

# NAOMI AND RUTH

## *Ruth 1:1-18*

### **Ruth 1**

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. <sup>2</sup>The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

<sup>3</sup>Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup>and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

<sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—<sup>13</sup>would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD'S hand has gone out against me!"

<sup>14</sup>At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

<sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Naomi's family move from Bethlehem to Moab?
5		2.) What happened to Naomi's husband and their two sons?
5		3.) What did Ruth want to do with Naomi?
5		4.) Why do you think Ruth wanted to go home with Naomi?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 12:10</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*Ruth asks Naomi if she can travel home with her*

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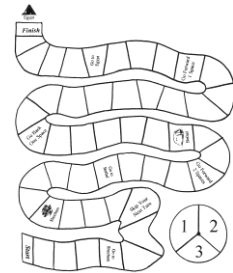
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### CRAFT/ACTIVITY: GAME BOARDS

Students will make a game board to remind them of how Naomi traveled from Bethlehem to Moab during the famine. Once there, Naomi's husband and two sons died. Ruth, Naomi's daughter-in-law decided to move back to Bethlehem with Naomi.

#### MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Game Board Pattern
3. Paper Brads
4. Small Paper Clips
5. Gummy Bears
6. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils



#### DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a game board pattern for each student on 67 lb. Cardstock.
2. Have students color each of the boxes different colors.
3. Pass out one paper clip and one brad to each student.
4. Push the paper brad through the small end of the paper clip and through the black hole in the middle of the spinner circle.
5. Pass out two gummy bears to each student to use as markers.
6. Have students play the game with a partner by spinning the spinner (paper clip). If the paper clip lands on "2", for example, that player moves ahead two spaces.
7. If the student lands on a box with directions, the directions must be followed.
8. The first player to make it to the last box wins. Students can take turns using each other's game boards.

#### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their game boards, remind them how Ruth, Naomi's daughter-in-law, wished to travel back to Bethlehem with Naomi. Help students realize that Ruth was willing to leave her home as an act of love toward Naomi. Ruth also chose the God of Israel to be her God as she moved from a land full of gods that other people continued to worship. Ruth honored her mother-in-law by putting Naomi's needs above her own.

**TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:** Approximately 20 minutes

#### MEMORY VERSE

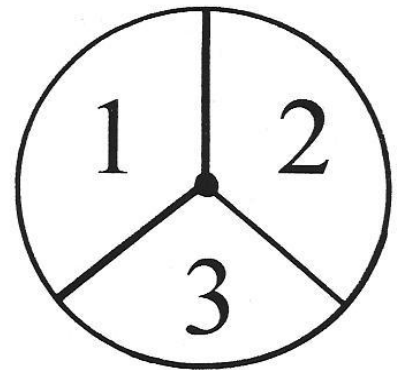
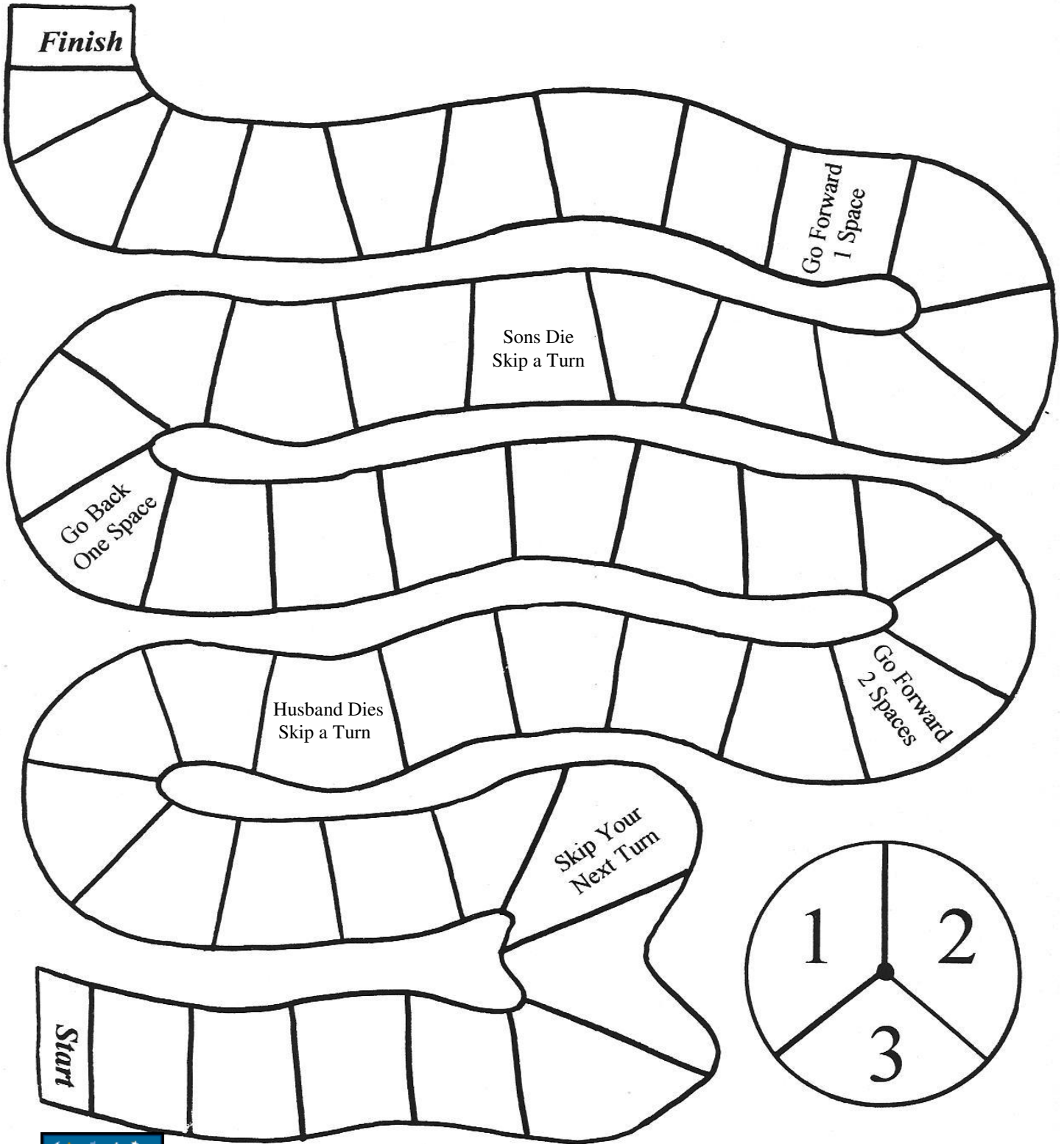
*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10*



MOAB

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BETHLEHEM

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Go around the frame starting at the word "Ruth" and write down every other word. When you've gone around the frame twice, you'll discover something wonderful about Ruth.

	Ruth	the	cared	way	for	
exactly						God
						Naomi
us!						cares
heart,						with
	of	whole	each	her	for	

# THE BIBLE TIMES HERALD

A SPECIAL REPORT ON RUTH 1:1-18

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As you know, it's been rough in these parts with the recent famine. There is little or no food to eat in most of the surrounding areas either.

A couple named Elimelech and his wife

Naomi were seen, the other day, moving to Moab with their two sons. There they'd find food to eat.

After living in Moab for some time, Elimelech died. The two boys each got married. One boy married Orpah and the other married Ruth. Not much time passed before the two sons died as well. Naomi now had no husband or sons.

Sources tell us that God has come to the aid of his people. He is providing food again for his people in the land of Judah.

Witnesses saw Naomi speaking with both of her daughter-in-laws. One witness overheard Naomi telling them to go back to where they came from so they would have food to eat and new husbands to marry.

Naomi began to cry. Orpah decided to go back to where she lived before. Ruth, however, did not want to leave Naomi. She said, "Your people will be my people and your God will be my God." Ruth wasn't going to leave Naomi!

For more details, please read Ruth 1:1-18 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

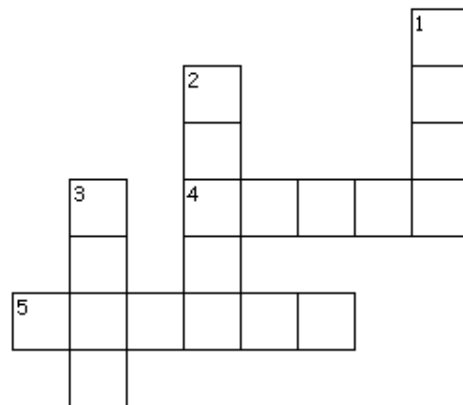
1. Why did Elimelech and Naomi move to Moab?
2. What is a famine?
3. Why did Naomi tell Ruth and Orpah to go back to their homes?
4. Why do you think Ruth decided to stay with Naomi?

## MEMORY VERSE

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

## CROSSWORD



### Across

4. The daughter-in-law who left Naomi
5. When there's little or no food to eat

### Down

1. A friend to Naomi
2. Ruth's mother-in-law
3. Where Naomi and her family moved for food

## Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how Ruth loved her mother-in-law Naomi.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss how important families are with your child.

Bible Story Mini Book

# Naomi and Ruth



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Ruth showed her love for Naomi.



There was a famine in Judah. Naomi's family moved to Moab to find food.

## Memory Verse

“...honor one another...”  
Romans 12:10

## Bible Story Rhyme

**Naomi would have been alone,**  
*(Hold up one finger)*

**If Ruth decided to go home.**  
*(Using both hands, make a roof over your head)*

**But Ruth decided she would stay,**  
*(Point down with both pointer fingers)*

**With Naomi all the way.**  
*(Put both pointer fingers next to each other and bounce them up and down as if walking)*



Naomi's sons died. Naomi told her daughter-in-laws they should go find new husbands.

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

*“Dear Jesus,*

*Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”*



Ruth would not leave Naomi alone.

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## PRESCHOOL GAME

**Supplies:** none

**S**ay: We're going to play a game called Friend Tag because Naomi and Ruth were friends. When I say, "go," you must run around and grab someone's hand to be safe. The person who is "it" will tag you if you are not holding someone's hand. Then you will be "it."

This game needs to be played with an even number of children. If you are playing this game inside, move the furniture to the side of the room.

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