

Ruth

For a few years we have had a family of fox`s in our garden. Their parents know where to come back day and night to feed their young day and night. They need not starve.

There is a Bible story of a family , they first lived in Bethlehem in Juda. Their parents names were Elimelech and Naomi, and they had two sons, Mahlon and Chilion.

This is a love story (you can forget the family name for now.) If you have a Bible, you can find this story in Ruth, old

Testament . Now I will say `the family` had to move to a place named Moab because there was not much food in Bethlehem ,this is called a famine.

The family travelled way long way to Moab.

It was not a Christian country, the people there did not believe in God.

The family were there for ten years and their two sons married two Moabite ladies named Orpah and Ruth.

It was sad when Elimelech, Mahlon

And Chilion died, that left Naomi with her two daughter-in-laws Orpah and Ruth.

Naomi had now learned that living and food was much better Bethlehem and she would like to journey back there. Orpah would rather stay in Moab, but Ruth said to Naomi “You have taught me about your God and wherever you go I will go with you to your home in Bethlehem.” Naomi and Ruth made the long and rough road to Bethlehem. There were shepherds, sheep and also wild animals all around the countryside and night time was very scary, it wasn't like camping today.

At last they returned to their village and into Naomi's house, her friends and neighbours were pleased to see her. She

introduced Ruth her daughter-in-law. They helped to clean Naomi's house. Ruth needed to go out in the fields to make a living for her and her mother-in-law. She was allowed to pick up the grain that the men and women in the harvest and barley fields dropped, and the poor could make a meal of the grain and some bread from this.

Boaz was a relative of Elimelech. He was in charge of the harvest and barley fields and later in this story he marries Ruth and they had a baby son named Obed. Then Naomi became the grandmother.

In their family tree Jesus was born. Once in Royal Davids City.