

## THE STORY OF RUTH

After the People of God settled in the Promised Land, they filled the land with people. Some of them began to live in the city of Bethlehem.

Many years went by. Then a time came when there was no rain, so the wheat could not grow. Some of the people decided to cross the river into the desert and go to Moab where there was food. Naomi, her husband, and their two sons, were among those who went.

In this new land they were very happy, until Naomi's husband died. That was very sad.

Later Naomi's sons married young women from Moab. Their names were Orpah and Ruth.

When these husbands, Naomi's sons, died, Naomi, Ruth and Orpah were all widows together.

Naomi didn't know what to do, so she decided to go back across the desert to her family in Bethlehem. Orpah went to live with her mother in Moab.

Ruth stayed with Naomi. She said, "Where you go, I will go. Where you live, I will live. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God."

Then they travelled to Bethlehem where they found a small place to live.

They went to the nearby fields to gather grain left after the harvest. People let them do that because they were widows.

One of the fields belonged to Boaz, a rich man. He saw Ruth. He liked how she worked hard and took care of Naomi.

In time they were married and had children. Now Ruth was a mother and Naomi was a grandmother. She could hold her grandson on her lap.

When the little boy grew up, he had a son, Jesse, and Jesse had many sons. One of Jesse's sons grew up to be the great King David. He was the grandson of Ruth.

I wonder what part of the story you like the best?

I wonder what part is most important?

**The Lord be with you!**

This Sunday is Pentecost Twenty- four, and the color is still green. Soon it will be the season of Advent and we will have time to slow down and get ready for the Mystery of Christmas.

The story of Ruth is my favorite Old Testament story. It is a story about a young woman, who is brave, strong and loves well. Ruth is close to God and God is close to her. Maybe she is a true princess.

Have a good week. Be safe.

I miss you!