

# Ruth and Naomi

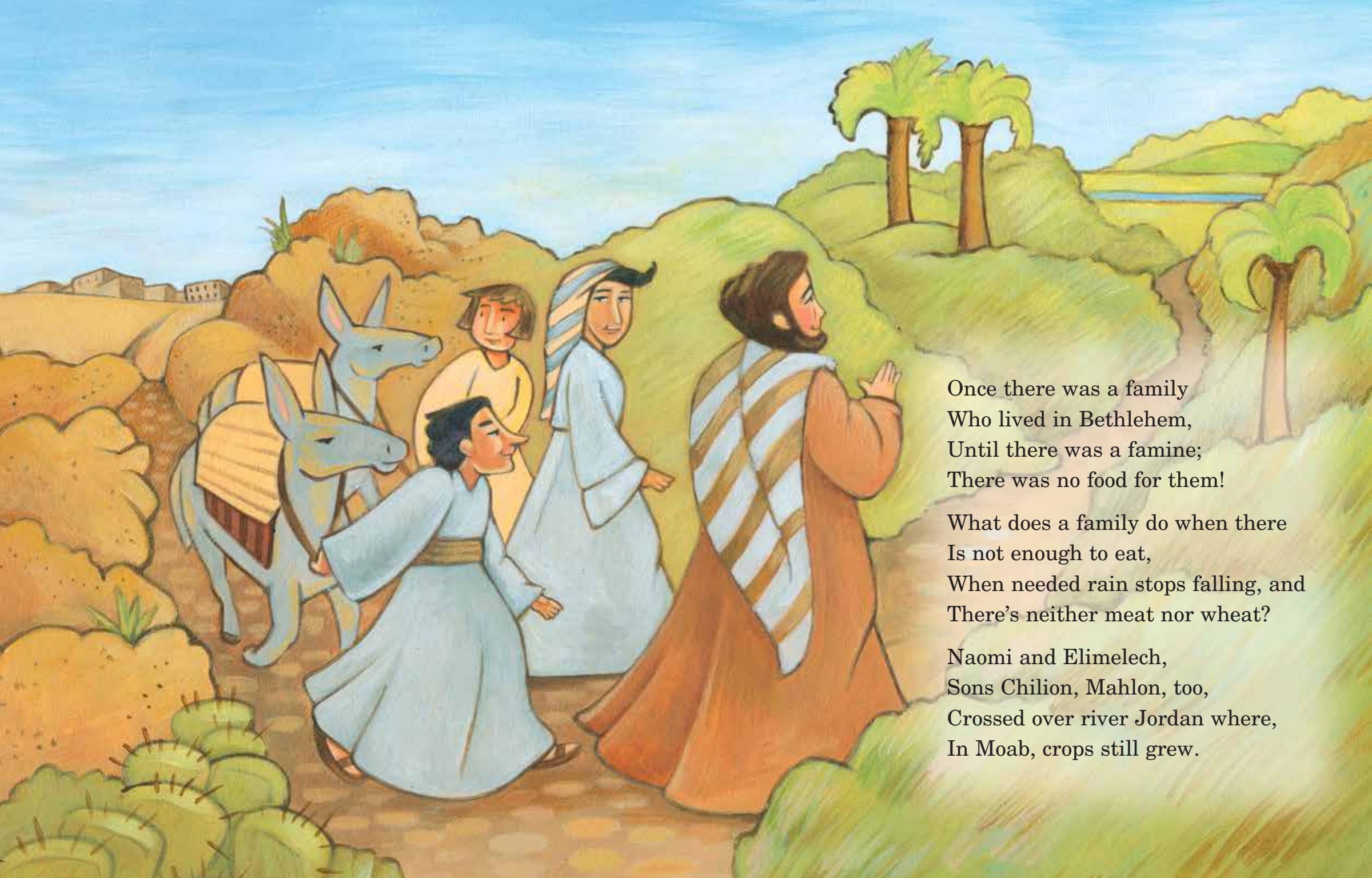
A stylized illustration of a wheat stalk with several golden-brown grains, positioned to the right of the title 'Ruth and Naomi'.

**Ruth 1–4  
for children**

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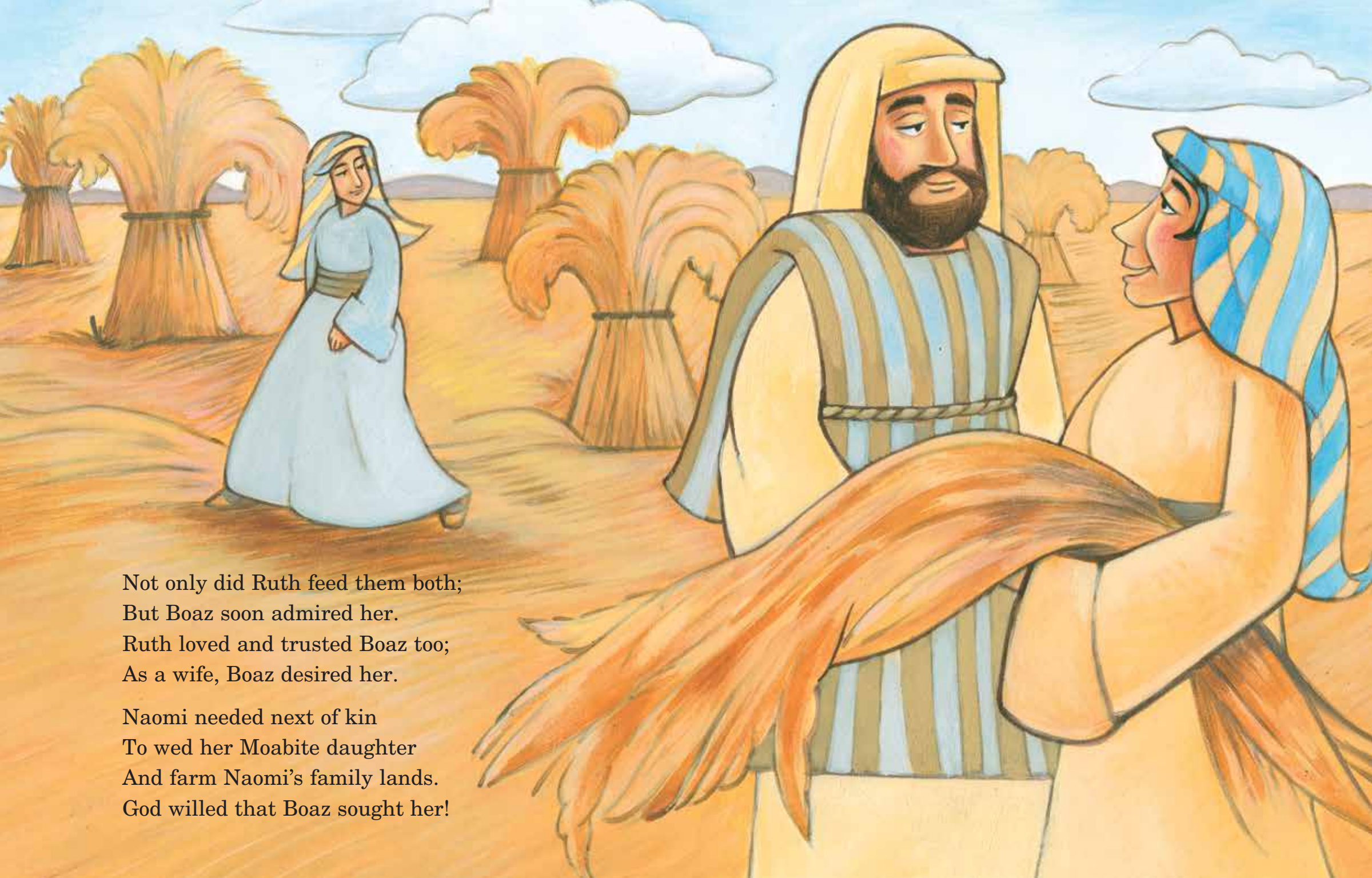
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Once there was a family  
Who lived in Bethlehem,  
Until there was a famine;  
There was no food for them!

What does a family do when there  
Is not enough to eat,  
When needed rain stops falling, and  
There's neither meat nor wheat?

Naomi and Elimelech,  
Sons Chilion, Mahlon, too,  
Crossed over river Jordan where,  
In Moab, crops still grew.



Not only did Ruth feed them both;  
But Boaz soon admired her.  
Ruth loved and trusted Boaz too;  
As a wife, Boaz desired her.

Naomi needed next of kin  
To wed her Moabite daughter  
And farm Naomi's family lands.  
God willed that Boaz sought her!