

## Activity and questions to do together

Download the stencil of the map, 1 for each child. You will need coloured pencils or textas

Draw Naomi and her family on the map leaving Bethlehem.

As you do this, talk about

- why they are leaving (drought - not enough food or water. They did not trust God to take care of them. Everyone was doing what was right in their own eyes)

Now move your finger along the road up to the Dead Sea

- why was this a really bad idea? (they were going to a land where people worshipped false gods made of metal or wood instead of the One True God of Israel)

For the older kids

- What is the danger of thinking we don't really need God - if we stopped going to church every week or decided there were better things to do that turn up for growth group and stopped hanging out with Christian friends? (we can lose sight of God and stop trusting Him and end up in a bad place)

Now move your finger along the road to Moab

- What happened here? (Elimelech, Mahlon and Killion all died. Mahlon and Killion had married Moabite women Ruth and Orpah. When the famine in Israel ended, Naomi decided to return home. She told the two women to return to their families) Both these women loved Naomi but

- What did Orpah decide to do? (Stay in Moab where people worshipped false gods)
  
- What did Ruth decide to do? (Go with Naomi)
  
- Why? (She had come to trust in the God of Israel and was ready to turn her back on the false gods of Moab. This is a decision we all need to make)

Draw Ruth and Naomi on the road to Bethlehem and Orpah still in Moab.

Pray together and thank God for sending his Son Jesus.

And sing the song Remember the Lord