

# RUTH

## 1

### Elimelek goes to the <sup>a</sup>land of Moab

<sup>1-2</sup> It was in the time when the <sup>b</sup>land\_of\_Israel did not have a \*king. There were <sup>c</sup>leaders who <sup>d</sup>ruled the land. They were <sup>e</sup>judges. There was no food for the people in <sup>f</sup>Judah because there was a <sup>g</sup>famine. Elimelek was a man who stayed in the town of Bethlehem in Judah. He had a <sup>h</sup>wife whose name was Naomi. She and Elimelek had 2 \*sons. Their names were Mahlon and Kilion. They were all from the Ephrath family. Elimelek and his family went away from Bethlehem to stay in the land of Moab as <sup>i</sup>strangers. They went to Moab because there was not <sup>j</sup>enough food in Bethlehem. <sup>3</sup> Elimelek died <sup>k</sup>while they were living in the <sup>l</sup>land of Moab, but Naomi and her 2 \*sons stayed there. <sup>4</sup> Her \*sons

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<sup>a</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>b</sup>**land\_of\_Israel:** the \*country \*which God gave to his people in the \*Old\_Testament. [\*map # 2]

<sup>c</sup>**leaders:** people who lead other people and tell them what they must do. [\*drawing # 120, 136]

<sup>d</sup>**ruled:** when a \*king or \*leader told his people what they had to do.

<sup>e</sup>**judges:** the \*leaders of the people of \*Israel in the time before they had a \*king.

<sup>f</sup>**Judah:** the \*province in the \*south of \*Israel, where Jerusalem is. [\*map # 2]

<sup>g</sup>**famine:** when there is no food to eat because it has not rained for a long time.

<sup>h</sup>**wife:** the woman who is married to a man, her \*husband. [\*drawing # 34]

<sup>i</sup>**stranger:** someone who comes from another \*land or city, whom people don't \*know.

<sup>j</sup>**enough:** when you do not want any more or there does not have to be any more.

<sup>k</sup>**while:** when, at the same time.

<sup>l</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

married 2 women from the <sup>m</sup>land of Moab. Their names were Orpah and Ruth. <sup>5</sup> They stayed in Moab for 10 years, and then Mahlon and Kilion, the 2 sons of Naomi, also died. Naomi was alone. She did not have a <sup>n</sup>husband or \*sons any more.

### Naomi goes back to the <sup>o</sup>province of Judah

<sup>6</sup> Then they told Naomi good <sup>p</sup>news from the <sup>q</sup>province of Judah. They told her that God had helped his people and there was now <sup>r</sup>enough food in Judah. Then Naomi and her 2 <sup>s</sup>daughters-in-law \*took all their things and they went back to Judah. <sup>7</sup> Naomi, Orpah and Ruth went away from the <sup>t</sup>land of Moab and they started to walk to Judah. <sup>8</sup> Then Naomi stopped and she said to Ruth and Orpah: ‘You must go back to your mothers and to their homes and you must stay there. You have been good to my 2 \*sons and to me. I <sup>u</sup>pray that God will also be good to you. <sup>9</sup> I also <sup>v</sup>pray that God will give each of you another <sup>w</sup>husband and a new home.’

Naomi kissed them and Ruth and Orpah started to cry. <sup>10</sup> Then they said to Naomi: ‘No, we want to go with you to your people.’

<sup>11</sup> But Naomi said to them: ‘No, I love you as if you were my

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<sup>m</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>n</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his \*wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>o</sup>**province of Judah:** the \*southern part of \*Israel, where Jerusalem is. [\*map # 2]

<sup>p</sup>**news:** things they tell about something that happened not long before.

<sup>q</sup>**province of Judah:** the \*southern part of \*Israel, where Jerusalem is. [\*map # 2]

<sup>r</sup>**enough:** when you do not want any more or there does not have to be any more.

<sup>s</sup>**daughter-in-law:** your daughter-in-law is the woman who is married to your \*son.

<sup>t</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>u</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>v</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>w</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his \*wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>x</sup>daughters, but you must go to your homes. Why do you want to come with me? I am too old to have another <sup>y</sup>husband. I can not have more <sup>\*</sup>sons that you can marry. <sup>12</sup> Go back to your families and their homes. What do you think? If I marry another <sup>z</sup>husband now and I have 2 baby boys, then they must <sup>\*</sup>grow up and become men before you can marry them. How long will that take before you can marry them? It will take too long. <sup>13</sup> Do you want to wait for so many years? I am sure that you can not wait that long, my <sup>a</sup>daughters. This is very <sup>b</sup>sad for you and it is also very sad for me. God has let bad things happen to me.’

<sup>14</sup> Ruth and Orpah cried again. Orpah kissed Naomi and she said goodbye, but Ruth did not want to go away from Naomi, and she held on to her. <sup>15</sup> Naomi said to Ruth: ‘Orpah has gone back to her family. She has gone back to her people and her <sup>c</sup>god in the <sup>d</sup>land of Moab. You must go back with her.’

<sup>16</sup> But Ruth said to Naomi: ‘Do not tell me to <sup>e</sup>leave you. I want to go with you. I want to stay with you. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup> I want to die in the place where you die

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<sup>x</sup>**daughter:** the girl child of a father and mother. [\*drawing # 177]

<sup>y</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his <sup>\*</sup>wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>z</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his <sup>\*</sup>wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>a</sup>**daughter:** the girl child of a father and mother. [\*drawing # 177]

<sup>b</sup>**sad:** when you are not happy, you want to cry. [\*drawing # 50]

<sup>c</sup>**god:** an <sup>\*</sup>idol that people made and <sup>\*</sup>prayed to. [\*drawing # 25]

<sup>d</sup>**land:** a <sup>\*</sup>country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>e</sup>**leave:** to go away or let something stay <sup>\*</sup>behind, you don't take it with you.

[\*drawing # 178]

and then they must <sup>f</sup>dig a <sup>g</sup>grave and <sup>h</sup>bury me there. I will not <sup>i</sup>leave you as long as I live. I make this <sup>j</sup>promise to you. I want God to listen to what I say. He will be my <sup>k</sup>Witness that I will do what I say.’

<sup>18</sup> Naomi <sup>\*</sup>saw that Ruth did not want to go home and she did not ask Ruth to go back again. <sup>19</sup> Naomi and Ruth walked together to the town of Bethlehem. The people of Bethlehem were very happy when they <sup>\*</sup>saw them. The women from the town asked: ‘Is this <sup>l</sup>really Naomi? She does not look the same. She looks <sup>m</sup>different.’

<sup>20</sup> Naomi said to them: ‘My name has changed. My name is not <sup>n</sup>Naomi anymore. My name is now <sup>o</sup>Mara, because God <sup>p</sup>Almighty has made my <sup>q</sup>life very <sup>r</sup>sad and bitter. <sup>21</sup> I went away from here with my husband and my 2 <sup>\*</sup>sons, but God now brings me back without them. They have died. God has made it very bad and <sup>s</sup>difficult for me. He sent a lot of problems to me.’

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<sup>f</sup>**dig:** to make a hole in the <sup>\*</sup>ground.

<sup>g</sup>**grave:** a place where they <sup>\*</sup>bury the body of a dead person.

<sup>h</sup>**bury:** to put the body of a dead person into a <sup>\*</sup>grave or <sup>\*</sup>tomb. [\*drawing # 24]

<sup>i</sup>**leave:** to go away or let something stay <sup>\*</sup>behind, you don't take it with you.  
[\*drawing # 178]

<sup>j</sup>**promise:** your words when you say that people can <sup>\*</sup>believe you.

<sup>k</sup>**witness:** someone who <sup>\*</sup>saw or heard what happened and can tell it to other people. [\*drawing # 24]

<sup>l</sup>**really:** <sup>\*</sup>true, not a <sup>\*</sup>lie, more than others.

<sup>m</sup>**different:** not the same, or some of these and some of the others.

<sup>n</sup>**Naomi:** the name Naomi <sup>\*</sup>means ‘happy’.

<sup>o</sup>**Mara:** the name Mara <sup>\*</sup>means ‘<sup>\*</sup>sad’ or ‘<sup>\*</sup>bitter’.

<sup>p</sup>**Almighty:** God who is very strong, He can do anything that He wants to do.

<sup>q</sup>**life:** the time that you live on <sup>\*</sup>earth, from your <sup>\*</sup>birth <sup>\*</sup>until you die.

<sup>r</sup>**sad:** when you are not happy, you want to cry. [\*drawing # 50]

<sup>s</sup>**difficult:** something that is hard to do, it is not easy. [\*drawing # 87]

<sup>22</sup> So Naomi came back from the <sup>l</sup>land of Moab with Ruth. Ruth was born in Moab and she was the <sup>u</sup>wife of Mahlon, the <sup>\*</sup>son of Naomi, but he had died. Naomi and Ruth came to Bethlehem at the time when the <sup>v</sup>barley was <sup>w</sup>ripe and the people were cutting off the barley in the <sup>x</sup>fields.

## 2

### Ruth <sup>y</sup>meets Boaz

<sup>1</sup> Elimelek was the <sup>z</sup>husband of Naomi, but he had died. In the family of Elimelek, there was a rich and <sup>a</sup>important man. His name was Boaz.  
<sup>2</sup> Ruth asked Naomi: ‘May I go to the <sup>b</sup>fields where the <sup>c</sup>barley <sup>\*</sup>grows to <sup>d</sup>pick up some of the barley that falls onto the <sup>e</sup>ground? I will ask them if I may pick it up.’ Naomi said: ‘Yes, my <sup>f</sup>daughter, you may go.’

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<sup>l</sup>**land:** a <sup>\*</sup>country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>u</sup>**wife:** the woman who is married to a man, her <sup>\*</sup>husband. [\*drawing # 34]

<sup>v</sup>**barley:** <sup>\*</sup>seeds that <sup>\*</sup>grow on some <sup>\*</sup>plants, people eat the <sup>\*</sup>seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>w</sup>**ripe:** when <sup>\*</sup>fruit on a tree or <sup>\*</sup>seeds are big and ready to eat. [\*drawing # 171]

<sup>x</sup>**field:** <sup>\*</sup>land where <sup>\*</sup>farmers <sup>\*</sup>sow <sup>\*</sup>wheat or <sup>\*</sup>plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>y</sup>**meet:** going to see someone or coming together to talk. [\*drawing # 120]

<sup>z</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his <sup>\*</sup>wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>a</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>b</sup>**field:** <sup>\*</sup>land where <sup>\*</sup>farmers <sup>\*</sup>sow <sup>\*</sup>wheat or <sup>\*</sup>plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>c</sup>**barley:** <sup>\*</sup>seeds that <sup>\*</sup>grow on some <sup>\*</sup>plants, people eat the <sup>\*</sup>seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>d</sup>**pick\_up\_barley:** to take the <sup>\*</sup>barley that <sup>\*</sup>fell onto the <sup>\*</sup>ground <sup>\*</sup>which the workers did not take.

<sup>e</sup>**ground:** the sand outside where people walk or <sup>\*</sup>plant flowers and trees.

[\*drawing # 75]

<sup>f</sup>**daughter:** the girl child of a father and mother. [\*drawing # 177]

<sup>3</sup> So Ruth went to the <sup>g</sup>barley <sup>h</sup>fields. She was very lucky, but she did not \*know it, because she went to one of the barley fields of Boaz. He was a man from the family of Elimelek. She started to <sup>i</sup>pick up the barley that <sup>j</sup>fell onto the <sup>k</sup>ground. <sup>4</sup> Just then Boaz came from the town of Bethlehem and he said to his workers: ‘I <sup>l</sup>pray that God will <sup>m</sup>bless you.’ And they said to him: ‘We pray that God will bless you too.’

<sup>5</sup> Boaz looked at Ruth and he asked the <sup>n</sup>leader of the people who were cutting the <sup>o</sup>barley: ‘Who is that <sup>p</sup>young woman?’ <sup>6</sup> The <sup>q</sup>leader said: ‘She is the <sup>r</sup>young woman from the <sup>s</sup>land of Moab who came back with Naomi. <sup>7</sup> She asked us if she \*could walk <sup>t</sup>behind the people who cut the

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<sup>g</sup>**barley:** \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>h</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>i</sup>**pick\_up\_barley:** to take the \*barley that \*fell onto the \*ground \*which the workers did not take.

<sup>j</sup>**fell:** today something falls to the \*ground, yesterday it fell. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>k</sup>**ground:** the sand outside where people walk or \*plant flowers and trees.

[\*drawing # 75]

<sup>l</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>m</sup>**bless:** when God helps people or things and does good things for them.

<sup>n</sup>**leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

[\*drawing # 120, 136]

<sup>o</sup>**barley:** \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>p</sup>**young:** not old. [\*drawing # 132]

<sup>q</sup>**leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

[\*drawing # 120, 136]

<sup>r</sup>**young:** not old. [\*drawing # 132]

<sup>s</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>t</sup>**behind:** not in front of someone or something but at the back. [\*drawing # 179]

<sup>u</sup>barley to <sup>v</sup>pick up the barley that falls onto the <sup>w</sup>ground. She has worked on the <sup>x</sup>field from this morning <sup>y</sup>until now. She did not go home to <sup>z</sup>rest.’

<sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth: ‘<sup>a</sup>Young woman, listen to me. Do not go and <sup>b</sup>pick up barley on the <sup>c</sup>field of another man. Do not go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. <sup>9</sup> Look where the workers cut the <sup>d</sup>barley, and <sup>e</sup>pick up the barley that falls onto the <sup>f</sup>ground. Stay with the women who work for me. I told my workers to be good to you. When you want to drink water, go and drink from the water <sup>g</sup>jars that my workers filled with water.’

<sup>10</sup> Ruth <sup>h</sup>bowed down in front of Boaz and she asked him: ‘Why are you

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<sup>u</sup>**barley:** \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>v</sup>**pick\_up\_barley:** to take the \*barley that \*fell onto the \*ground \*which the workers did not take.

<sup>w</sup>**ground:** the sand outside where people walk or \*plant flowers and trees.

[\*drawing # 75]

<sup>x</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>y</sup>**until:** the time from the \*beginning to now.

<sup>z</sup>**rest:** to stop working or to lie down or sleep. [\*drawing # 51]

<sup>a</sup>**young:** not old. [\*drawing # 132]

<sup>b</sup>**pick\_up\_barley:** to take the \*barley that \*fell onto the \*ground \*which the workers did not take.

<sup>c</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>d</sup>**barley:** \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>e</sup>**pick\_up\_barley:** to take the \*barley that \*fell onto the \*ground \*which the workers did not take.

<sup>f</sup>**ground:** the sand outside where people walk or \*plant flowers and trees.

[\*drawing # 75]

<sup>g</sup>**jar:** a bottle made of \*clay to keep food or water in. [\*drawing # 39]

<sup>h</sup>**bow:** to bend down in front of someone \*important. [\*drawing # 17]

so good to me? I am not from your people. I am a <sup>i</sup>stranger from another <sup>j</sup>land.’

<sup>11</sup> Boaz said: ‘The people have told me all about the good things that you have done. When your <sup>k</sup>husband died, you helped Naomi and you did a lot of things for her. You went away from your father and your mother and your <sup>l</sup>land. You came to stay with people that you did not \*know. <sup>12</sup> You have come to the <sup>m</sup>God of \*Israel so that He can help you. I <sup>n</sup>pray that God will be good to you and that He will <sup>o</sup>bless you.’

<sup>13</sup> Ruth said: ‘<sup>p</sup>Sir, you are very good to me. I am not one of the women who work for you, but you help me and you are good and <sup>q</sup>friendly to me. Thank you.’

<sup>14</sup> When it was time to eat, Boaz said to Ruth: ‘Come here. Take some of the bread and eat it with the wine.’

Ruth sat down with the workers and Boaz gave her some <sup>r</sup>barley that they had cooked. She ate <sup>s</sup>enough and there was some barley that was <sup>t</sup>left over. <sup>15</sup> Then she went back to work to <sup>u</sup>pick\_up\_barley. Boaz told

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<sup>i</sup>**stranger:** someone who was not a \*Jew but stayed with the people of God.

<sup>j</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>k</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his \*wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>l</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>m</sup>**God of \*Israel:** the \*real \*living God who \*saved his people, the \*Israelites.

<sup>n</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>o</sup>**bless:** when God helps people or things and does good things for them.

<sup>p</sup>**sir:** when you speak to an \*important man, you say ‘sir’ to him. [\*drawing # 29]

<sup>q</sup>**friendly:** to smile at someone and be happy to see and help him.

<sup>r</sup>**barley:** \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>s</sup>**enough:** when you do not want any more or there does not have to be any more.

<sup>t</sup>**left over:** the ones that did not go away or \*disappear, they are \*still there.

<sup>u</sup>**pick\_up\_barley:** to take the \*barley that \*fell onto the \*ground \*which the workers did not take.

his workers: ‘Ruth may pick up barley near you and you must help her.

<sup>16</sup> You must let some <sup>v</sup>barley fall onto the <sup>w</sup>ground so that she can <sup>x</sup>pick it up. You must make it easy for her to pick up a lot of barley.’

<sup>17</sup> Ruth worked on the <sup>y</sup>field <sup>z</sup>until that <sup>a</sup>evening. Then she hit her <sup>b</sup>barley with a <sup>c</sup>stick until the <sup>d</sup>seeds came out. She had a lot of barley.

<sup>18</sup> She <sup>\*</sup>took the <sup>e</sup>barley back to the town and she showed Naomi how much barley she had <sup>f</sup>picked up. Ruth also gave Naomi the cooked barley that she did not eat when she sat with the workers. <sup>19</sup> Naomi asked her: ‘Where did you <sup>g</sup>pick up so much <sup>h</sup>barley today? I <sup>i</sup>pray that God will <sup>j</sup>bless the man who was so good to you.’ Then Ruth told Naomi

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<sup>v</sup>**barley**: \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>w</sup>**ground**: the sand outside where people walk or \*plant flowers and trees.

[\*drawing # 75]

<sup>x</sup>**pick\_up\_barley**: to take the \*barley that \*fell onto the \*ground \*which the workers did not take.

<sup>y</sup>**field**: \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>z</sup>**until**: the time to the end when something stops.

<sup>a</sup>**evening**: at the end of the day when the sun is down and it becomes dark.

[\*drawing # 57]

<sup>b</sup>**barley**: \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>c</sup>**stick**: a thin \*piece of wood. [\*drawing # 31]

<sup>d</sup>**seed**: \*wheat or \*barley \*grains that can \*grow if you \*sow them into the \*ground. [\*drawing # 80]

<sup>e</sup>**barley**: \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>f</sup>**pick\_up\_barley**: to take the \*barley that \*fell onto the \*ground \*which the workers did not take.

<sup>g</sup>**pick\_up\_barley**: to take the \*barley that \*fell onto the \*ground \*which the workers did not take.

<sup>h</sup>**barley**: \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>i</sup>**pray**: talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>j</sup>**bless**: when God helps people or things and does good things for them.

about the man who said she \*could pick up barley on his <sup>k</sup>field and she said to Naomi that the name of the man was Boaz.

<sup>20</sup> Naomi said to Ruth: ‘I <sup>l</sup>pray that God will <sup>m</sup>bless Boaz. God was good to our <sup>n</sup>husbands when they were <sup>o</sup>alive and He is good to us now. That man Boaz is from the family of my husband. He is one of our <sup>p</sup>protectors.’

<sup>21</sup> Then Ruth, the woman from Moab, said: ‘Boaz also said to me: “You must stay with my workers <sup>q</sup>until they have <sup>r</sup>finished cutting all the <sup>s</sup>barley.” ’

<sup>22</sup> Naomi said to Ruth: ‘Yes, my <sup>t</sup>daughter, it will be good for you to go with the women who work for Boaz. The workers on another <sup>u</sup>field \*could give you problems and tell you to go away.’

<sup>23</sup> So Ruth worked near the women who worked for Boaz <sup>v</sup>until they <sup>w</sup>finished cutting all the <sup>x</sup>barley and she stayed with Naomi in her house.

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<sup>k</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>l</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>m</sup>**bless:** when God helps people or things and does good things for them.

<sup>n</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his \*wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>o</sup>**alive:** living, not dead. [\*drawing # 155]

<sup>p</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>q</sup>**until:** the time to the end when something stops.

<sup>r</sup>**finish:** to go on and stop after you have done everything that you had to do.

[\*drawing # 39]

<sup>s</sup>**barley:** \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>t</sup>**daughter:** the girl child of a father and mother. [\*drawing # 177]

<sup>u</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>v</sup>**until:** the time to the end when something stops.

<sup>w</sup>**finish:** to go on and stop after you have done everything that you had to do.

[\*drawing # 39]

<sup>x</sup>**barley:** \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

# 3

## Ruth finds a <sup>y</sup>husband

<sup>1</sup> A few days later Naomi said to Ruth: ‘My <sup>z</sup>daughter, I must find a <sup>a</sup>husband and a home for you where you can get what you need. <sup>2</sup> You have been working with the women who work for Boaz and he is in our family. Tonight when it is dark, he will <sup>b</sup>thresh <sup>c</sup>barley on the <sup>d</sup>threshing-floor. <sup>3</sup> You must wash yourself and put <sup>e</sup>perfume on yourself. Put on your best clothes and go to the <sup>f</sup>threshing-floor, but Boaz must not <sup>\*</sup>know that you are there. Wait <sup>g</sup>until he has <sup>h</sup>finished eating his food and drinking his wine. <sup>4</sup> Then he will lie down to sleep and you must make sure of where he goes to sleep. Later tonight you must go and lift the <sup>i</sup>blanket from his feet and you must lie down there at his feet. When he <sup>j</sup>wakes up, he will tell you what you must do.’

<sup>5</sup> Ruth said: ‘I will do what you say.’ <sup>6</sup> Then Ruth went to the

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<sup>y</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his <sup>\*</sup>wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>z</sup>**daughter:** the girl child of a father and mother. [\*drawing # 177]

<sup>a</sup>**husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his <sup>\*</sup>wife. [\*drawing # 66]

<sup>b</sup>**thresh:** when workers take the <sup>\*</sup>seeds out of the <sup>\*</sup>barley or <sup>\*</sup>wheat <sup>\*</sup>plants.  
[\*drawing # 86]

<sup>c</sup>**barley:** <sup>\*</sup>seeds that <sup>\*</sup>grow on some <sup>\*</sup>plants, people eat the <sup>\*</sup>seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>d</sup>**threshing-floor:** a place where they <sup>\*</sup>took the <sup>\*</sup>barley or <sup>\*</sup>wheat <sup>\*</sup>seeds out of the <sup>\*</sup>plants. [\*drawing # 85]

<sup>e</sup>**perfume:** <sup>\*</sup>olive oil <sup>\*</sup>mixed with <sup>\*</sup>plants, it had a beautiful <sup>\*</sup>smell.

<sup>f</sup>**threshing-floor:** a place where they <sup>\*</sup>took the <sup>\*</sup>barley or <sup>\*</sup>wheat <sup>\*</sup>seeds out of the <sup>\*</sup>plants. [\*drawing # 85]

<sup>g</sup>**until:** the time to the end when something stops.

<sup>h</sup>**finish:** to go on and stop after you have done everything that you had to do.  
[\*drawing # 39]

<sup>i</sup>**blanket:** something that you <sup>\*</sup>cover yourself with on your bed when it is cold.

<sup>j</sup>**wake up:** to stop sleeping, to open your eyes.

<sup>k</sup>threshing-floor, and she did what Naomi told her to do.

<sup>7</sup> When Boaz <sup>l</sup>finished his food and drink, he was happy and he lay down next to the <sup>m</sup>heap of <sup>n</sup>barley. Later Ruth came. She was very <sup>o</sup>quiet and she went to Boaz. She lifted the <sup>p</sup>blanket that was over his feet and she lay down there. <sup>8</sup> In the <sup>q</sup>middle of the night when Boaz moved, he <sup>\*</sup>saw a woman sleeping at his feet and he did not <sup>\*</sup>know who she was. <sup>9</sup> He asked: ‘Who are you?’

She said: ‘<sup>r</sup>Sir, I am Ruth. Please help me, because you are a <sup>s</sup>protector of our family.’ <sup>10</sup> Boaz said: ‘<sup>t</sup>Young woman, I <sup>u</sup>pray that God will do good things for you because you stayed with Naomi and now you want to stay in our family. You have seen young men, some who are rich, some who are poor, but you did not <sup>v</sup>choose one of them to marry you. <sup>11</sup> And now, <sup>w</sup>young woman, you must not be <sup>x</sup>afraid. I will do what you ask me. All the men in this town <sup>\*</sup>know that you are a good woman.

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<sup>k</sup>**threshing-floor:** a place where they <sup>\*</sup>took the <sup>\*</sup>barley or <sup>\*</sup>wheat <sup>\*</sup>seeds out of the <sup>\*</sup>plants. [\*drawing # 85]

<sup>l</sup>**finish:** to go on and stop after you have done everything that you had to do. [\*drawing # 39]

<sup>m</sup>**heap:** lots of stones or things on top of each other. [\*drawing # 86]

<sup>n</sup>**barley:** <sup>\*</sup>seeds that <sup>\*</sup>grow on some <sup>\*</sup>plants, people eat the <sup>\*</sup>seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>o</sup>**quiet:** when you don't speak or make a <sup>\*</sup>noise.

<sup>p</sup>**blanket:** something that you <sup>\*</sup>cover yourself with on your bed when it is cold.

<sup>q</sup>**middle of the night:** very late at night, 12 o'clock.

<sup>r</sup>**sir:** when you speak to an <sup>\*</sup>important man, you say ‘sir’ to him. [\*drawing # 29]

<sup>s</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>t</sup>**young:** not old. [\*drawing # 132]

<sup>u</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>v</sup>**choose:** to take the one that you want, or do what you think is best.

<sup>w</sup>**young:** not old. [\*drawing # 132]

<sup>x</sup>**afraid:** to worry because you think something bad will happen.

<sup>12</sup> It is <sup>y</sup>true that I am a <sup>z</sup>protector of the family, but there is another protector who is closer family to you. I must first ask him to help you.

<sup>13-15</sup> You must stay here <sup>a</sup>until the morning. If he wants to help you, it is good, then he can help you. If he does not want to help you, I <sup>b</sup>promise to help you and God is my <sup>c</sup>Witness. You must lie here until the morning.’ Boaz also said to her: ‘No one must <sup>\*</sup>know that you came here. No person must know that a woman came to the <sup>d</sup>threshing-floor.’

Then Boaz said: ‘Give me the <sup>e</sup>coat that you are <sup>f</sup>wearing.’ Ruth gave the coat to him and Boaz put 6 <sup>g</sup>jars of <sup>h</sup>barley into her coat. Then he gave the coat back to her. Ruth slept at the feet of Boaz until the morning. She <sup>i</sup>got up <sup>j</sup>while it was <sup>k</sup>still dark, before the people <sup>\*</sup>could see her, and she went back to the town.

<sup>16</sup> When Ruth came home, Naomi asked her: ‘Ruth, what happened last night?’ Ruth told her what Boaz had done for her. <sup>17</sup> And Ruth said: ‘Boaz

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<sup>y</sup>**true:** something that God says is right or <sup>\*</sup>real, it is not a <sup>\*</sup>lie.

<sup>z</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>a</sup>**until:** the time to the end when something stops.

<sup>b</sup>**promise:** to say that you will do something or that you are speaking the <sup>\*</sup>truth, people can <sup>\*</sup>believe you.

<sup>c</sup>**witness:** someone who <sup>\*</sup>saw or heard what happened and can tell it to other people. [\*drawing # 24]

<sup>d</sup>**threshing-floor:** a place where they <sup>\*</sup>took the <sup>\*</sup>barley or <sup>\*</sup>wheat <sup>\*</sup>seeds out of the <sup>\*</sup>plants. [\*drawing # 85]

<sup>e</sup>**coat:** clothes that you <sup>\*</sup>wear over other clothes when it is cold. [\*drawing # 31]

<sup>f</sup>**wear:** to put on clothes or <sup>\*</sup>jewellery and keep it on for some time. [\*drawing # 34]

<sup>g</sup>**jar:** a bottle made of <sup>\*</sup>clay to keep food or water in. [\*drawing # 39]

<sup>h</sup>**barley:** <sup>\*</sup>seeds that <sup>\*</sup>grow on some <sup>\*</sup>plants, people eat the <sup>\*</sup>seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>i</sup>**got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up. [\*drawing # 49]

<sup>j</sup>**while:** when, at the same time.

<sup>k</sup>**still:** when something does not stop, it goes on.

also gave me all this <sup>l</sup>barley and he said: “When you go back to Naomi, you must give her this barley. Your hands must not be <sup>m</sup>empty.” ’

<sup>18</sup> Naomi said: ‘Ruth, you must wait. It will not be long, then you will \*know what Boaz will do. Today they will <sup>n</sup>decide what to do. He will not <sup>o</sup>rest <sup>p</sup>until he has done what he said he \*would do.’

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### Boaz marries Ruth and they have a baby boy

<sup>1</sup> In the morning Boaz went to the <sup>q</sup>gate of the town and he sat down. The other <sup>r</sup>protector, that Boaz had told Ruth about, also came to the gate. Boaz said to him: ‘Come here, my friend, and sit down.’ The man went to Boaz and he sat down with him. <sup>2</sup> Boaz called 10 <sup>s</sup>important men from the town and he said to them: ‘Come and sit here with us.’ They came and sat down with them. <sup>3</sup> Then Boaz said to the other <sup>t</sup>protector: ‘Naomi has come back from the <sup>u</sup>land of Moab. She wants to <sup>v</sup>sell the <sup>w</sup>field of our brother, Elimelek, who has died. <sup>4</sup> I <sup>x</sup>thought that

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<sup>l</sup>**barley:** \*seeds that \*grow on some \*plants, people eat the \*seeds. [\*drawing # 84]

<sup>m</sup>**empty:** when there is nothing in it. [\*drawing # 93]

<sup>n</sup>**decide:** to think about what you want to do and \*choose to do it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>o</sup>**rest:** to stop working or to lie down or sleep. [\*drawing # 51]

<sup>p</sup>**until:** the time to the end when something stops.

<sup>q</sup>**gate:** where people came into a city and talked together about \*important things. [\*drawing # 99]

<sup>r</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>s</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>t</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>u</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>v</sup>**sell:** to give something to a person and he gives you money for it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>w</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>x</sup>**thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

you must \*know about this. Now I ask you, in front of these <sup>y</sup>important people: Do you want to buy this <sup>z</sup>field? If you want to buy it, then you can buy it. But if you do not want to buy the field, then you must tell me, and I will buy it.’

The other protector said: ‘I will buy the field.’ <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said: ‘You must remember that if you buy the <sup>a</sup>field from Naomi, then you must marry Ruth. The field must stay with the family of Elimelek.’

<sup>6</sup> When Boaz said this, the other <sup>b</sup>protector said: ‘No, then I can not buy the <sup>c</sup>field, because if I marry Ruth, my family \*could <sup>d</sup>lose the field that I have when I die. You can buy the field yourself. I can not buy it.’

<sup>7</sup> At that time in <sup>e</sup>Israel, when a <sup>f</sup>protector \*could not help his family, or when he said another man could be the protector, he \*took off his shoe and gave it to the man who \*would then be the protector. Then all the people could see it. <sup>8</sup> Then the <sup>g</sup>protector said to Boaz: ‘You can buy the <sup>h</sup>field.’ And he \*took off his shoe and he gave it to Boaz. <sup>9</sup> Boaz said to all the <sup>i</sup>important people: ‘You can all see today that I will buy the <sup>j</sup>field from Naomi. I will buy the field that <sup>k</sup>belonged to Elimelek and to

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<sup>y</sup>**important:** people who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>z</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>a</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>b</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>c</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>d</sup>**lose:** when you had something, but now you do not have it anymore, it is gone.

<sup>e</sup>**Israel:** the \*land that God gave to his people in the \*Old Testament. [\*map # 2]

<sup>f</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>g</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>h</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>i</sup>**important:** people who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>j</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>k</sup>**belong:** if you give me something, it is mine, it belongs to me. [\*drawing # 41]

Kilion and Mahlon, his 2 \*sons. <sup>10</sup> I will also marry Ruth, the woman from the <sup>l</sup>land of Moab. She was the <sup>m</sup>wife of Mahlon and if she has a baby boy, he will <sup>n</sup>inherit this <sup>o</sup>field and the name of his family will not die, but it will go on. Today you are the <sup>p</sup>witnesses.’

<sup>11</sup> Then the <sup>q</sup>important men and all the other people at the <sup>r</sup>gate said: ‘Yes, we are <sup>s</sup>witnesses and we <sup>t</sup>pray that God will <sup>u</sup>bless the woman whom you will marry and who will come and stay in your home. We pray that she will be like <sup>v</sup>Rachel and Leah who were the mothers of the \*Israelites. We pray that you will become important and rich. <sup>12</sup> We <sup>w</sup>pray that God will give you children with this <sup>x</sup>young woman and that they will be strong like <sup>y</sup>Perez, the child of Tamar and Judah.’

### The family of \*King David

<sup>13</sup> Boaz married Ruth and God gave her a \*son. <sup>14</sup> The women said to

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<sup>l</sup>**land:** a \*country, like Egypt or Arabia. [\*map # 1]

<sup>m</sup>**wife:** the woman who is married to a man, her \*husband. [\*drawing # 34]

<sup>n</sup>**inherit:** to get the money and things of your \*parents after they have died.

<sup>o</sup>**field:** \*land where \*farmers \*sow \*wheat or \*plant other plants. [\*drawing # 81]

<sup>p</sup>**witness:** someone who \*saw or heard what happened and can tell it to other people. [\*drawing # 24]

<sup>q</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>r</sup>**gate:** where people came into a city and talked together about \*important things. [\*drawing # 99]

<sup>s</sup>**witness:** someone who \*saw or heard what happened and can tell it to other people. [\*drawing # 24]

<sup>t</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>u</sup>**bless:** when God is good to a woman so that she can have a baby.

<sup>v</sup>**Rachel and Leah:** the \*wives of Jacob, they had a lot of children and their children became \*important people.

<sup>w</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>x</sup>**young:** not old. [\*drawing # 132]

<sup>y</sup>**Perez:** Perez was the child of Tamar and Judah. He was an \*important man.

Naomi: ‘We thank God. Today He gave you a <sup>z</sup>protector. We <sup>a</sup>pray that God will make this \*son of Ruth <sup>b</sup>important in <sup>c</sup>Israel. <sup>15</sup> We <sup>d</sup>pray that he will make you happy and that he will help you and take <sup>e</sup>care of you when you are old. Ruth is his mother and she loves you and she is better than 7 \*sons.’

<sup>16</sup> Naomi \*took the child in her arms. She took <sup>f</sup>care of him as if he was her son. <sup>17</sup> The women who lived there said: ‘Naomi has a \*son.’ They said his name \*would be Obed. He was the father of Jesse, and Jesse was the father of \*King David.

<sup>18</sup> Here are the names of the family of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron. <sup>19</sup> Hezron was the father of Ram, and Ram was the father of Amminadab. <sup>20</sup> Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon was the father of Salmon. <sup>21</sup> Salmon was the father of Boaz, and Boaz was the father of Obed. <sup>22</sup> Obed was the father of Jesse, and Jesse was the father of David.

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<sup>z</sup>**protector:** a person who helped the poor people in his family.

<sup>a</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>b</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>c</sup>**Israel:** the \*land that God gave to his people in the \*Old Testament. [\*map # 2]

<sup>d</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>e</sup>**care:** to help and \*protect someone or look after something.

<sup>f</sup>**care:** to help and \*protect someone or look after something.