

Paintbrush



Ruth's story is that of faith, perseverance and love. She had an encounter that solidified her resolve to follow Naomi even the future looked bleak.

Elimelech left Israel to Moab because of a famine. His two sons Mahlon and Kilion, alongside his devout wife Naomi settled in Moab. Elimelech passed away, the two sons got married too. But sadly, they passed away, leaving two grieving widows Orpah and Ruth with Naomi.

After a while, Naomi heard God had visited her people, Israel and the famine has ended. Leaving Moab, Ruth refused to leave Naomi's side, despite Naomi's insistence for her to go back home. Meanwhile, Orpah after Naomi's persistence, left for her home in Moab but Ruth resolved that she will go with Naomi everywhere and Naomi's God will be her God!

MY WORD - RUTH 1:16

But Ruth Said, "Don't ask me to leave you! Don't beg me not to follow you! Every place you go, I will go. Every place you live, I will leave. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God (ICB - International Children Bible)"

DID YOU KNOW

Ruth is one of two books in the whole Bible named after a woman. The second is the book of Esther. All of which showed great faith of these women!



The Journey Home

On Arrival, Ruth didn't sit idle, rather she took it upon herself to provide. Despite the odds, the young widow set out to glean. During harvest,

God instructed the Israelites to allow others glean – that is to pick grains that fell behind by harvesters during harvest.

Ruth's action was not only an act demonstrating hardwork but also Faith and Courage. Faith that God will provide and Courage despite the possibility of harm.

She worked hard, which got noticed by the workers and Boaz alike! There is reward for honest labour and hardwork!

MY WORD – RUTH 2:12

The Lord will reward you for all you have done. You will be paid in full by the Lord, the God of Israel. You have come to him as a little bird finds shelter under the wings of its mother. (ICB – International Children Bible)

DID YOU KNOW

The book of Ruth is read during the Jewish Festival – The Feast of weeks



Hardworking Ruth



At the fields she met a pious and devout man - Boaz. He not only showed her kindness by allowing her to glean on his fields but also instructed them not to disturb or hurt her, gave her food and further made his workers to intentionally drop grains her way.

This man - Boaz is a distant relative of Elimelech and can redeem the properties of Elimelech and his sons according to Jewish customs of that time.

Such beauty to see faith, courage, perseverance and hardwork being rewarded immediately and also having eternal glory.

MY WORD - RUTH 2:20

Naomi told her daughter-in-law, "The Lord bless him! The Lord still continues to be kind to all people - the living and the dead! (ICB - International Children Bible)

DID YOU KNOW

The book of Ruth consists of four chapters, with a total of 85 verses!



Ruth Meets Boaz

On the instruction of Ruth, Ruth met with Boaz at the threshing field, this act prompted Boaz to start the process of redeeming the properties of Elimelech and also marrying Ruth. A widow in a strange land not only found a husband but has been engrafted into the redemption plan of God. Despite God's law to the Jews at that time to exclude foreigners from joining the Jewish nation up on till the Tenth generation.

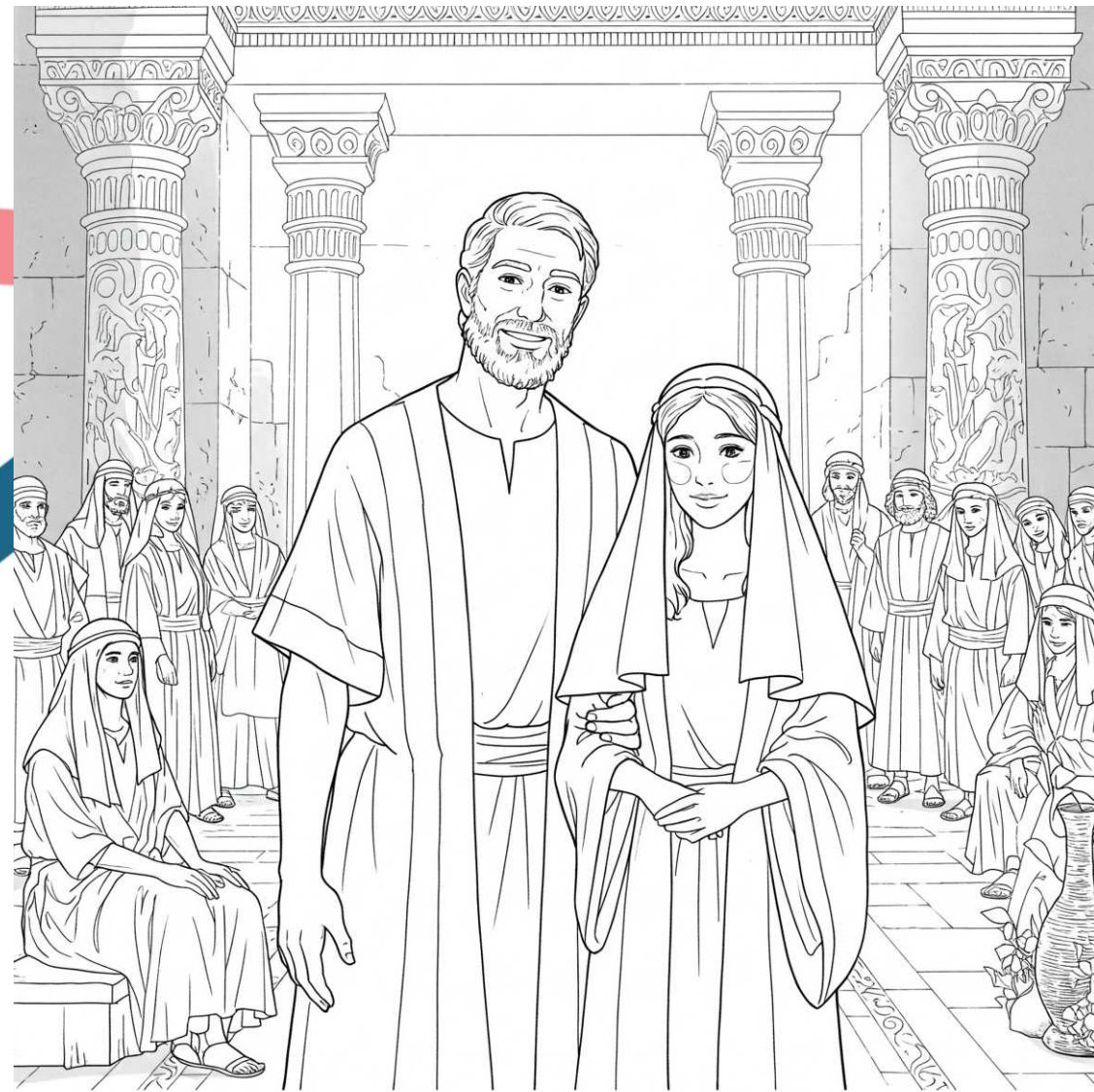
God does answers prayers, if only we lean and trust wholly on him, he will not only guide us but ensures that all that concerns us is perfected.

MY WORD - RUTH 3:10a

The Lord bless you, my daughter. Your Kindness to me is greater than the Kindness you showed to Naomi in the beginning. (ICB - International Children Bible)

DID YOU KNOW

Long ago in Israel, when people traded or bought back something, one person took off his sandal and give it to the other person. This was the proof of wonership in Israel. Ruth 4:7 (NCV - New Century Version)



Boaz Marries Ruth



The blessing of finding of man was crowned by being blessed by the fruit of the womb. Truly, anything God starts will surely be brought to completion. The people testified that Ruth was worth more than seven sons!

The faith and perseverance of Ruth bore fruit, she got blessed with a son that became a grandfather to David and also to Jesus!

MY WORD - RUTH 4:15

He will give you new life... This happened because of your daughter-in-law. She loves you. And she is better for you than seven sons. (ICB - International Children Bible)

DID YOU KNOW

Ruth a Moabite is the grandmother of King David and also of Jesus!



Obed! A Blessing