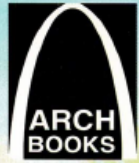
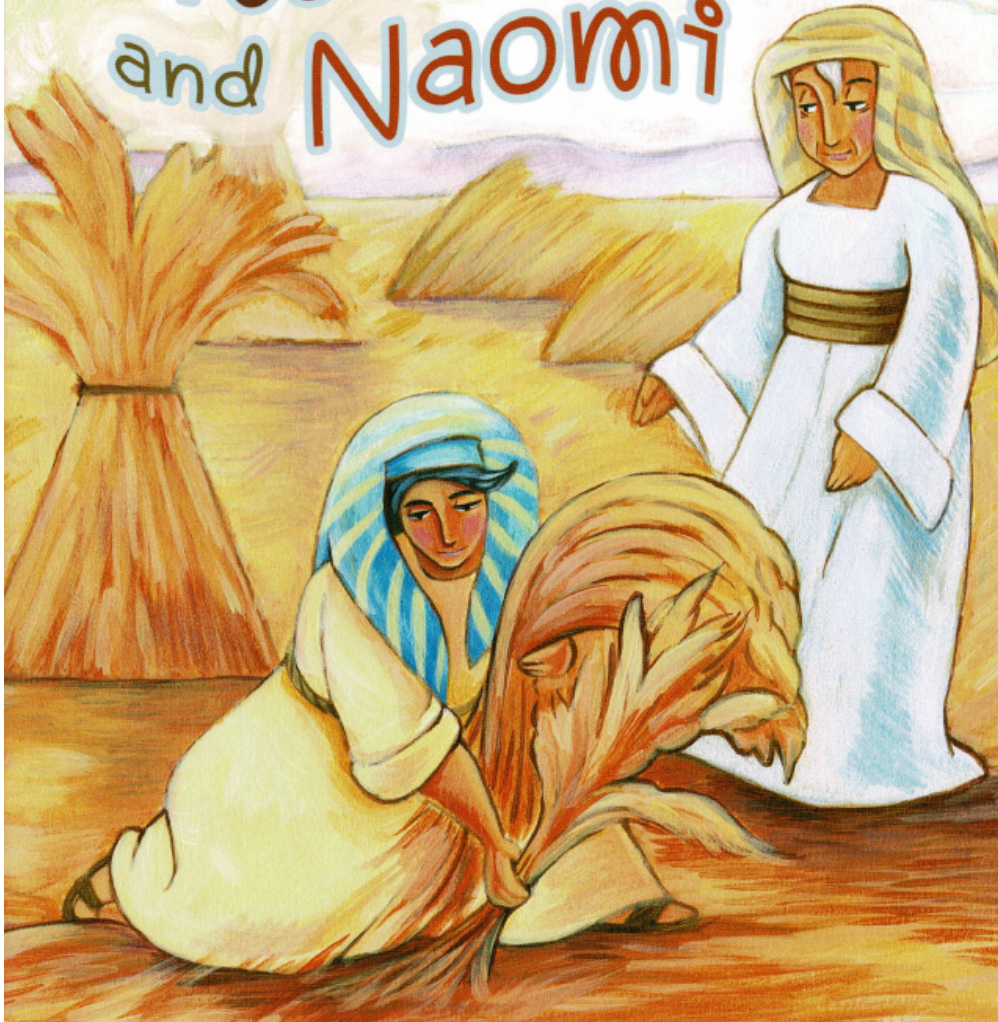


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Ruth and Naomi



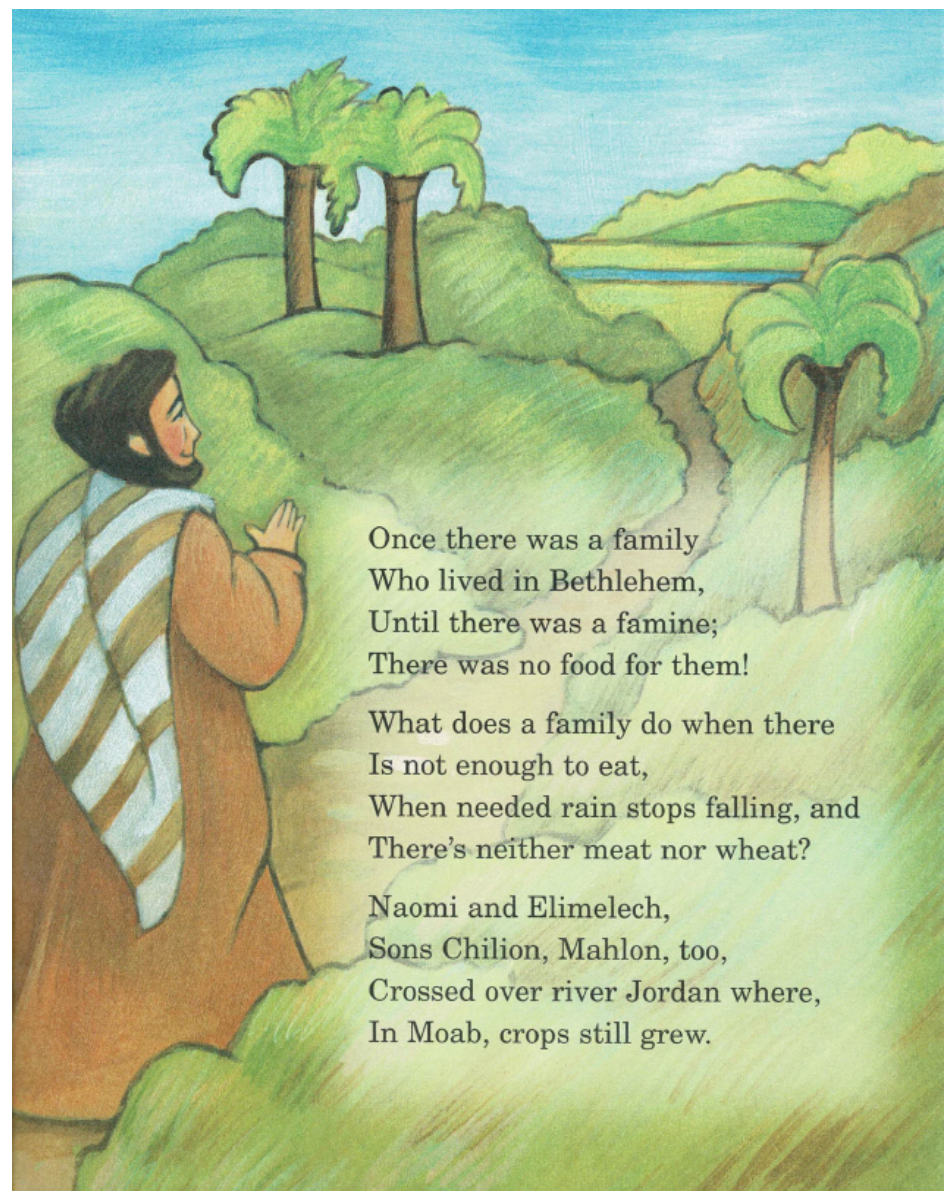
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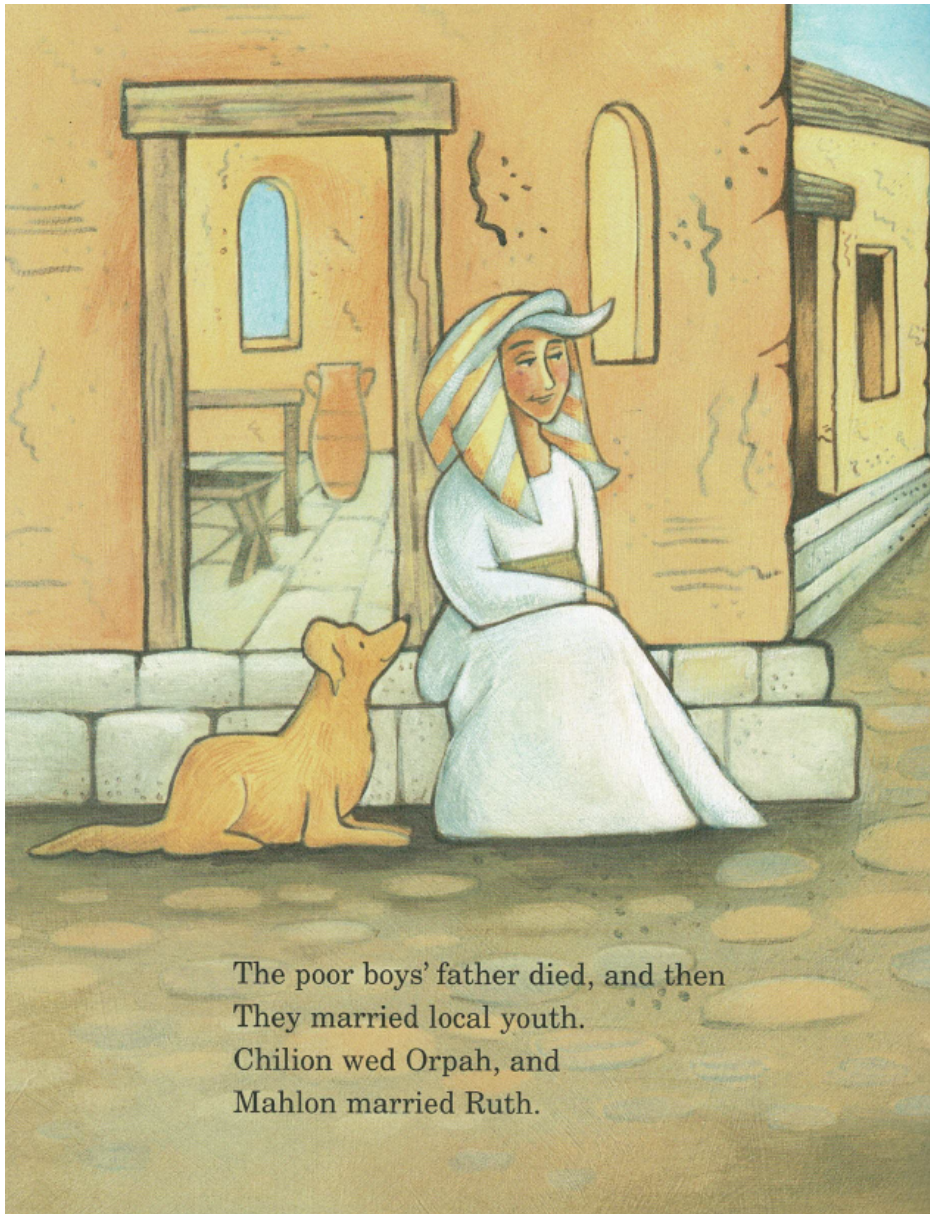
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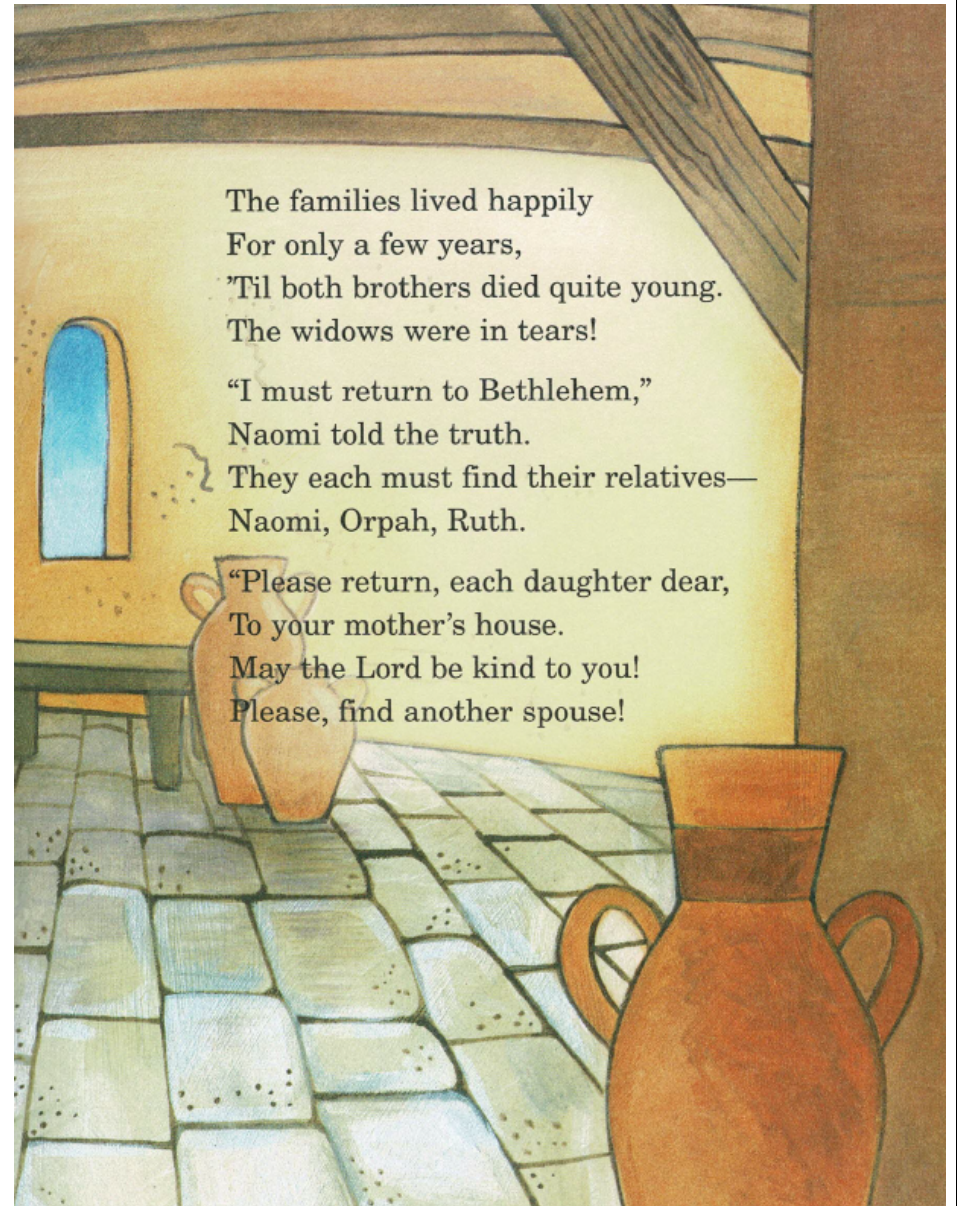
Once there was a family
Who lived in Bethlehem,
Until there was a famine;
There was no food for them!

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.



The poor boys' father died, and then
They married local youth.
Chilion wed Orpah, and
Mahlon married Ruth.

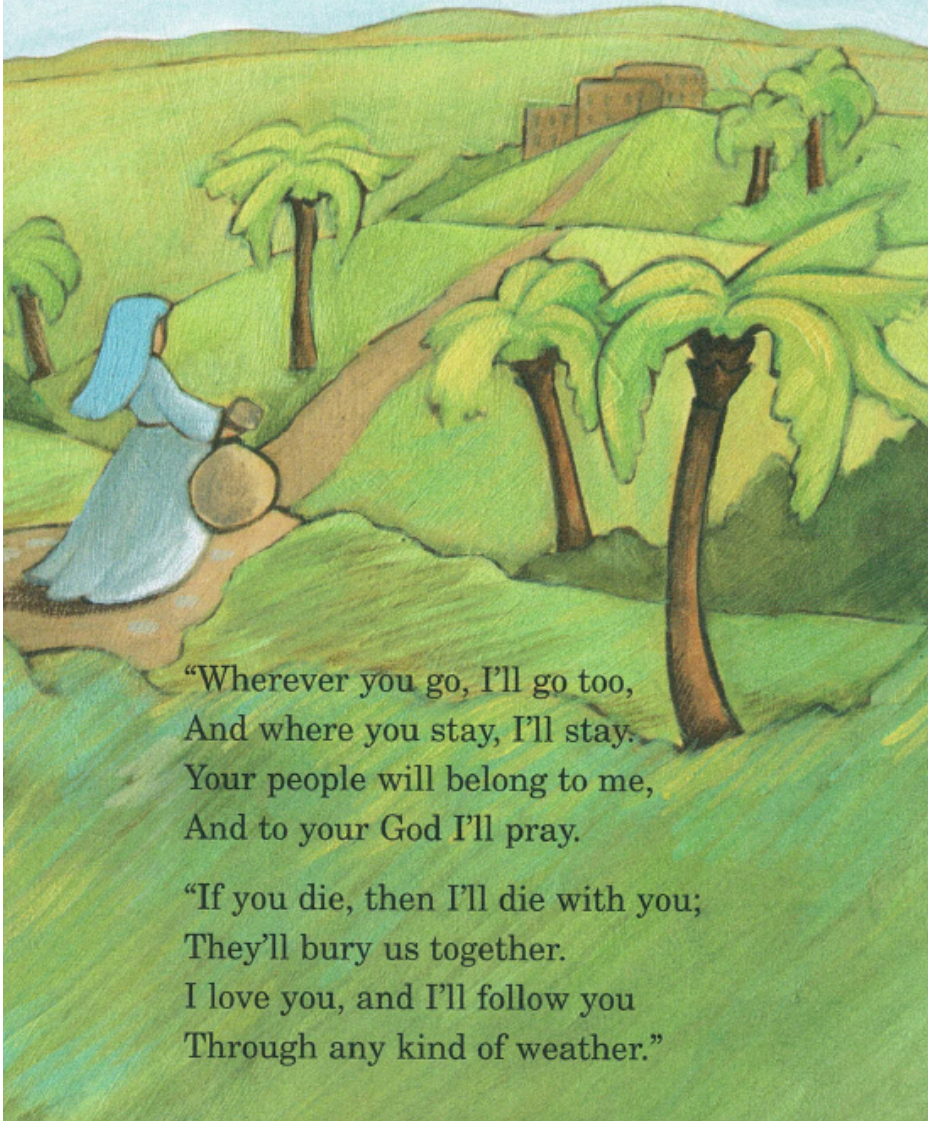


The families lived happily
For only a few years,
'Til both brothers died quite young.
The widows were in tears!

"I must return to Bethlehem,"
Naomi told the truth.
They each must find their relatives—
Naomi, Orpah, Ruth.

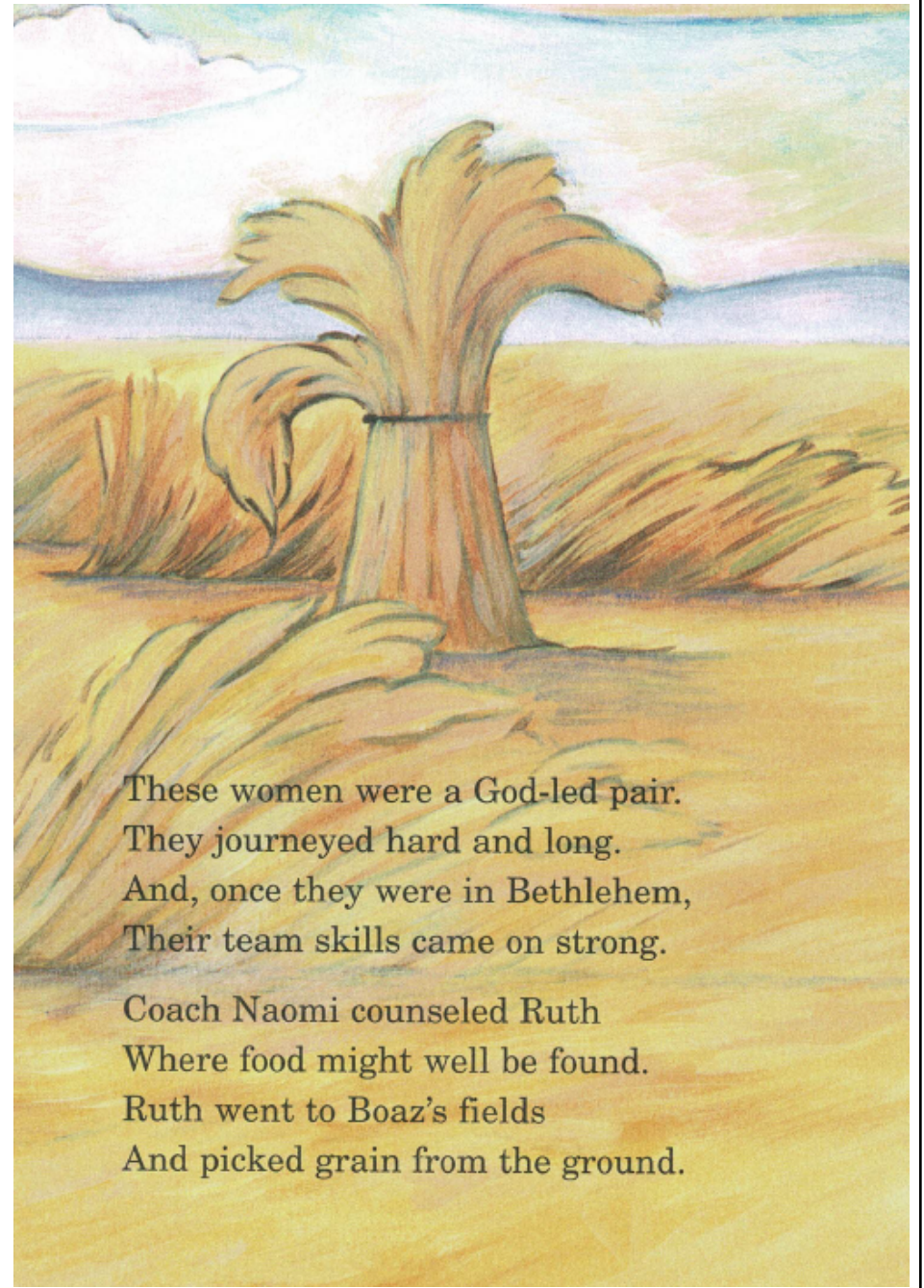
"Please return, each daughter dear,
To your mother's house.
May the Lord be kind to you!
Please, find another spouse!

“Why would you want to come with me?
It’s better you stay here.”
So Orpah said tearful good-byes.
But Ruth said, “Mother, dear!



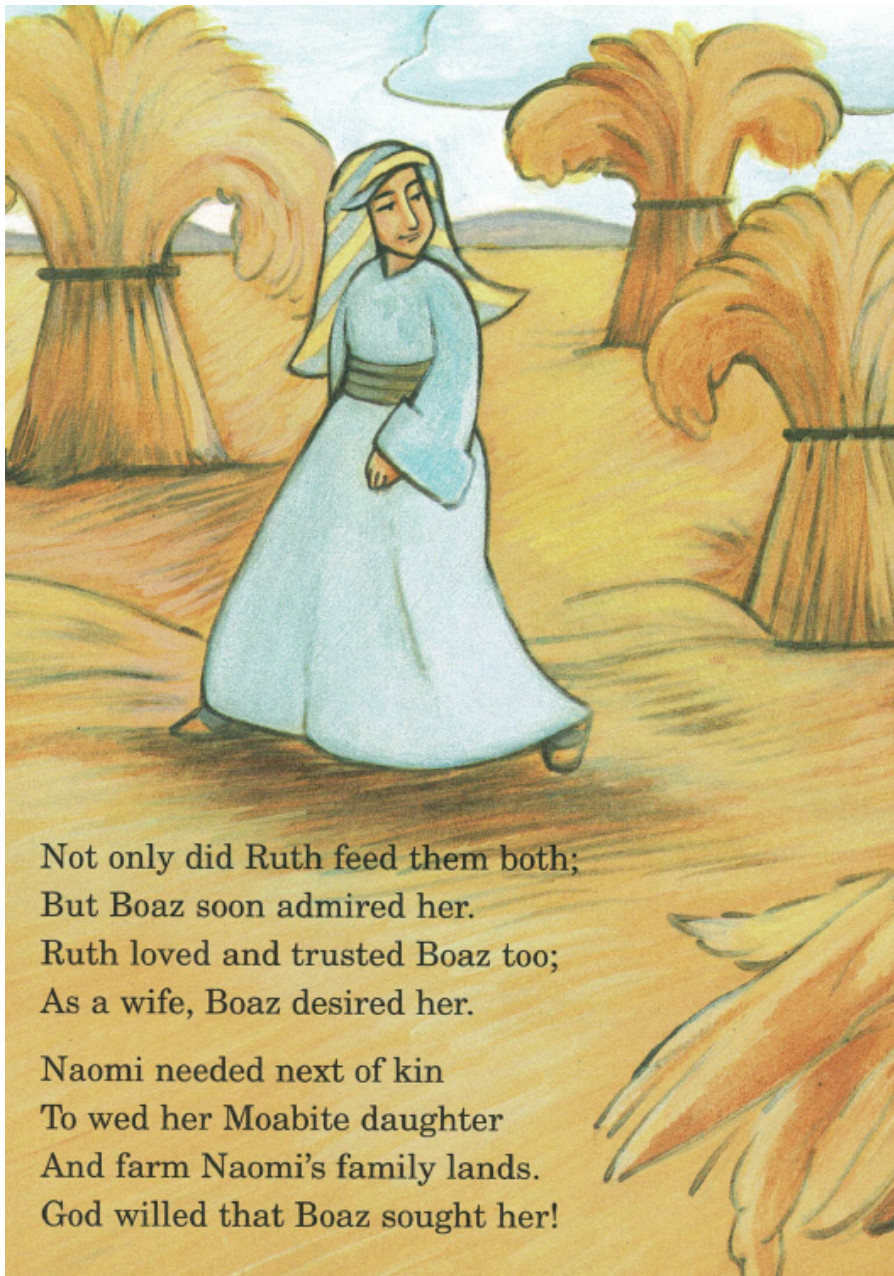
“Wherever you go, I’ll go too,
And where you stay, I’ll stay.
Your people will belong to me,
And to your God I’ll pray.

“If you die, then I’ll die with you;
They’ll bury us together.
I love you, and I’ll follow you
Through any kind of weather.”



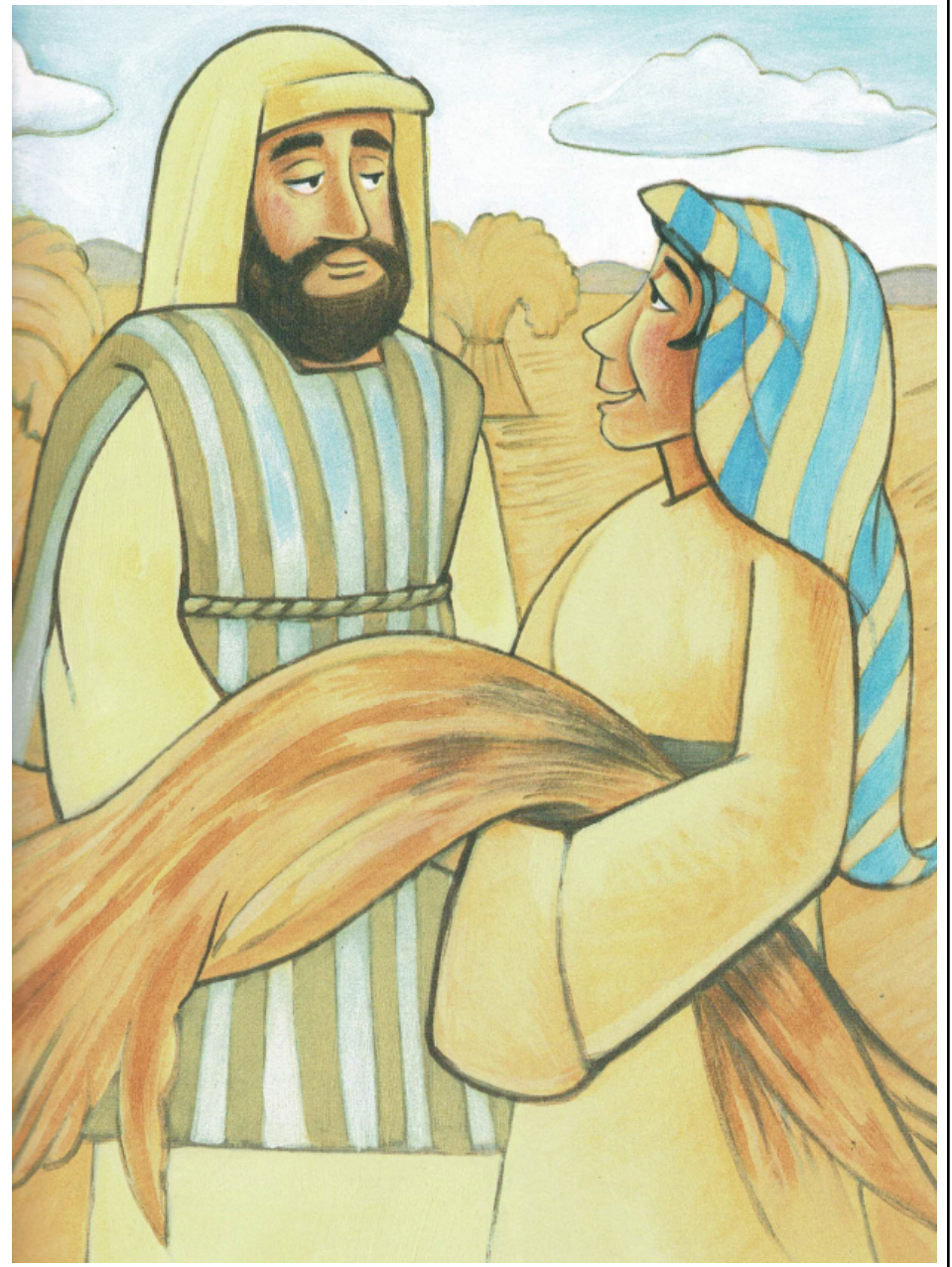
These women were a God-led pair.
They journeyed hard and long.
And, once they were in Bethlehem,
Their team skills came on strong.

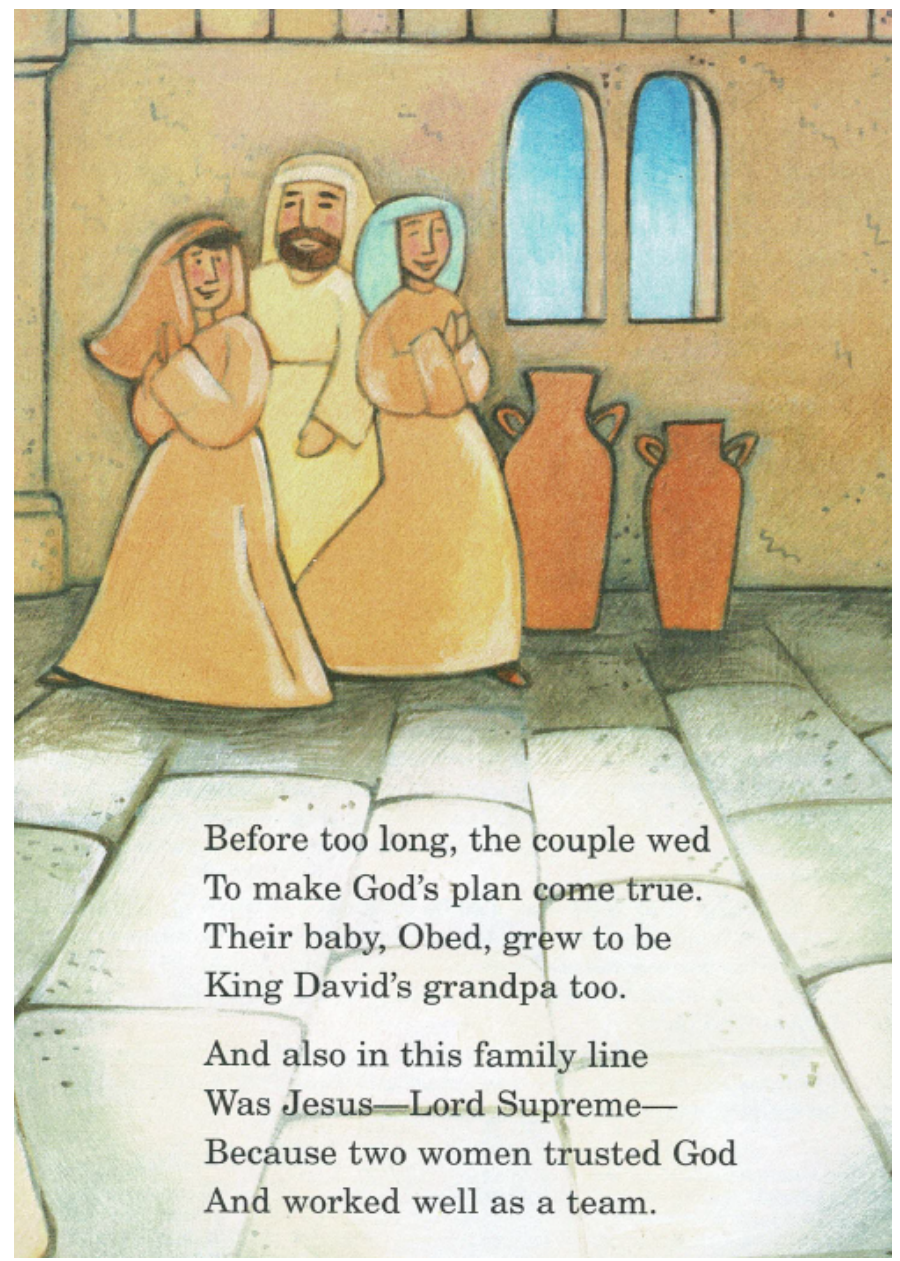
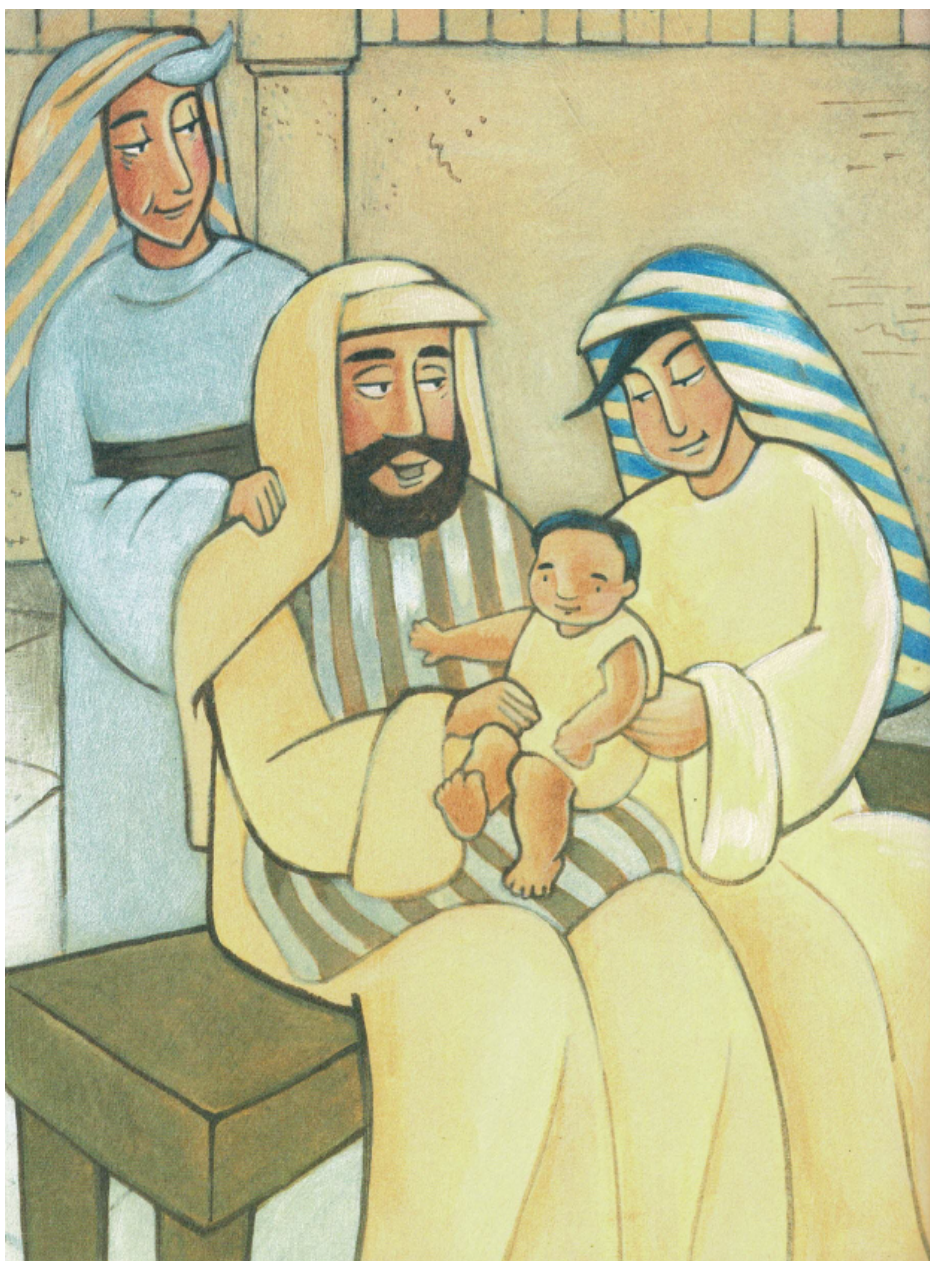
Coach Naomi counseled Ruth
Where food might well be found.
Ruth went to Boaz’s fields
And picked grain from the ground.



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!





Before too long, the couple wed
To make God's plan come true.
Their baby, Obed, grew to be
King David's grandpa too.

And also in this family line
Was Jesus—Lord Supreme—
Because two women trusted God
And worked well as a team.