



THE BIBLE  
STORYBOOK  
FOR GIRLS

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His secret purpose, framed from the very beginning, was to bring us to our full glory.

He means to rename us—to return us to our true names, our truest selves. He means to heal our soul holes.

From the very beginning, that Eden beginning, it has always been, and always is, to this day His secret purpose—to return us to our full glory.<sup>1</sup>

"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory."  
1 Corinthians 2:7





Naomi hugged Ruth and wept bitterly.

Everything she had was gone!

Her husband was dead.

Her sons were dead.

Naomi's heart was filled with fear as she began her journey down the long, dark road ahead.



"Ruth," Naomi cried. "You must go home. I love you. But I am an old woman. Without our husbands we will die here too."

"No!" Ruth wept. "I can not leave you. I will go where you go. I will stay where you stay. Your God will be my God. He will find a way to turn our darkness into songs of joy."







BethLehem!  
Home  
at Last



Ruth and Naomi climbed down from their little donkey. Naomi's friends ran to greet them—a welcome blessing for two broken hearts longing for home.

"Let me go into the fields," Ruth begged.

"I'll gather the grain the farmers leave behind."

But oh, when she did . . .





"Who is that girl?" the farm owner asked.  
"What is she doing on my land? Bring her  
here!"

Naomi could not believe her ears. Boaz, the  
farm owner, was a member of her family!  
He became Ruth's husband and took care of  
them both for the rest of their lives.







# THE alabaster BOX

One evening a very religious man invited Jesus to dinner. So Jesus went to his house and sat down at the table. A woman who lived nearby learned that Jesus had come.

She brought a beautiful Alabaster box filled with perfume and knelt at Jesus feet and wept, for she was a sinner. Her tears fell on his feet.

So she dried them with her hair.

Then she kissed them and poured the perfume out upon them.

The religious man saw this and mumbled,

"If Jesus was really God he would know what kind of sinful woman she is."





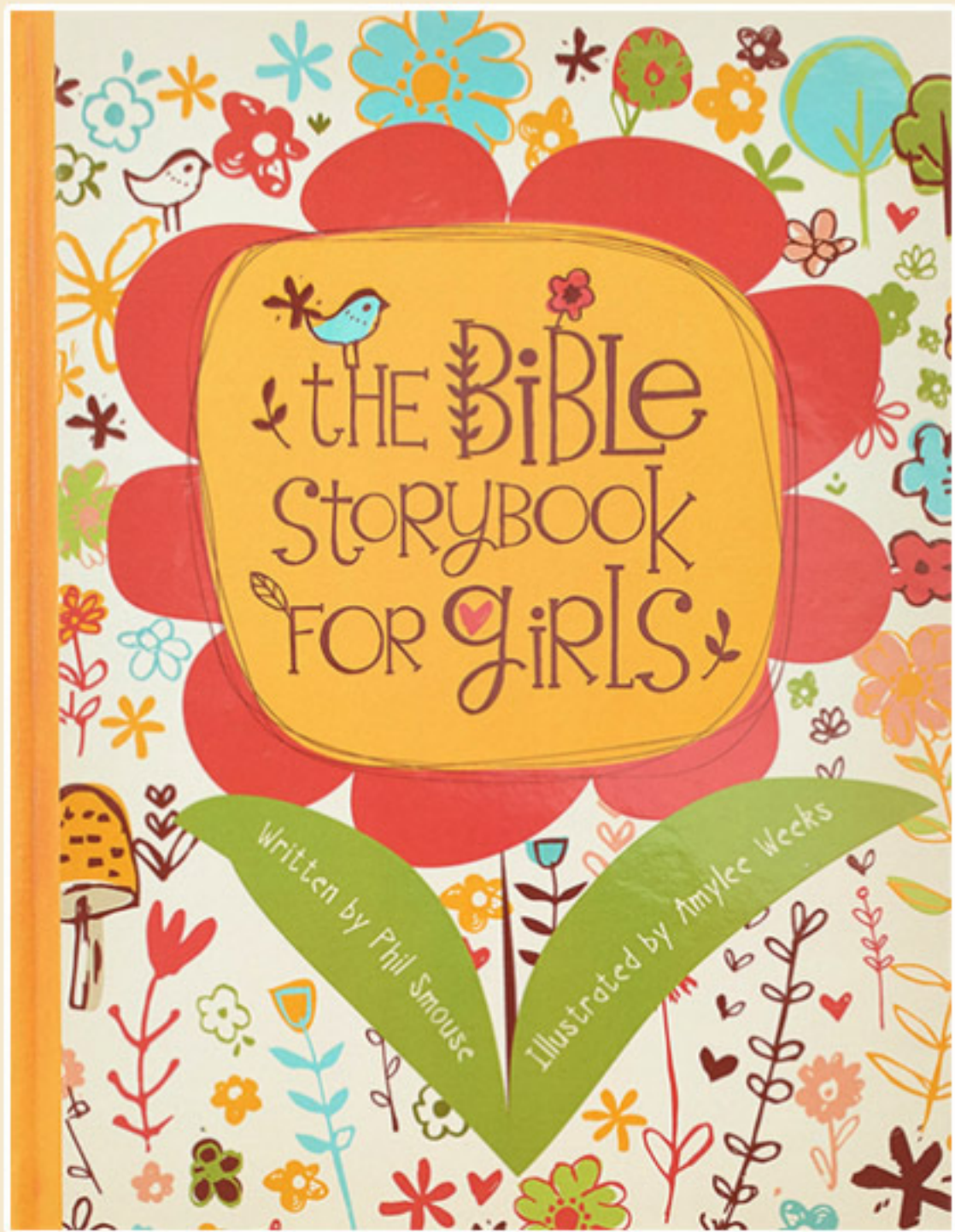
"I came to your house and you did not give me water to wash my feet," Jesus said to the religious man. "But this woman washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair!

You did nothing to welcome me. But she has poured out every drop of her finest perfume, for she loves me very much.

Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven!"







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