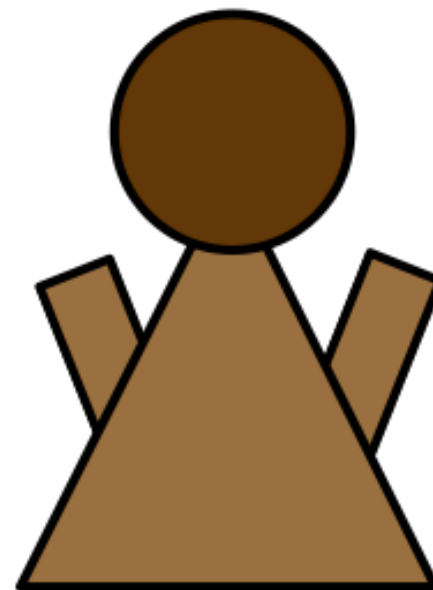


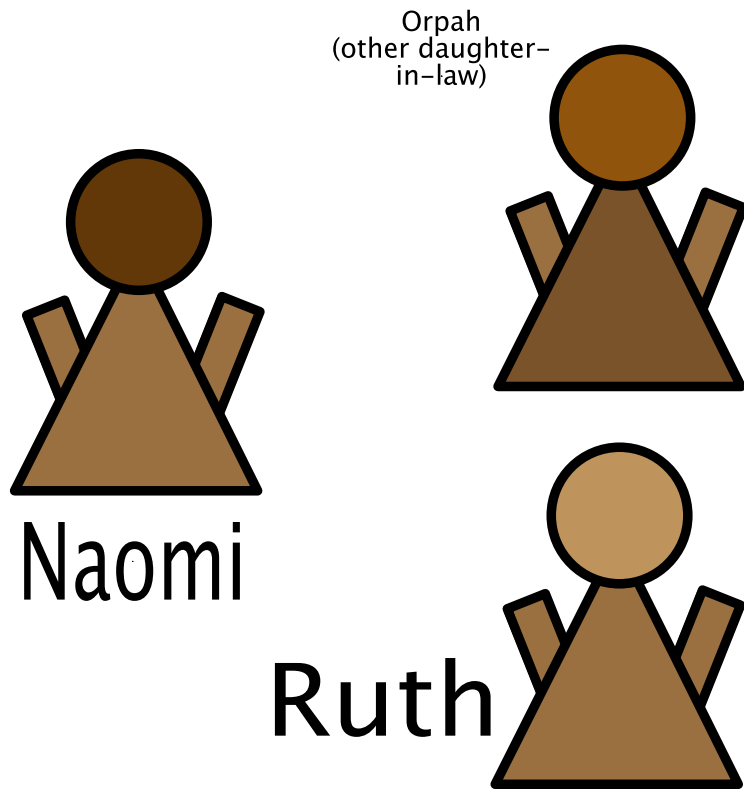
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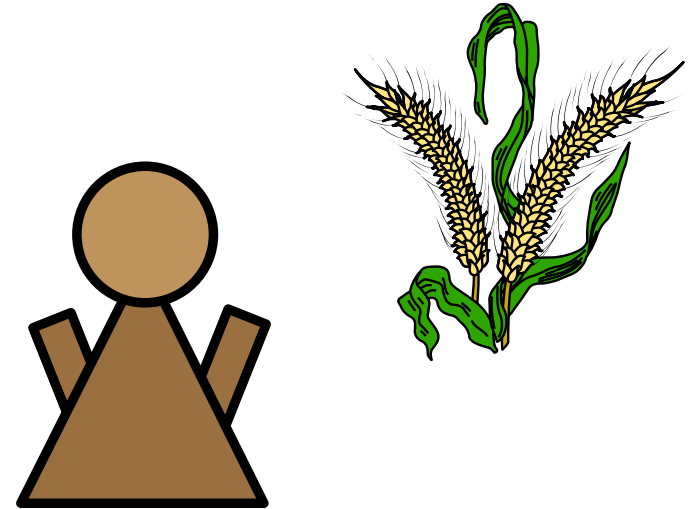
Naomi's husband died. So she was left with her two sons. Then her sons also died. So Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.



"Go home, my daughters."

When they heard that, they broke down and sobbed again.

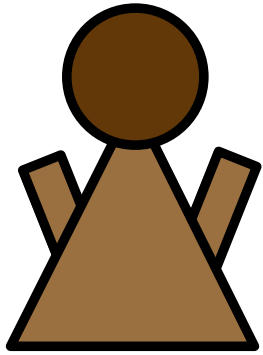
But Ruth replied, "Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I'll go. Where you stay I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God."



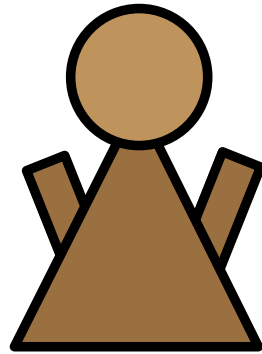
Ruth, who was from Moab, spoke to Naomi. She said, "Let me go out to the fields. I'll pick up the grain that has been left."

Naomi said to her, "My daughter, go ahead."

So Ruth went out and began to pick up grain. As it turned out, she was working in a field that belonged to Boaz. He was from the family of Elimelech (Naomi's husband).



Naomi



Ruth

Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you pick up grain today? Where did you work? May the man who noticed you be blessed!"

Then Ruth told her about the man whose field she had worked in. "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz," she said.

"May the Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law.

She continued, "That man is a close relative of ours. He's one of our family protectors."