

# ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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## ***RUTH***

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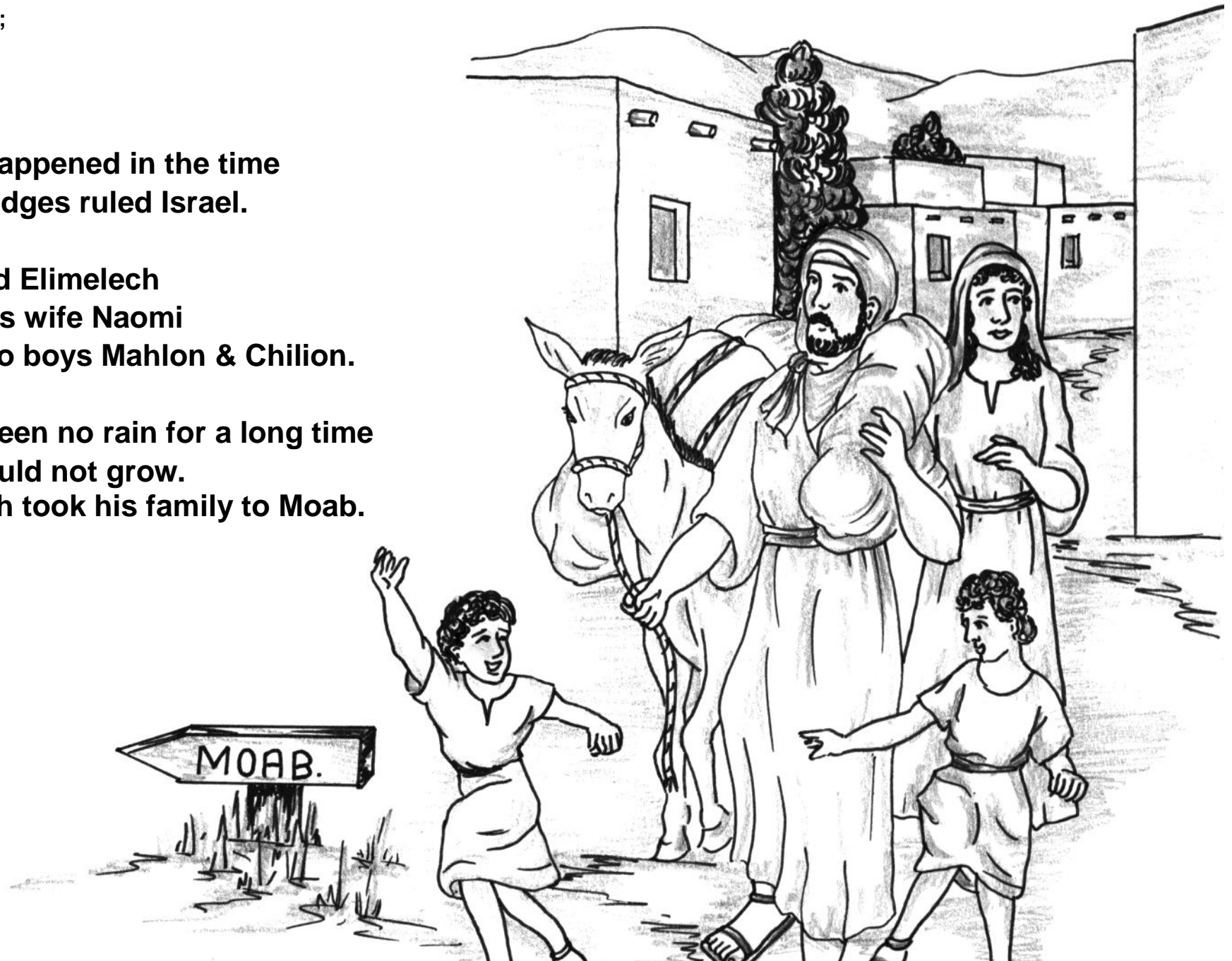


**RUTH 1:1 – 4:22;**  
Leviticus 19:9,10  
**RUTH**  
File no. 49

**This story happened in the time  
when the Judges ruled Israel.**

**A man called Elimelech  
lived with his wife Naomi  
and their two boys Mahlon & Chilion.**

**There had been no rain for a long time  
and food could not grow.  
So Elimelech took his family to Moab.**



**After some time Elimelech died.  
Mahlon and Chilion grew up  
and they married Orpah and Ruth.**

**Ten years later  
both Mahlon and Chilion died.  
Naomi was alone in a strange land  
with her son's wives.**

**Then Naomi heard  
that the Lord had sent rain  
to His people in Israel  
and there was plenty of food.**

**Naomi decided to go back  
to her home in Bethlehem.  
Orpah and Ruth said  
they would go with her.**

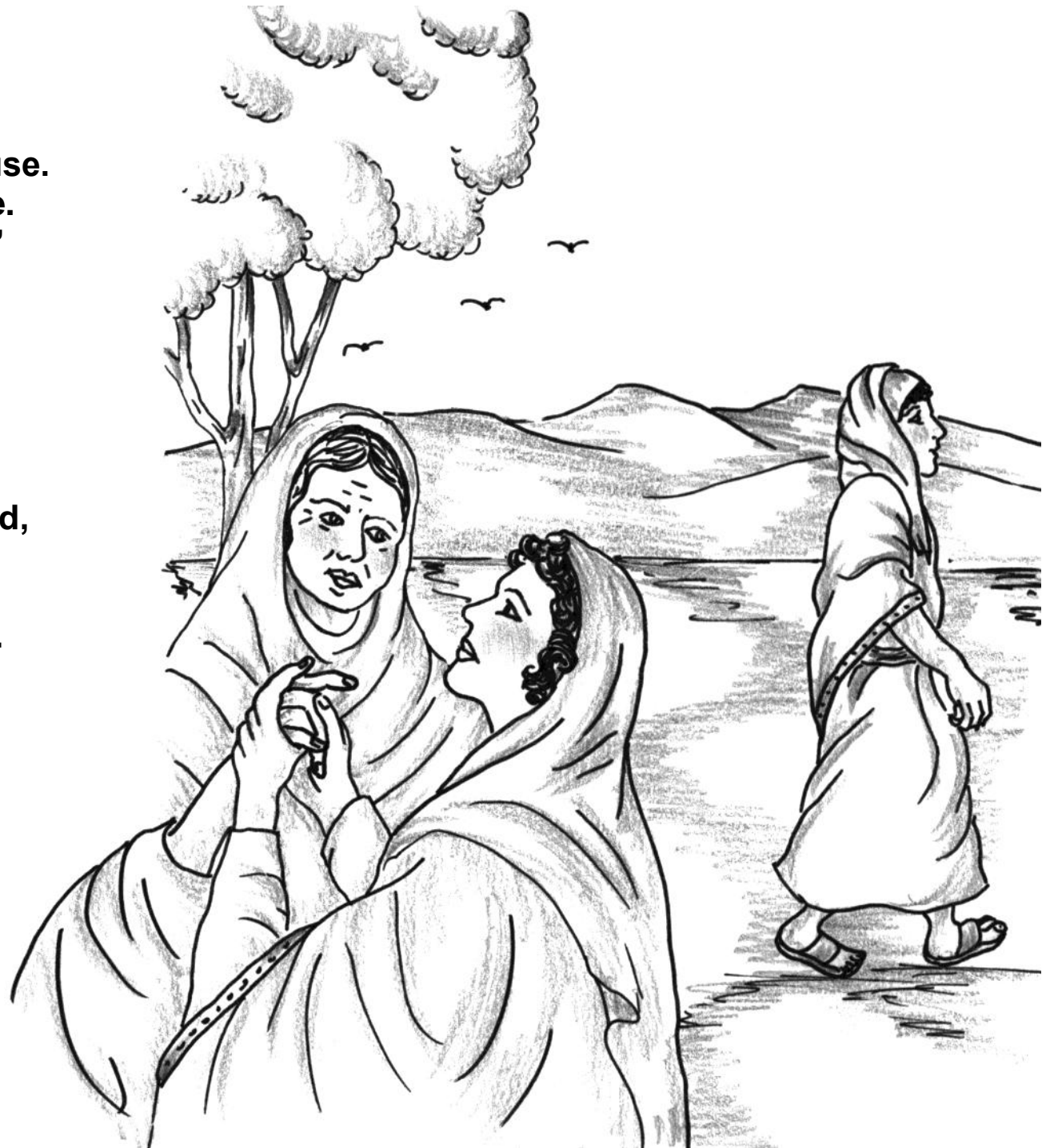


**On their way Naomi said to  
Orpah and Ruth,  
'Go back to your mother's house.  
You have been very kind to me.  
I trust God will be kind to you.'**

**Naomi kissed Orpah and Ruth  
and they began to cry.  
Orpah said goodbye  
and went home.**

**Ruth held on to Naomi and said,  
'Don't ask me to leave you!  
Every place you go, I will go.  
Your people will be my people.  
Your God will be my God.  
May the Lord punish me  
if I don't keep this promise.'**

**Then they went on to Israel.**



**From Naomi's home in Bethlehem  
Ruth went to the fields  
to gather grain.  
She did not know  
that the field she went to  
belonged to Boaz  
and that he was related to Naomi.**

**Boaz saw Ruth and he asked,  
'Who is this lady?'**

**Boaz's men said,  
'She is the one  
who came back with Naomi.'**

**So Boaz said to his men,  
'Leave extra grain for Ruth.'**



**Then he said to Ruth,  
'Stay in my field  
and you will be safe.  
I have heard  
what you have done  
for Naomi.  
The Lord will reward you.'**





**At the end of the day  
Ruth took lots of barley  
home to Naomi.**

**Naomi was surprised at how much  
she had gathered and asked,  
‘Which field did you work in?’**

**Ruth replied, ‘It was Boaz’s field!’**

**Naomi saw that God  
was looking after them.**





**When harvesting was finished  
Naomi told Ruth to go to Boaz  
with a special request.**

**Ruth went to him and said,  
'I am your servant.  
You are a close relative  
and can save Naomi's family  
by marrying me.'**

**Boaz said,  
'God bless you Ruth.  
Don't be afraid I will do  
what you have asked.  
Everyone knows  
that you are a good lady.'**



**Boaz married Ruth.  
God gave them a son  
and they called him Obed.**

**Naomi's friends praised the Lord  
for His kindness to Naomi.**

