

Let's pray,

Heavenly Father,

Help us to know, like Ruth, that being with you is worth more than everything else. Forgive us for when we are more like Naomi and think that life might be easier without you.

Amen



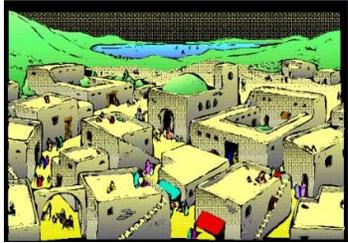
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Naomi and her family left God's special land to find what they thought would be a better life...they went to Moab, an enemy country which followed other gods. It did not turn out well – Naomi's sons both married Moabite girls and then they and their father both died leaving Naomi alone in a strange land. When she heard things were now better in God's land she decided to go home to Bethlehem. Ruth, her daughter-in-law went too.



Join the dots to see Ruth waving goodbye to Orpah

Ruth 1:16-17 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."



Her home

Ruth was born and brought up in Moab. That was where her home, her family and her friends were. She chose to go with Naomi to God's land and to become one of God's people.



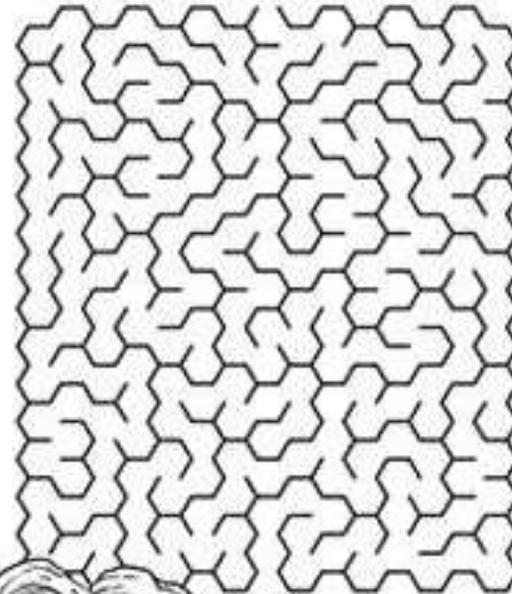
Her friends

Ruth went because she was kind and wanted to look after Naomi - but she also knew that it was worth giving up everything to become one of God's people. That's true for you and me too!

Can you help Ruth and Naomi get back to God's land by working out this maze?

Show Ruth and Naomi the way to Israel.

FINISH



START



Which of these did Ruth take to her new home?

Her family



Some food for the journey

