

Read Ruth's story in Ruth 1–4 to learn how this Moabite woman grew in faith and love for the one true God and eventually became the great-grandmother of a well-known king of Israel.

Ruth was not a Hebrew, but a Moabite, who had married a Hebrew man living in her land of Moab. First her father-in-law died. Then later her husband and brother-in-law also died. Her mother-in-law, Naomi, decided to return to live with her own people in Israel. Ruth, motivated by love for her mother-in-law, joined Naomi, and moved to Israel also.

Ruth told Naomi, "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>1</sup>

I am the great-grandmother of a king!

Faith-filled Models from the Old Testament:

**Ruth**

<sup>1</sup> Ruth 1:16 ESV

Boaz

Ruth

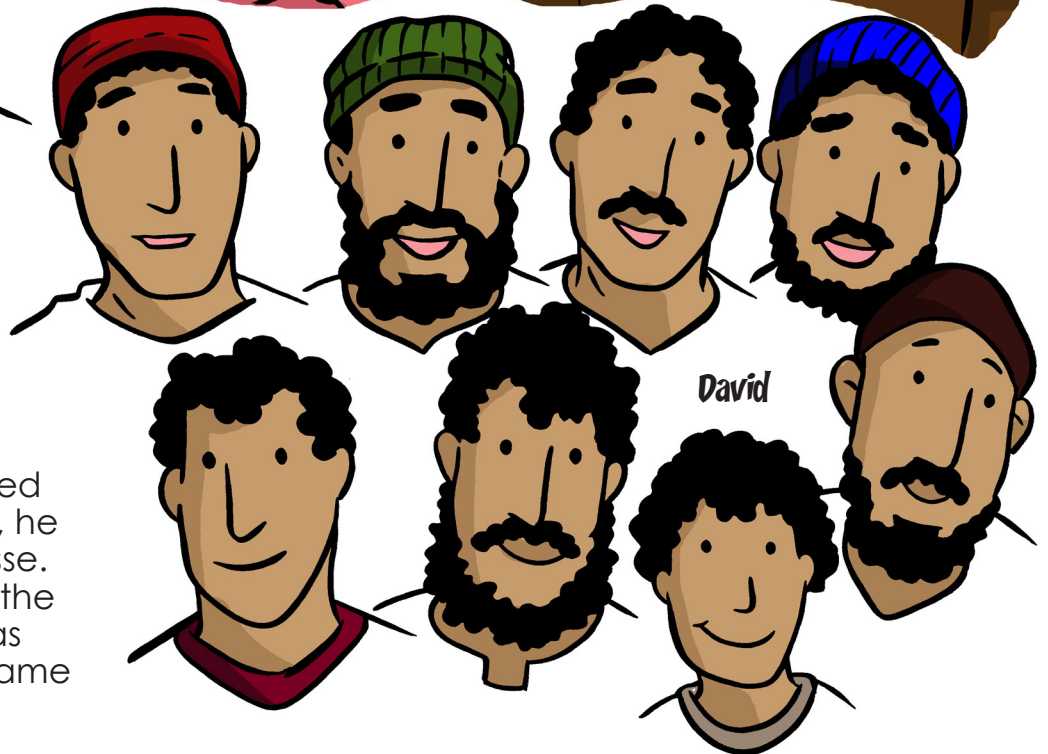
As poor widows, they couldn't afford food, so Ruth went to the harvested wheat fields to find small amounts of wheat that were left over. Boaz, a wealthy relative of Naomi's, saw Ruth searching for wheat and asked about her. Boaz was impressed by Ruth's kindness to her mother-in-law, and later married her.



Obed



Jesse



David

Boaz and Ruth had a son, Obed. When Obed grew up and married, he had a son named Jesse. Jesse had eight sons, the youngest of which was David, who later became King David.

That's how Ruth was the great-grandmother of a king!