

INTERDISCIPLINARY UNIT

The Story of Ruth



As individuals, we are often faced with many challenges throughout life. Such challenges could include poverty, nationality, discrimination, and physical handicaps. These challenges or obstacles should never stop or hinder an individual from fulfilling that purpose in life. Instead, challenges should be embraced as part of life's experience.

It had been rough in the part of the land 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** moved to the land of Moab with their two sons. There they would find food to eat.

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

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

Naomi spoke with both of her daughters-in-law. Naomi told 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. Oprah 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!

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

1. Why did Elimelech and Naomi move to Moab? _____
2. What is a famine? _____
3. What were the names of the two women Ruth's sons married? _____
4. Why did Naomi tell Ruth and Oprah to go back to their homes? _____
5. Why did Ruth stay with Naomi? _____