

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 67: RUTH CHOOSES TO STAY WITH NAOMI
RUTH 1:1-18

Before Israel was ruled by kings, Elimelech from the tribe of Ephrath lived in the town of Bethlehem. His wife was named Naomi, and their two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. But when their crops failed, they moved to the country of Moab. And while they were there, Elimelech died, leaving Naomi with only her two sons. Later, Naomi's sons married Moabite women. One was named Orpah and the other Ruth. About ten years later, Mahlon and Chilion also died. Now Naomi had no husband or sons. When Naomi heard that the LORD had given his people in Israel a good harvest, she and her two daughters-in-law got ready to leave Moab and go to Judah. As they were on their way there, Naomi said to them, "Don't you want to go back home to your own mothers? You were kind to my husband and sons, and you have always been kind to me. I pray that the LORD will be just as kind to you. May he give each of you another husband and a home of your own." Naomi kissed them. They cried and said, "We want to go with you and live among your people." But she replied, "My daughters, why don't you return home? What good will it do you to go with me? Do you think I could have more sons for you to marry? You must go back home, because I am too old to marry again. Even if I got married tonight and later had more sons, would you wait for them to become old enough to marry? No, my daughters! Life is harder for me than it is for you, because the LORD has turned against me." They cried again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth held on to her. Naomi then said to Ruth, "Look, your sister-in-law is going back to her people and to her gods! Why don't you go with her?" Ruth answered, "Please don't tell me to leave you and return home! I will go where you go, I will live where you live; your people will be my people, your God will be my God. I will die where you die and be buried beside you. May the LORD punish me if we are ever separated, even by death!" When Naomi saw that Ruth had made up her mind to go with her, she stopped trying to make her to go back.

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Ruth 1:16

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MEMORY VERSE:

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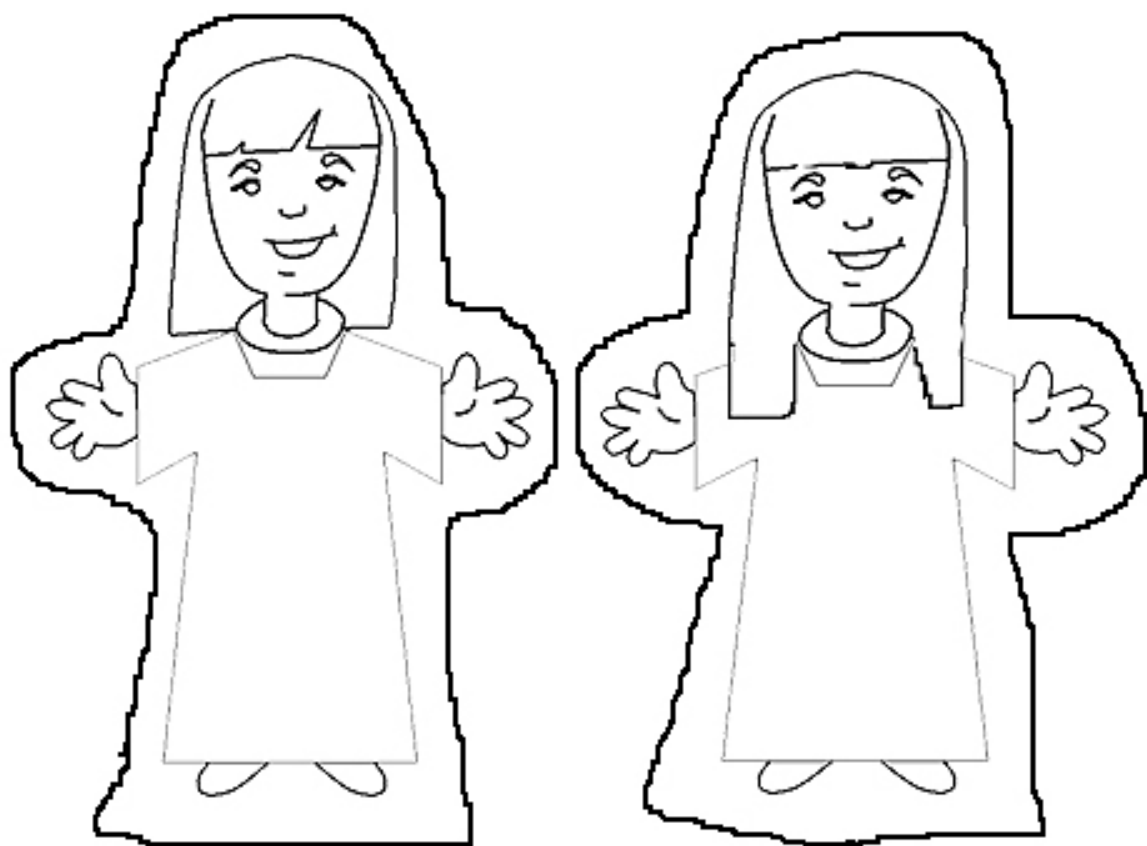
TRUE OR FALSE

1. A man from Bethlehem named Judah went with his wife and two sons to Moab. TRUE or FALSE
2. Then Elimilech died, leaving Naomi alone with her two sons. TRUE or FALSE
3. Naomi's sons married women from Moab. One was named Orpah and the other was named Ruth. TRUE or FALSE
4. Then both of Naomi's sons, Mahlon and Chilion, died also. TRUE or FALSE
5. Then Naomi heard that the Philistines had a good harvest, so she left with her daughters in law to go live with them. TRUE or FALSE
6. Naomi said, "Come my daughters, for it is good that you go with me." TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. When Naomi was leaving to go back to Judah, what did she tell her daughters in law? Did she tell them to go back to their own land?
2. At first, did both Orpah and Ruth want to stay with Naomi?
3. What did Naomi tell them when they wanted to stay with her? Did she tell them that they should go back to Moab anyway?
4. When Naomi told them that she couldn't have more sons for them to marry, and to go back to Moab, did both women stay with her? Who left?
5. Did Ruth stay with Naomi? Did Naomi let her come with her to Judah?

Lesson 67 Activity/Craft



Friends Stick Together Craft

Color the friends
Cut out the friends, glue to
popsicle sticks.
Glue the friends hands together!

Lesson 67 Optional Craft

Loyalty Medal

Let your kids make a medal to show their intentions to be loyal. Cut heart shapes out of poster-board or cardboard. For older kids, you may want to do a round shape. Cut a hole in the top (or use a hole punch) and glue either pink or yellow construction paper shaped in a circle on the front of the medal (color depends on the shape you choose – pink for the heart shapes, and yellow/gold for the round ones). Put a 6” long piece of 1/2” to 1” inch wide ribbon (or you can use yarn) tied in a simple knot so the ends stick out to the sides through the hole and safety-pin them or tape them to their shirts. On the medal write “LOYAL TO JESUS CHRIST.” Explain to the children that God rewards those who are faithful and loyal to Him. We will learn about all of the wonderful things that God did in Ruth’s life because of her loyalty to Naomi and God.

PRAYER Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to be loyal in our relationship with the Lord and with one another. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.