

**On the Way to Return**  
“Behold, the Redeemer” Series  
Ruth 1:6-18, page 222  
August 16, 2020  
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## Introduction

In this passage God shows us powerful examples of repentance and faith and exhorts us to respond likewise.

### The Text: Ruth 1:6-18

*<sup>6</sup> Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup> And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” <sup>14</sup> Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” <sup>18</sup> And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.*

- 1) God’s Word teaches us to see the good work of God in all our circumstances (v. 6).
- 2) Naomi’s response teaches us about repentance and “returning” to God (vv. 7-14).
- 3) Ruth’s response teaches us how trusting in Christ means not trusting in any other thing (vv. 15-18).

## Response

Where are you on the way to return? Seek the God of Naomi and Ruth, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## Sunday Text Questions for Ruth 1:6-18 (“Ruth” Series)

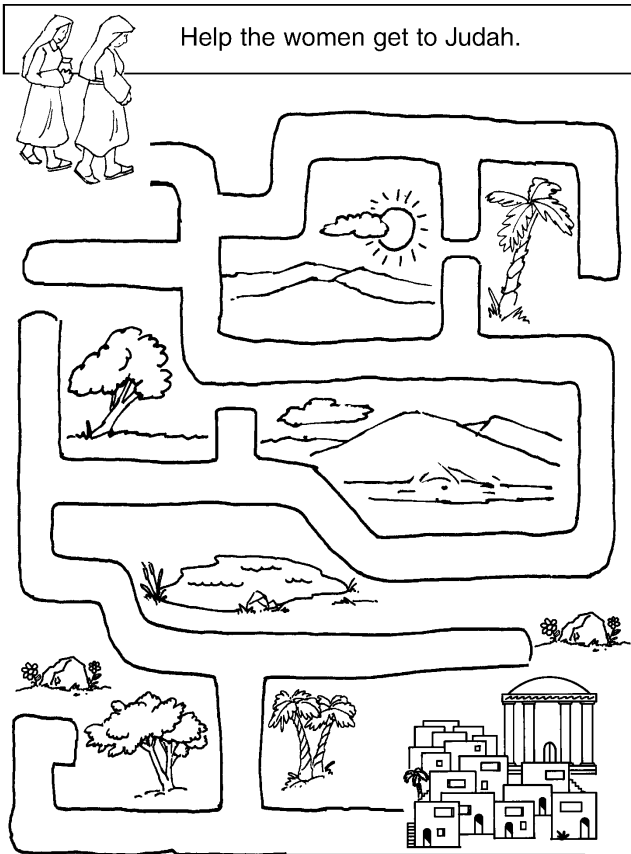
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- 1) Starter Question: Can you describe a time when you committed to do something which you knew would be very difficult?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How does the wording in v. 6 imply the direct provision of the Lord, and what does that teach us?
- 4) Why do you think Naomi encouraged her daughters-in-law to stay in Moab as she returned to Israel (vv. 8-13)?
- 5) What do the descriptions in v. 14 teach us about showing expressions of love and commitment to the people in our family and in our lives?
- 6) In v. 15, Naomi mentions to Ruth that Orpah returned “to her people and to her gods.” How does Ruth’s commitment to stay with Naomi mean she is also committing to Naomi’s God?
- 7) How is Ruth’s language of commitment in vv. 16-17 a remarkable act of faith?
- 8) Read Exodus 6:7. How does Ruth’s language mirror the covenantal language God himself made to his people, which now includes Ruth?
- 9) How do Christians make such covenantal commitments to God in the New Covenant?
- 10) What can we learn from Naomi’s penitent “return” to God and Ruth’s “covenantal” commitment to God?

**Further study this week:** Key passages on repentance: Acts 3:19 (Mon); 1 John 1:19 (Tues); Proverbs 28:13 (Wed); 2 Peter 3:9 (Thurs); James 4:8 (Fri).

Ruth chose to stay with Naomi and worship God. They returned to Judah together.



Help the women get to Judah.

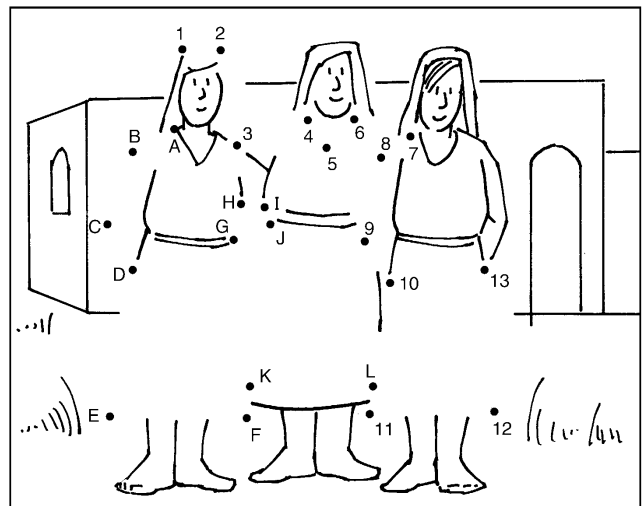
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## Ruth Stays With Naomi

Naomi lived in Moab. Her daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, were with her. They loved her.

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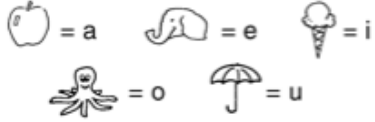
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Naomi decided to go back to her home in Judah.

What did Naomi tell her daughters-in-law to do?  
Use the code below to fill in the missing letters.



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Orpah kissed Naomi and returned home.  
But Ruth would not leave Naomi.

Circle the differences in the 2nd picture.





What did Ruth say to Naomi as she decided to stay?

Write all the 1's in order. Then return to the top and write all the 2's in order. Do the same for the 3's and the 4's.

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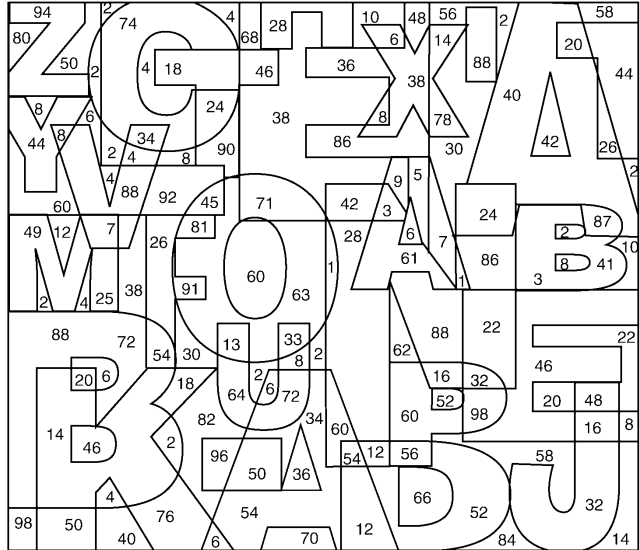


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**Ruth Stays With Naomi**

Naomi, her husband Elimelech, and their 2 sons left Bethlehem because there was a famine in their land. Where did they go?

Color in all the shapes with odd numbers.



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Naomi's husband died and her 2 sons married women named Orpah and Ruth. Later, Naomi's 2 sons also died, leaving the 3 women alone.

What happened next?



Use this code to find out.

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But Naomi again told Orpah and Ruth to go to their mothers' homes. What happened next?



Use this clock code to find out.



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