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Where you go I will go,
and where you stay I will stay.
—*Ruth 1:16*

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Ruth and Naomi

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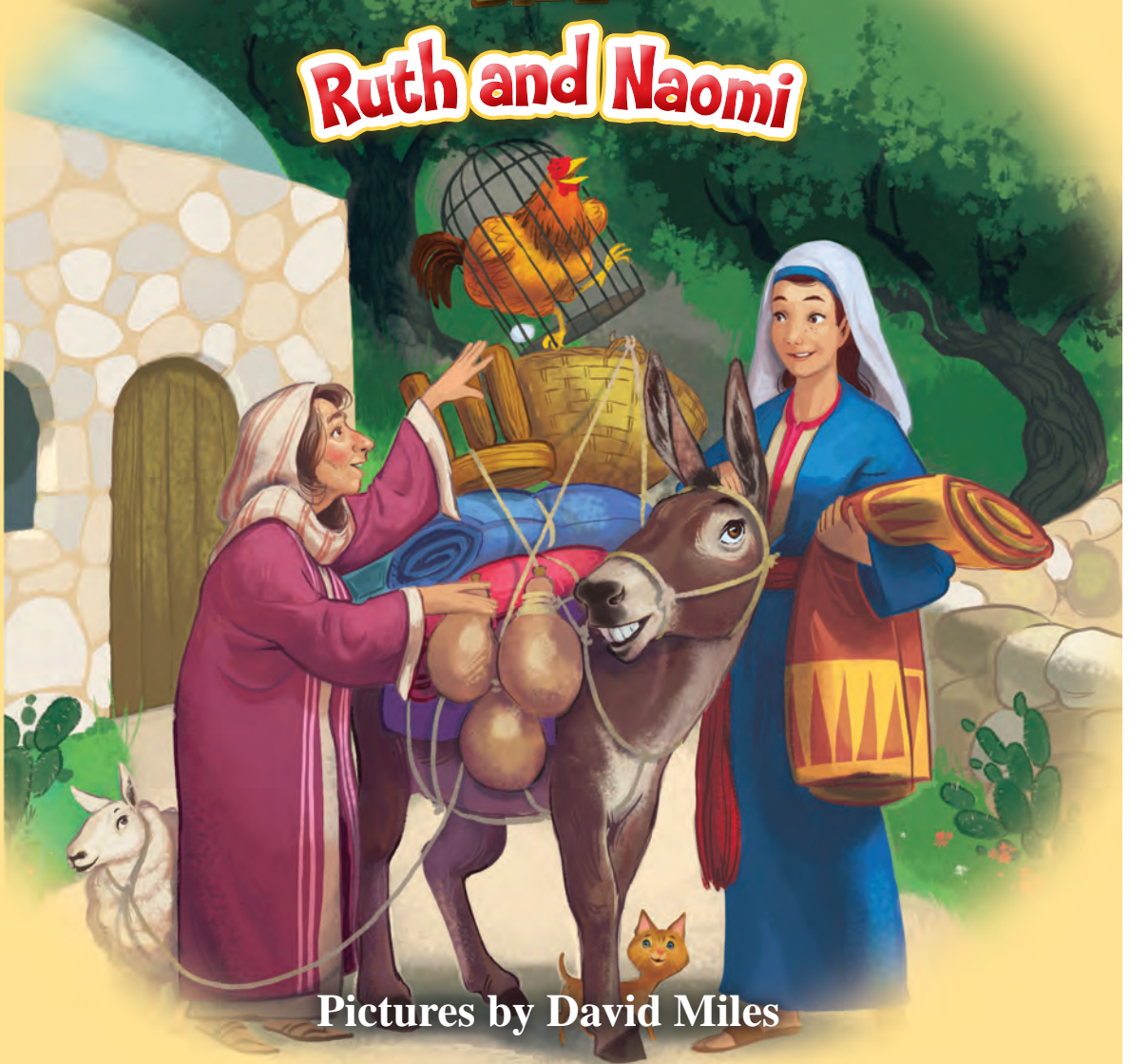
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Naomi grew up in Israel.
She was happy there.
But for a long time, there was no rain.
Nothing could grow.



Naomi had a husband and two sons.
They were hungry and thirsty.
Naomi and her family had to move
far away to Moab.

One day, something bad happened.
Naomi's husband died.
Later, her sons died too.
Naomi was very sad.
Her family was all gone,
and she was far away from Israel.





Naomi decided to go home to Israel.
Her sons' wives wanted to go too.
Their names were Orpah and Ruth.
Orpah and Ruth loved Naomi.

But Naomi shook her head.
She said, “Go back.
Do not come with me.
Stay here with your families.”



Orpah and Ruth cried.

They did not want to leave Naomi.

Finally, Orpah said goodbye.



But Ruth said, “I will go with you.
Where you stay, I will stay.
Your people will be my people.
Your God will be my God.”

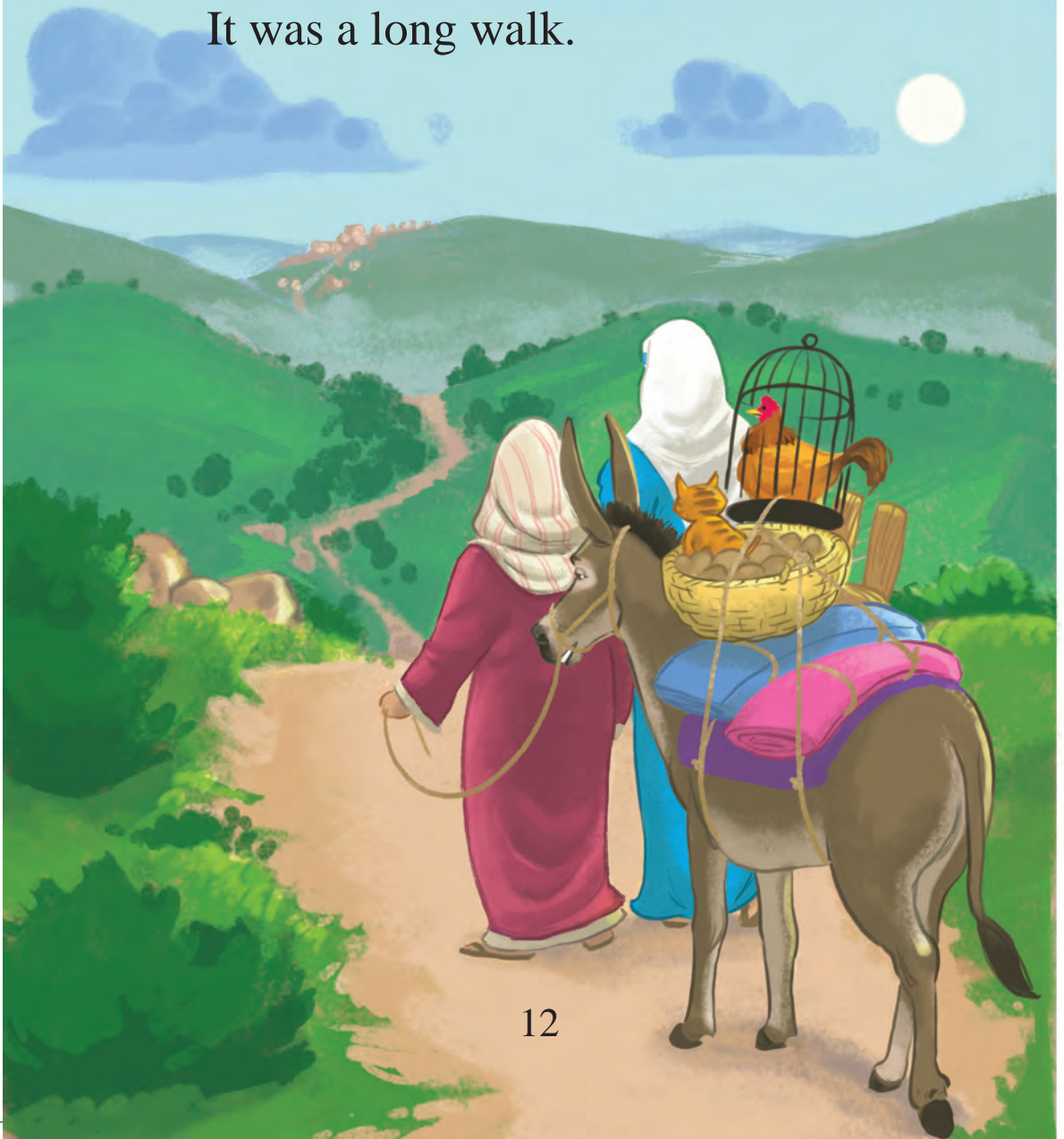


Naomi loved Ruth.

She let Ruth come.

Naomi and Ruth walked to Israel.

It was a long walk.



When they arrived, the people said,
“Naomi is back!”
She was happy to be home.



Ruth and Naomi were very poor.
But Ruth worked hard to find food.
She wanted to take care of Naomi.

