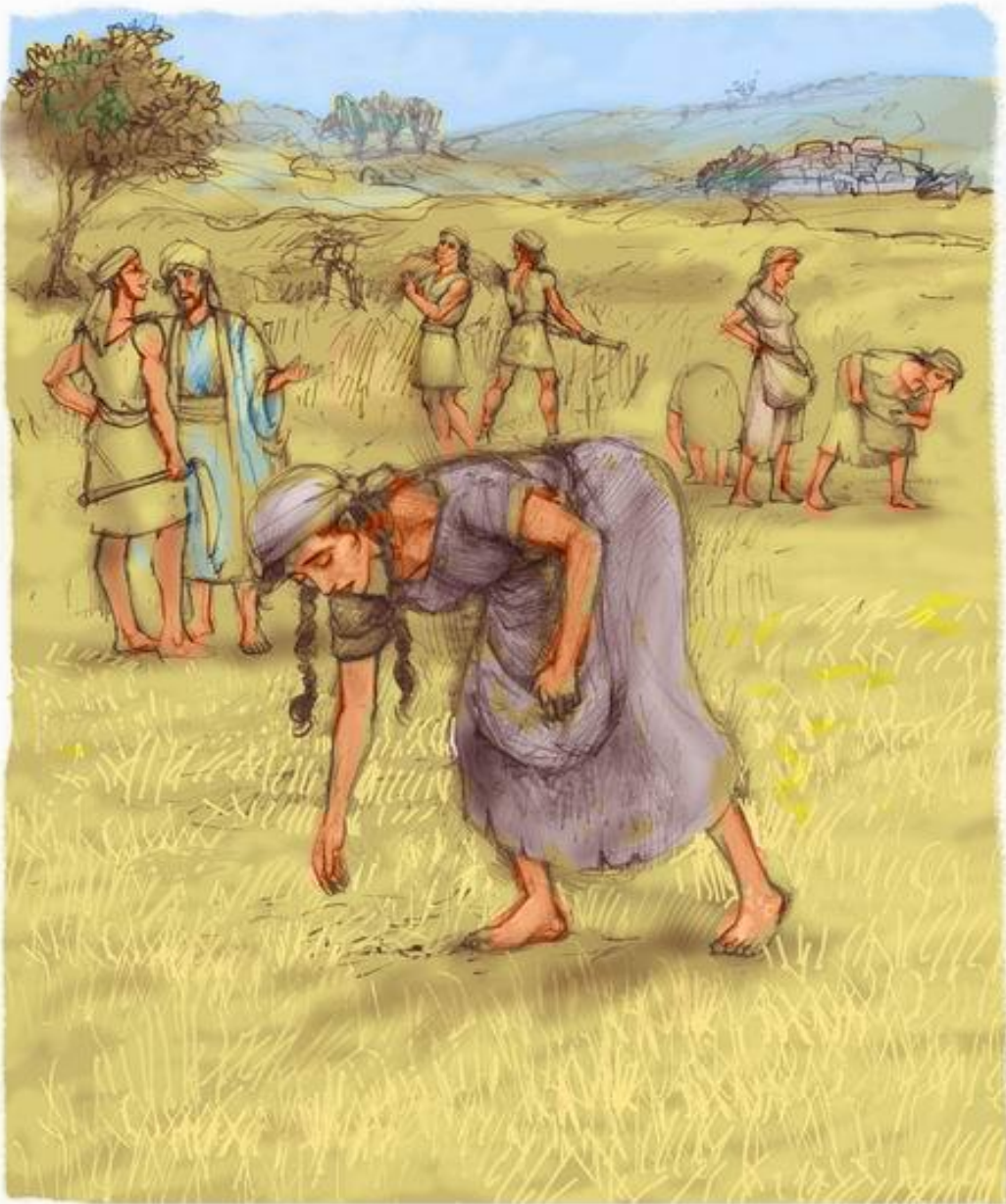
**Your people shall be my people
and your God, my God”
(Ruth 1:16)**

**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**



A man named Elimelech and his wife Naomi had two sons: Mahlon and Chilion.





They lived in Bethlehem, which unfortunately at the time faced a huge famine.

A Great Famine

- The family moved to Moab to get away from the famine in Bethlehem-Judah.



A new life begins...

- It was here where Elimelech dies.
- Elimelech's two sons marry Moabite women. They all lived there for about 10 years.

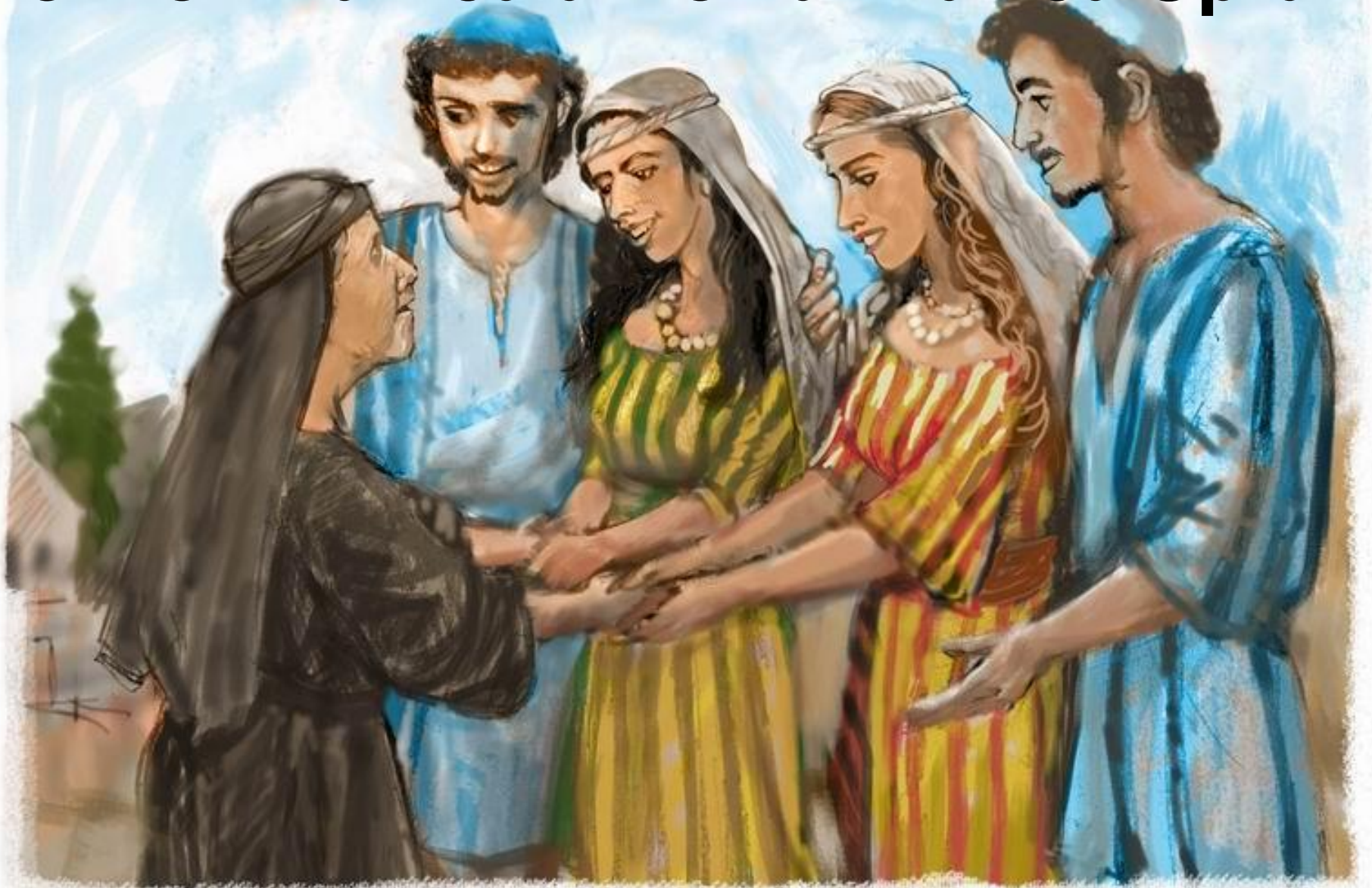
THE BOOK OF RUTH



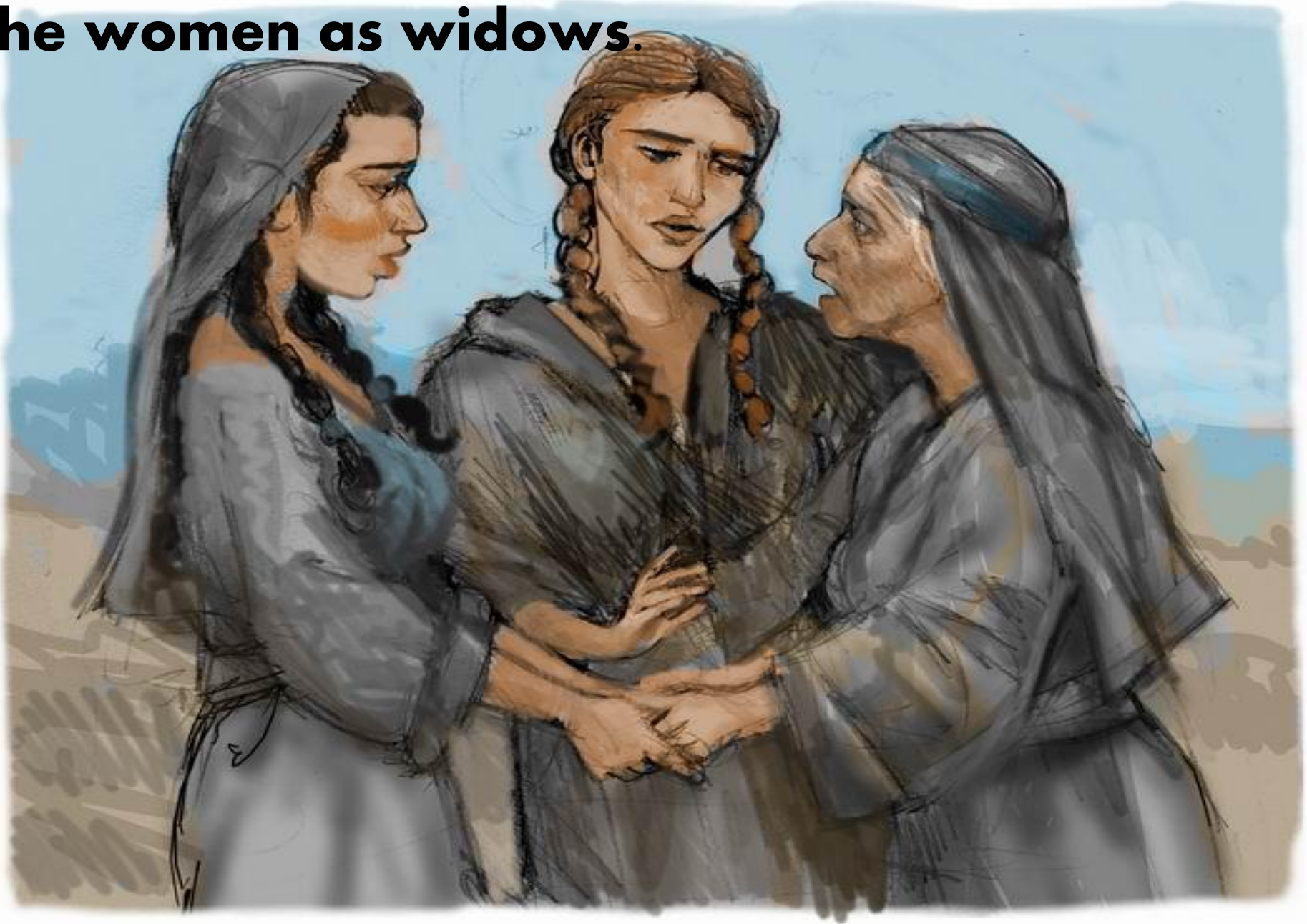
ELIMELECH AND NAOMI, WITH THEIR TWO SONS, ARE DRIVEN BY FAMINE INTO MOAB. FROM A COPYRIGHT PHOTOGRAPH BY BRACS, CLÉMENT & CO., PARIS.

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**Mahlon married a woman named Ruth.
Chilion married a woman named Oprah**



But soon, Mahlon, and Chilion died, leaving the women as widows.



The Widows

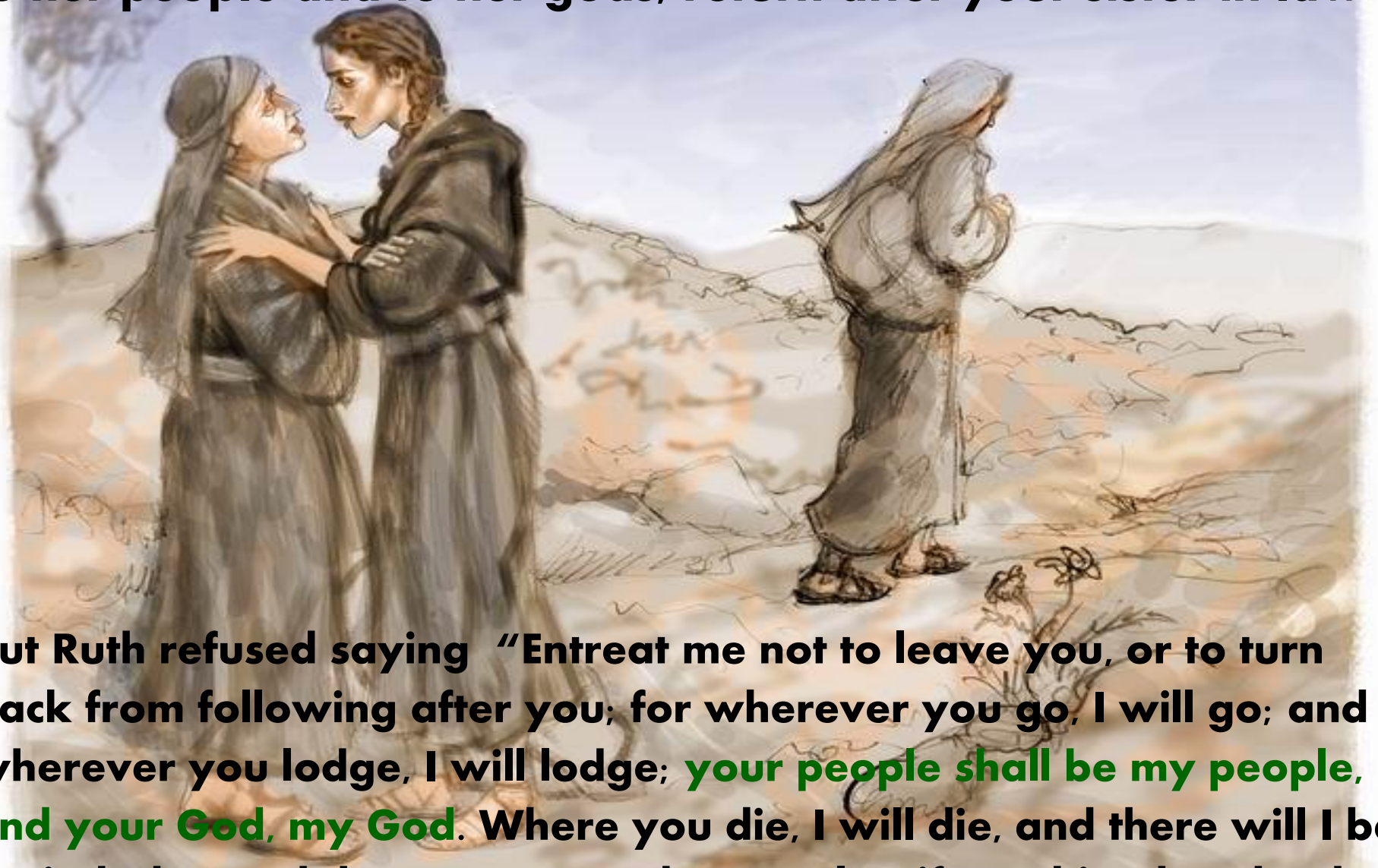
- **Naomi was very sad!! Think about losing a husband and two children? And not having any grandchildren?**
- **She decided that she would return back to Judah after hearing about the good harvest the country was blessed with.**
- **But what to do with her daughter-in-laws?**
- **She told them to go back to their homes and re-claim their lives.**



- **However, neither Ruth nor Orpah wanted to leave their mother-in-law because they both loved her very much. They wanted to go back with Naomi.**
- **But Naomi pleaded with them to go back. Only Orpah agreed to finally go back home.**

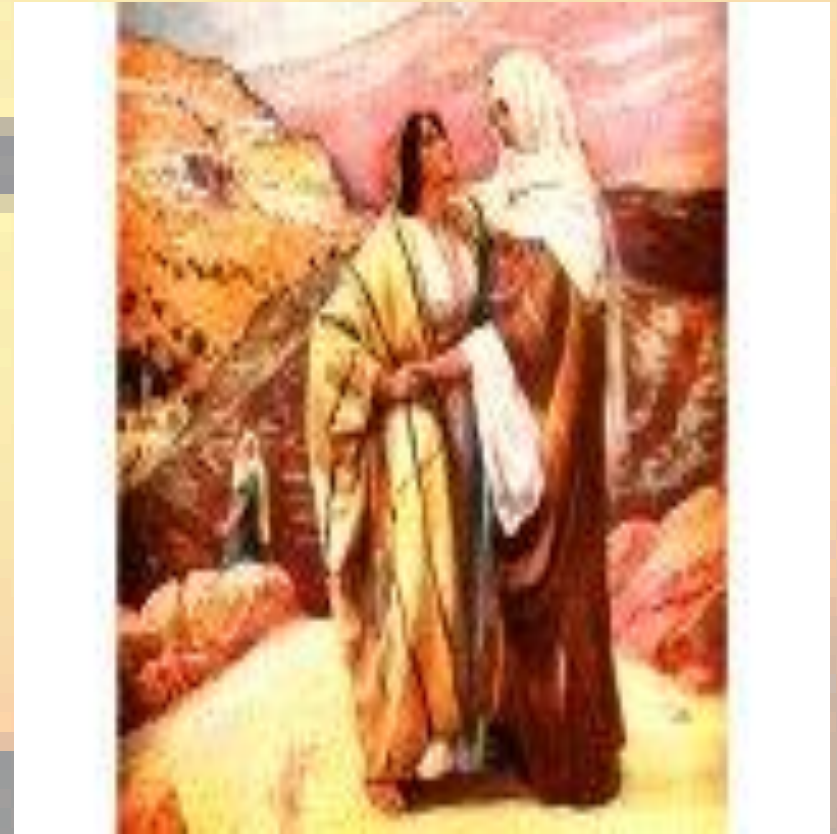


Naomi said to Ruth, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law"



But Ruth refused saying "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; **your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."**

- **Ruth also was interested to know Naomi's God and her people.**



“Your God is my God”

- Those words are very powerful coming from a Moabite woman. Remember, Moabites were pagans.
- What is a pagan? Unbeliever.
- Naomi was so surprised and grateful for the deep love that Ruth had for her and they both went to Judah together.



When they arrived there all the people of the place were surprised to see them, asking, "Is not this Naomi?"



But Naomi, full of sorrow for her dead husband and sons. It was the time of barley-harvest when Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem; and they were so very poor that Ruth went out into the fields to glean (gather) after the reapers.



One of the chief men of Bethlehem was named Boaz, a very rich man. Ruth happened to go and glean in a field belonging to him; and Boaz, seeing her, asked the man who was over the reapers who she was.



The man answered that she was Ruth the Moabitess, who had come to Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi, and that she had asked him to let her glean in the field.



Boaz then spoke kindly to Ruth, and he told her, when she was thirsty, to help herself to the drink that was brought to refresh his servants.



Boaz told his servants to let some grain fall on the ground for Ruth to collect.



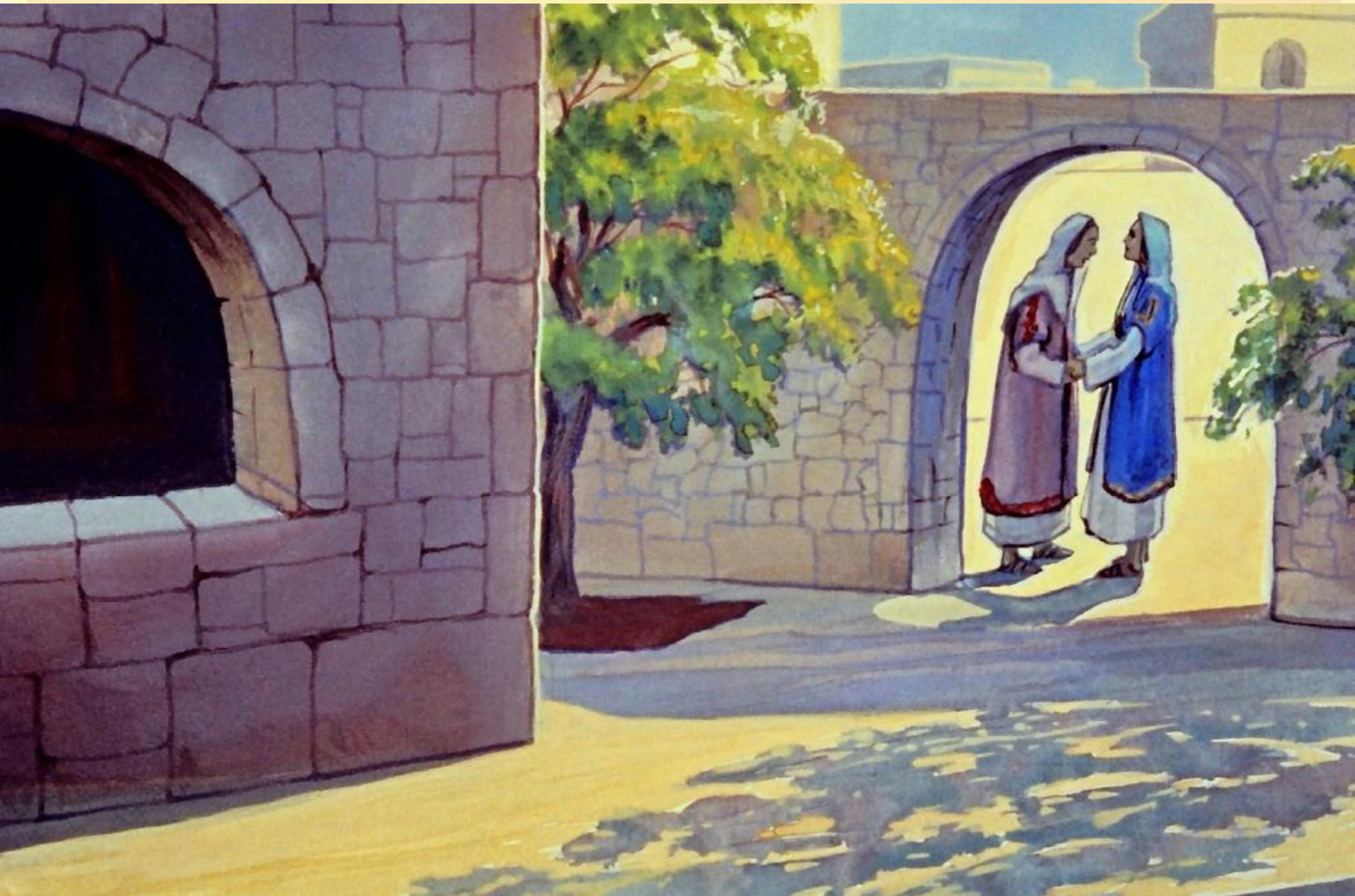
When Ruth went home in the evening, she gave her mother-in-law some of her own dinner, which she had kept for her. There was so large a quantity of it that Naomi asked her where she had gleaned that day. Ruth answered, in the field of Boaz. Naomi was delighted.



Boaz finally married Ruth. God blessed the marriage of Boaz and Ruth.



Naomi was delighted when she heard the news.



It was not long until God blessed them with a son.



Naomi cradled her grandson with a heart full of love.



Ruth's son was named Obed (OH-bed). Obed became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David, who was afterward the great King of Israel. That means Ruth had a part in the family line of Jesus Christ, as He was called Son of David.



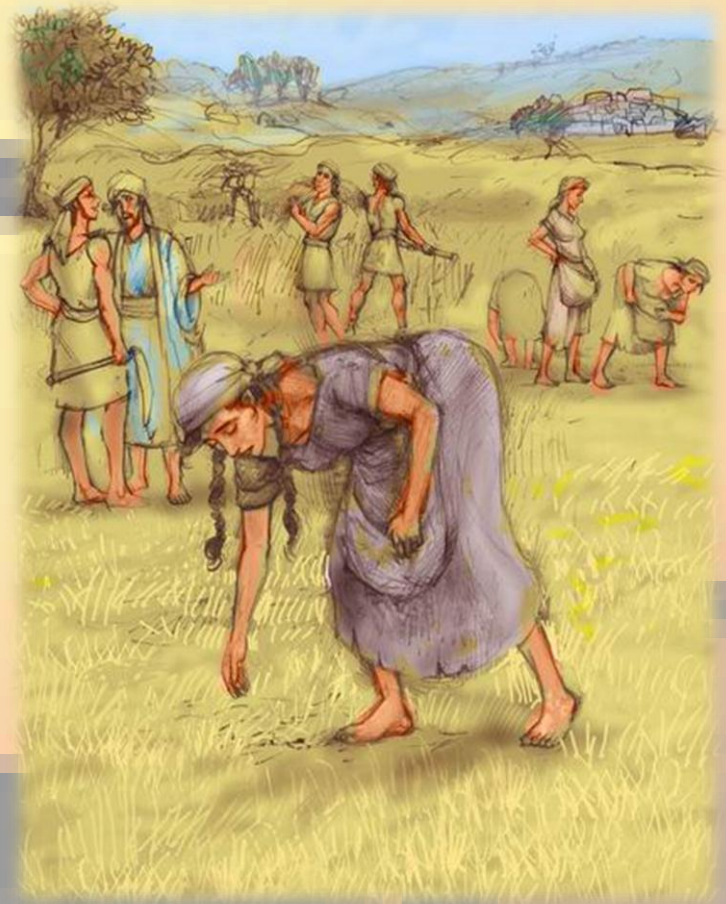
What can we learn from Naomi?

- ① **We are a light onto the world**
- ② **Ruth was Pagan (unbeliever)**
- ③ **Naomi showed Ruth her wonderful God through her action (kindness and love)**
- ④ **Naomi spoke to Ruth of God**



What can we learn from Ruth?

- ◎ **Faith**
 - ◎ **Ruth trusted her new God and her mother-in-law**
 - ◎ **God rewarded her**
 - **Jesus Christ came from her family line**
 - **She and Naomi became happy**



How can you be more like Ruth?

- Ruth is the perfect example of how we should act toward our family; with unceasing love.
- How do you think God wants you to act with your family?
- How can you make your mom and dad happy?
- There is an important rule that we should always follow when dealing with one another in our families...do you know the word?
- Compromise.

How can we help others?

- ① **Visit the sick**
- ② **Help clean the house**
- ③ **Show family and friends that you care**
- ④ **Be kind to little children**



Conclusion

- Ruth was a pagan woman as we mentioned earlier. Naomi and her family were Jewish.
- However, Ruth entered Naomi's family and through Naomi was brought to the Lord. She never read any books about God before knowing Naomi and her family.
- Nonetheless, God has blessed her greatly because she gave herself up for her mother-in-law and was very sincere about it.

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



The family left Bethlehem because of a famine and went to _____.

Egypt

Moab

United States

Guthlaman



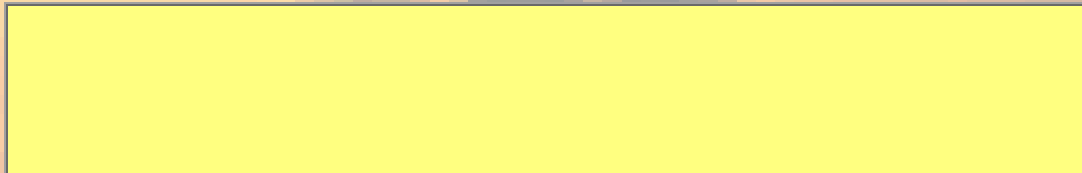
The girl named _____ did not leave her mother-in-law named _____ because she loved her and God.

○ Elimelech; Orpah

○ Ruth; Naomi

○ Orpah; Naomi

○ Mahlon; Chilion



Why did Ruth stay with Naomi?

- Ruth was loyal and had faith
- Ruth wanted to marry Boaz
- Ruth was forced to stay
- Ruth was afraid of God's punishment



How did God reward Ruth's Faith and loyalty?

- Ruth got sick
- Ruth became rich
- Jesus was born in her family line
- He made her strong



What can we learn from Ruth?

- Faith
- Love
- Love and faith
- None of the above





Quiz

1.) The nationality of Ruth was:

- Nazarene
- Egyptian
- Philistine
- Moabite

2.) What was the relationship of Naomi to Ruth?

- mother-in-law
- aunt
- mother
- cousin

3.) Who was Ruth's first husband?

- Boaz
- Kilion
- Elimelech
- Mahlon

The End

Next Week

We will learn about
Saint Paul the Apostle.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

