

Dear Student,

This month, we will be learning about Ruth and Naomi. In your bible, please turn to the book of Ruth (it is the eighth book in the bible). Please read Chapter 1, verses 1-5.

When there isn't enough food, it is called a famine. Because of this famine, Elimelek moved his family.

- Have you ever moved?
- How do you think they felt moving?
- What other reasons might someone move?

Please read all of Chapter 1, verses 6-19.

Naomi has heard that the famine has ended. She is going to go back home.

- How do you think Naomi felt after her husband and sons had died?
- Her daughters-in-law were going to go with her, why do you think Naomi told them not to?
- Ruth refused to leave Naomi? Why do you think she did that?
- I wonder if you have ever been loved so much?

Please skip ahead to Chapter 2 and read verses 1-13.

In ancient Israel, women were dependent on their husbands and fathers for their food. Naomi and Ruth do not have any husbands or fathers. Ruth was not even a citizen of Israel.

- I wonder how important was it that Boaz was kind to Ruth?
- Have you ever met someone from another place?
- How can we help strangers feel welcomed?

Please read Chapter 4, verses 13-22.

- I wonder what makes a family?
- Back in ancient Israel, Naomi and Ruth would probably have become beggars. How do you think they felt knowing that they had someone to care for them?

Last month, we learned that Rahab was a Great-Great-Great Grandmother to the future King David. This month, we learned that Ruth, another person not from Israel, is a Great-Great Grandmother to the future King David. We will learn about him next month.

Ruth followed Naomi from Moab to Bethlehem. Gather your family and take turns playing Follow the Leader. Where will you lead your family?

In the packet are some fun worksheets and coloring pages.

There are on-line lessons at <http://stannes-billerica.org/sunday-school-videos/>. These are lessons from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and not about the people of the bible that we are meeting in our take-home series.

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Bible Puzzle

Ruth's Family Word Find

RUTH lived in MOAB with her mother-in-law NAOMI and her sister-in-law ORPAH.

Their husbands, ELIMELECH, MAHLON and CHILION had died, and Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth were all alone and SAD.

Naomi went back to live in her hometown, BETHLEHEM, and Ruth decided to go with her. Ruth gathered GRAIN for them to eat. BOAZ saw Ruth working in his FIELD.

Boaz married Ruth, and they had a son named OBED. Now Naomi was HAPPY. Obed later had a son, JESSE, who was the father of King DAVID.

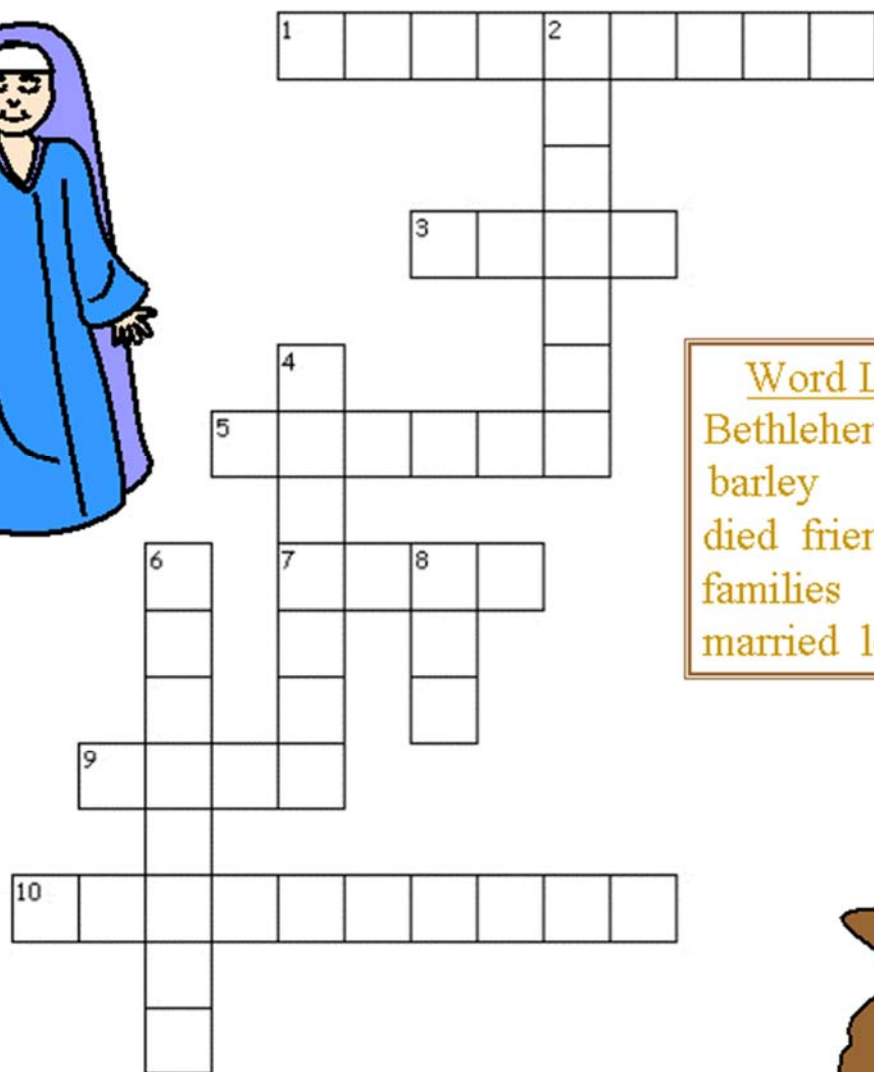
Find all the words in the puzzle.

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Ruth helped Naomi by gathering grain. How do you help your family?



Ruth and Naomi Crossword



Word List:
Bethlehem two
barley Boaz
died friendship
families Ruth
married loyalty



Across

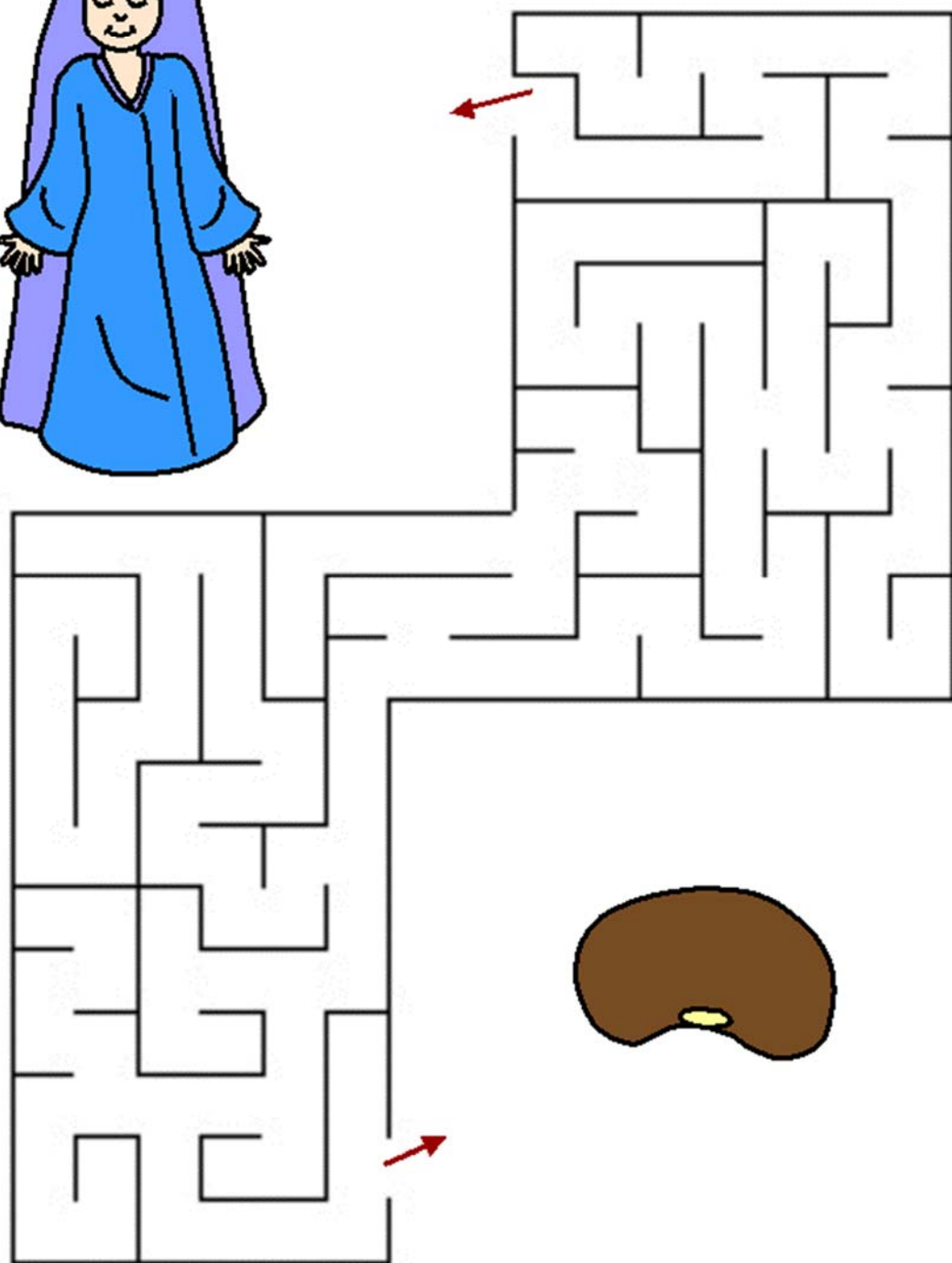
1. This is the place that Naomi wanted to move back to.
3. The name of the kind man that owned the field where Ruth worked.
5. The type of grain that Ruth would pick up after the harvesters.
7. This was the name of Naomi's daughter-in-law who stayed with her.
9. All of Ruth's immediate family ____ so she decided to move back to her hometown.
10. Ruth and Naomi's story is a story about ____.

Down

2. This is the act of putting someone's interests before your own.
4. Boaz and Ruth later fell in love and were ____.
6. Naomi encouraged Ruth and Orpah to move back to their own ____.
8. The number of sons Naomi had.

Ruth and Naomi Maze

Help Ruth find the grain to pick in Boaz's field.







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