This man wanted the land - but he didn't want Ruth for his wife. The law said he could not have one without the other.

The business was settled. Ruth would become his wife. Now she and Naomi were part of Boaz' family.

But even more wonderfully, baby Obed was ancestor to the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus came through David's family line to be King of kings and the Savior of the world.

"The entrance of Your Words gives light."
Psalm 119:130

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The penalty for sin is death.

God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and pay our penalty. Jesus came alive and went back to Heaven! Now God can forgive our sins.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God:
Dear God, I believe Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so I can have new life now, and then be with You forever.
Help me live for You as Your child. Amen. John 3:16

Read the Bible and talk to God every day!
A famine is when no fruit or crops grow, and animals and sometimes even people die from hunger.

Things did not go well for Elimelech and his family in Moab. He died, followed by his two sons.

His wife, Naomi, was left, along with the sons’ two wives, Ruth and Orphah. Both girls were from Moab.

Naomi, now a widow, heard that the LORD had visited His people, giving them bread. She decided to return to her homeland.

But what would the two girls do? Naomi advised them to stay in Moab and marry again. Orphah went back to her own family. But Ruth refused. Instead, Ruth said a lovely poem which promised she would never leave her mother-in-law.

Ruth worked hard to make sure Naomi had enough to eat. Every day she followed the harvesters in the field and picked up the left-over grain.

Although Ruth had worshipped idols like most people in Moab, she had turned from that to worship the Living God of Israel.

"For the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me." Naomi had returned with nothing - except Ruth.

As time passed, Boaz wanted to marry Ruth and look after Naomi and her family’s land. But another near relative had the first chance.

Boaz, the owner of the field, heard how good Ruth was to her mother-in-law.

When he met her, Boaz helped her by ordering his harvesters to leave handfuls of grain behind on purpose. Boaz began to like Ruth.

When Ruth told Naomi about Boaz and his kindness, the older lady praised God. "The man is a relative of ours, one of our near kinsmen."

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The story of Ruth starts in Israel after the time of Samson, when God’s people stopped trusting and obeying God. A terrible famine struck the land. Do you know what a famine is? That’s right!