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The good daughter-in-law, Ruth

Narration A long time ago, there was a famine in the town of Bethlehem. So, a man named Elimelek, who lived in Bethlehem, took his wife and two sons and moved to the country of Moab. But a few years later, Elimelek died from an illness.

Narration Soon after, his two sons married Moabite women. Ten years passed.

Narration After about ten years, the two sons also died, leaving just Naomi and her two daughters-in-law, Orpah, the elder and Ruth, the younger.

Narration Israel was no longer suffering a famine. Naomi wished to return to her homeland.

Naomi I shall return to my homeland.

Narration Before returning to her homeland, Naomi called for her two daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah.

Naomi Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. I will return to my homeland.

Narration The three of them wept together. Orpah, still weeping, left for her own home. But Ruth, the good daughter-in-law, clung to Naomi and said to her:

Ruth Where you will go, I will go. Your God will be my God. So please don't tell me to leave you.

Narration And so, Ruth left with Naomi for the town of Bethlehem in Israel.

People Naomi, is that really you? You have aged.

Narration People talked about Ruth as well.

People She is such a good daughter-in-law.

Narration It was time to harvest the barley. People went out into the fields to pick up the grain. But Naomi and Ruth had no field and no one helped them.

Ruth Mother-in-law, let me go out into the fields and pick up the leftover grain.

Narration Ruth, the good daughter-in-law, went out into the fields to find food.



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Narration When Ruth was collecting grain from the field.
The owner of the field, Boaz, saw Ruth.

Boaz Hmm, I have not seen that young woman before.
She is very diligent.

Narration Boaz asked one of his servants.

Boaz Who is that young woman?

Servant Yes, she is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. She is a very good daughter-in-law.

Narration Boaz told the servants:

Boaz Pull out some stalks for Ruth from the bundle and let her gather as much grain as possible.

Narration Ruth returned home and told her mother-in-law everything that had happened.

Naomi Where did you gather so much grain?

Ruth Mother-in-law, I worked on the field owned by a man named Boaz.

Naomi He is a close relative. Be sure to glean in his field only.

Narration Naomi thought to herself about how wonderful it would be for Ruth and Boaz to marry.

Narration Boaz was pleased with Ruth who worked diligently on the field every day. And so, Naomi blessed the two of them and their marriage to one another. Finally, Boaz and Ruth got married. Boaz held a party for a few days to celebrate. Many people attended the party to celebrate with the couple and to congratulate and bless them.

Narration God blessed Boaz and Ruth and gave them a son. Naomi was also pleased with them. Boaz named his son "Obed". Obed was the grandfather of David who was Israel's greatest king.