



Unit 5.5: Old Testament Women

Christian Values:

Wisdom - Justice - Perseverance

Key Vocabulary:

Ruth: A woman from the Old Testament who was a loyal friend to her mother in law Naomi by not leaving her alone and continuing to support her rather than going back to her own family after the death of her son, Ruth's husband.

Esther: Stands as one of the great figures of courage and faith in the Old Testament. Her people, the Israelites, were living in Babylon and had people plotting against the Jews hoping to kill them. Queen Esther approached the king and was able to save her people.

Jochebed: The daughter of Levi, the wife of Amram and the mother of Aaron, Miriam and Moses.

Purim: The Jewish holiday in which Jews commemorate being saved from persecution in the ancient Persian Empire.

Key Questions:

- What can I learn from this story?
- Why is this a significant moment? Why is this woman important?
- In which values and beliefs are the actions of the women rooted?

Key Bible Passages:

Ruth 1
Esther 4
Exodus 2:1-10 & Exodus 6:20 (Jochebed)

Christian Concepts:

People of God - God's chosen people. Those people who believe in, follow and belong to God.

Key Knowledge:

There are significant women in the Bible who made incredible choices that have an impact on God's Big Story.



Ruth



Esther



Jochebed

Sometimes people of faith face great challenges and remain true to their faith.

Judaism

The Story of Queen Esther is significant for both Christians and Jews.

Every Spring, Jewish people celebrate the Festival of Purim and remember the remarkable actions of Esther. Esther shows incredible courage and saves her people.

World Faiths

Hamantaschen - a traditional food eaten at the **Jewish festival of Purim**.



Gregger - a musical instrument used during the reading of the Megillah (the Esther Scroll) for **the festival of Purim**.

