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A wise guide



Q
Bravely asks questions



Pause
Likes to stop and think



Beam
An encouraging friend

STORY 1: Ruth

Making the wrong journey



READ:
Ruth 1



KEY VERSES:
Ruth 1: 16-17
Ask someone to help you find these verses.

The story begins in a well-known Bible town.

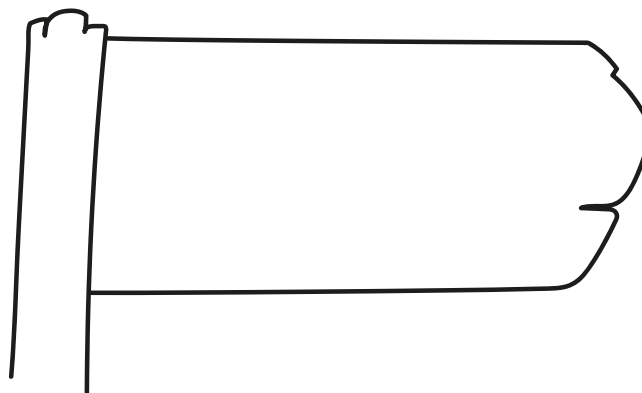
Q: Use the picture alphabet to find its name.



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In this town lived Elimelech (Elimelek, NIV), his wife Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Kilion. A dreadful famine took place and Elimelech decided to take his wife and family away to another country called Moab.

Q: Put on the sign-post the name of the country to which they went.



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Sadly, Elimelech died soon after they came to Moab. The boys, however, grew up and decided to get married. Mahlon married Ruth and Kilion married Orpah.

Q: Fill in the missing names of the wives:

Mahlon and

Kilion and

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Both women belonged to the land of Moab. It was against God's law for men from Israel to marry women from Moab. Later, Mahlon and Kilion died. Now, only Naomi and her two daughters-in-law were left.

Q: Put the names of the people who died in the boxes.

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Then Naomi heard good news! The famine was over! Although she had lived in Moab for more than ten years, she wanted to go back to Bethlehem. She set out with Orpah and Ruth. Naomi tried to persuade them to stay in Moab. Eventually, Orpah gave in to Naomi's pleadings and went back to her own people in Moab. Ruth, however, was determined to go with Naomi. Her mind was made up. She said to Naomi...

"Where you go, I will go... your people will be my people and

your God my God."

Ruth 1: 16

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Q: Colour the words above.

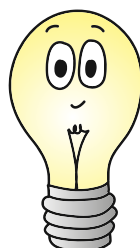
At last the two of them arrived in Bethlehem.

Q: Who came to Bethlehem?

N and R

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Ruth still didn't know what a great plan God had for her life! She was going to become a very important person. In putting her trust in the living, true God, she had taken the first step towards fulfilling God's plan. She could count on Him showing her the next step when the time came.



Remember, we don't always have to know what will happen next. We just need to trust in God's plan!

TOTAL:

STORY 2: Ruth and Boaz

Working in the fields



READ:
Ruth 2, 3 & 4



KEY VERSE:
Ruth 4: 13
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

It was harvest time when Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem. Ruth was willing to work, so she went to the fields. There she was allowed to gather up any stalks of barley left by the reapers.

All day she worked, hardly stopping for a break. By evening, she had a bag of barley to take home to her mother-in-law, Naomi.



Q: Draw a bag of barley in Ruth's hands and colour the picture.

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Q: Fill in the missing letters.

What time of year was it when Naomi and Ruth came to Bethlehem?

H _ _ _ _ t t _ _ e

What had been grown in the field where Ruth worked?

_ a _ _ _ y

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The owner of the field was a man called Boaz. He was very kind to Ruth, and helped her to get extra barley. He also told her to help herself, at meal-times, to whatever food or drink the reapers had brought with them.

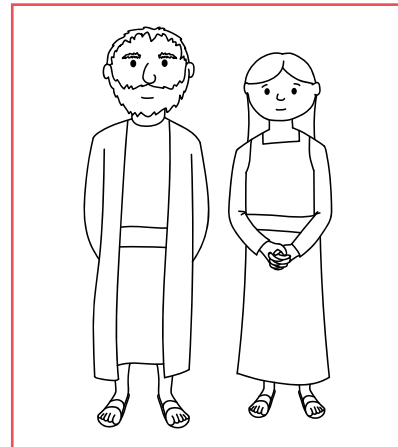
Q: Put a tick (✓) at the sentences which are TRUE, and a cross (X) at those which are FALSE:

1. Boaz owned the field where Ruth worked. ☐
2. He chased her away because she was from Moab. ☐
3. He was friendly to her and helped her. ☐

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Boaz was a rich man who owned much land around Bethlehem, whereas Ruth was a poor young widow from far-off Moab. Yet the friendship between them grew and before long they were married!

So a new happiness came to Ruth, as God's plan for her life moved forward another step.



Q: Decorate the words of the Key Verse.

“So **Boaz** **Ruth**
took
his wife.”
and she became

Ruth 4: 13

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Q: Draw a crown on King David's head and colour the picture.

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In the Bible we read that God has a plan for each of us! It says that if we commit our lives to Jesus, and try every day to do what pleases Him, then He works out His plan for us, step by step.

In the course of time, Boaz and Ruth had a baby boy called Obed. Every one was very pleased especially Naomi, who became the baby's 'nurse'.

Obed grew up, and many years later became the grandfather of Israel's greatest king - David! So Ruth, the 'stranger' from Moab, was King David's great-grandmother. What a wonderful plan God had worked out for her life!

Q: Put the words in the right places:

Ruth

David

Obed

1. Boaz and Ruth had a baby called .

2. When Obed was older, he was the grandfather of .

3. David's great grandmother was .

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TOTAL:

STORY 3: Hannah prays to God

Asking for God's help



READ:
1 Samuel 1: 1-20



KEY VERSE:
Luke 11: 9
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



Sometimes, in the days of the Bible, a man would have two wives. This was not God's plan and it often led to quarrelling and unhappiness. Elkanah had two wives. One was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Hannah was often laughed at by Peninnah, because she had no children, whereas Peninnah had several children.

Q: Colour the correct answers.

It is God's plan that a man should have .

Elkanah had .

Peninnah laughed at Hannah because Hannah . /6



Each year Elkanah and his family visited Shiloh, to worship God. At Shiloh, there was a place where Eli and his sons made sacrifices to God. It was known as 'The House of the Lord'.

On one visit, Hannah was very upset because of the unkind words Peninnah had said. After their meal, Hannah decided to go and pray to God.

Q: Put the correct words at the end of these sentences.

to pray to God.

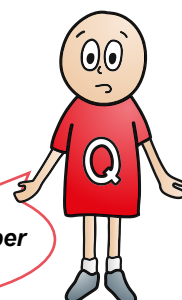
sacrifices to God.

to worship God.

1. Elkanah went to Shiloh

2. Eli and his sons made

3. Hannah decided



*When you feel
upset do you remember
to pray to God?*

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As Hannah was praying, Eli, the priest, was sitting nearby, watching her. She cried, as she told God her problem. She asked Him to give her a baby boy. She promised that he would always serve God. Even though her lips were moving, Eli heard no words and thought she was drunk! She was talking to God in her heart!

Q: Colour the squares with dots to see how Hannah talked to God.

W . I N U J . H E . R O G H . E . A R . T I S L K

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Q: Answer these questions.

1. What did Hannah ask God for?
2. What did she promise God?
3. What did Eli think was wrong with her?

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Hannah quickly told Eli that she wasn't drunk, only very sad and upset. She explained how she had been praying to God. Eli replied, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of Him." Some time later, Hannah gave birth to a baby boy.

Q: Write down the first letter of each object to discover what she called him.



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How wonderful for Hannah that God had answered her prayer! God wants us to talk to Him in prayer. Christians believe it is very important to take time, each day, to pray to God. Jesus spent a lot of time praying and often spoke to His friends about prayer. Once He told them:

Q: Colour the words of the Key Verse.

“Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find.”

Matthew 7: 7

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Christians believe that the most important thing which we should ask of Jesus, is that He will forgive us our sins and come into our lives and be our Saviour.

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STORY 4: Samuel hears God's call

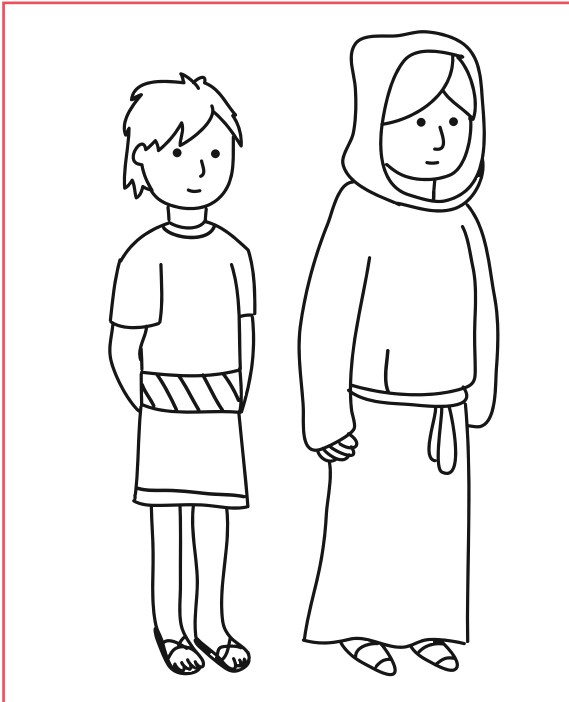
Doing what God says



READ:
1 Samuel
1: 21 to 3: 21



KEY VERSE:
1 Samuel 3: 9
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



When Samuel was very young, his mother took him to the House of the Lord at Shiloh, to meet Eli, the priest. Hannah reminded Eli about her earlier visit and about her prayer to God. Having thanked God for answering her prayers, she kept the promise she had made - she left Samuel with Eli, to serve God!

The Bible says that we should never forget to thank God when He answers our prayers.

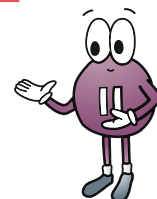
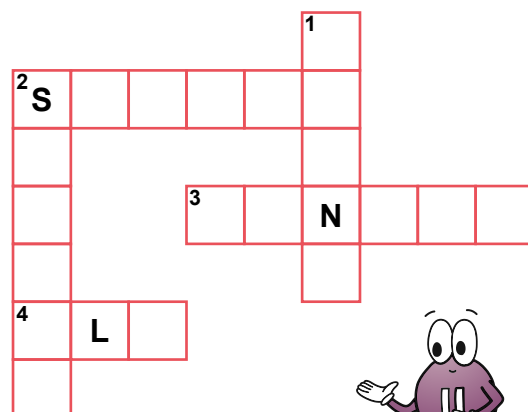
Q: Fill in the missing letters on the Word Grid by answering the questions.

Across

2. Where was the House of the Lord?
3. Who prayed to God?
4. Who was the priest?

Down

1. What does the Bible say we should never forget to do? _ _ _ _ _ God.
2. Who was the little boy who served God?



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Samuel enjoyed his work in the House of the Lord. He was always learning about God. He grew to love Him as well. Each year his mother brought him a coat when she visited Shiloh. Everyone liked Samuel and all that he did pleased God.

Q: Answer True or False:

Samuel loved God.

Samuel worked in God's House.

Samuel was visited every month by his parents.

Samuel was given a coat each time they came to Shiloh.

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One night, while Eli and Samuel were asleep, God called Samuel by name. Immediately Samuel got up and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am," thinking the old man had called him. Eli told him to go back to bed, as he hadn't called his name.

God called Samuel two more times, and each time he quickly went to Eli. After the third time, Eli realised that it was God who was calling Samuel. So Eli told him that if he was called again he was to say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." When God called the fourth time, Samuel was ready and answered Him.



Q: Circle how many times:

1. Samuel went to Eli.

1 2 3 4

2. God called Samuel.

4 3 2 1

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The Bible tells us that when God called him, Samuel didn't know the Lord. Samuel knew 'about' Him but did not have a personal relationship with Him.

That night, God gave Samuel a very important message, which he told Eli in the morning. As Samuel grew up, God gave him more messages for the people in Israel. This meant that Samuel was God's prophet and that God was with him.

The Bible teaches that we can have a personal relationship with God when we trust in Jesus as our Saviour.



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