

“There is a Redeemer”

2. The Book of Ruth – Ruth 1: 1-5

Purpose: to introduce the character of Ruth

Recap: This semester we are going to read the whole book of Ruth in Bible time. The title of these Bible times is “There is a Redeemer.” (write on board) This is the title because Ruth had a redeemer, and we have a redeemer. Who is our redeemer? (Jesus Christ)

Last week we read why Jesus Christ came into the world. Why did Jesus Christ come into the world? (to serve and to redeem many people) What does “redeem” mean? (to buy back again) Jesus died on the cross to buy back anyone who will believe in Him. He paid for every wrong thing we have ever done and will ever do. He gives us freedom from God’s anger.

Introduction: Today we will start to read the story. The story of Ruth is **in the Old Testament. The \*Old Testament tells us some of the things that happened before Jesus came to the earth. It tells many things about the kings of Israel. The most famous king was ... David. His grandfather was Obed. The story of Ruth is a true story, and it tells us about the birth of Obed.**

The story begins with Elimelech and his family. Elimelech’s wife was Naomi. They had two sons, Mahlon and Chilion. (practice saying these names before you read. Draw a family tree on the board if you can)

Questions:

Where did Elimelech take his family? (from Bethlehem to Moab)  
Who is Ruth? (a Moabite woman)

Read: Ruth 1: 1-5

Answer the questions.

Revisit the story: Let’s look at the story more carefully.

1. When did this story happen? (before Israel had a king. Point out the book of Judges, which contains other history of this same time)
2. Why did Elimelech take his family to Moab? (there was a famine in Israel)
3. What happened to Elimelech in Moab? (he died)
4. What did Elimelech’s sons do in Moab? (they married Moabite women. This was against God’s law. The people of Israel should only marry people of Israel)
5. Which son married Ruth? (we don’t know)
6. Look at Ruth 4:10 – Which son married Ruth? (Mahlon)
7. Why did all the men die? (we don’t know. When a woman had no husband or sons, she would be very, very poor, with no money and no job)
8. When did Ruth’s husband die? (after about 10 years of marriage.)
9. Did Ruth and her husband have any children? (no)

That is all we are going to read today. Today we met the character, Ruth. She was from Moab. She was not from Israel. She married a man from Israel. But now her husband is dead. What will happen to Ruth? How will she become the grandmother of a king? Please come back next week and we will continue the story.

Do you have any questions or comments?

*Teachers Please Note: The underlined portion of any answer is information for you to share with your students. This information is not in the text, therefore it is not part of the answer, it is enrichment.*

Easy English notes from Wycliffe:

### **Chapter 1**

**Verse 1** The \*judges ruled Israel before the kings. Judah was one of the 12 groups of people that made the country called Israel. Elimelech and his family travelled about 80 kilometres to reach Moab.

**Verse 2** Ephrathites lived in Ephrathah. This was another name for Bethlehem.

**Verse 3** Elimelech probably died before his sons married Ruth and Orpah.

**Verse 4** Ruth 4:10 tells us that Mahlon married Ruth. So then we know that Kilion married Orpah.

**Verse 5** We do not know why the 3 men in the family all died.