

Confirmation Week 4

Name: _____

Women in the Bible

Most of the important Biblical figures we've been talking about (and others you have learned about before) are men. Plus, out of the 66 books of the Bible, only 2 of them are named after women: Ruth and Esther. However, even though they don't usually get as much of the spotlight, the Bible is full of some pretty amazing women who demonstrate fierce loyalty, courage, and hospitality.

For your homework this week, grab your Bible and look up a couple of verses about 10 important women in the Old Testament. Once you've read the verses, try to match each woman with a brief description of her story.

Ruth

Ruth 1:16, 22

_____ a prostitute in the city of Jericho who hid Israelite spies on her roof, then helped them escape from the city

Hannah

1 Samuel 1:12-20

_____ the wife of Abraham. She gave birth to her son Isaac when she was over 90 years old. Ancestor of Jesus.

Delilah

Judges 16:4-6

_____ the wife of Isaac. After a difficult pregnancy, she gave birth to twin boys. Ancestor of Jesus.

Sarah

Genesis 17:15-16

_____ the love of Jacob's life. She had an older sister named Leah, whom Jacob married before he married her. Ancestor of Jesus.

Miriam

Exodus 2:1-4, 15:20-21

_____ she prayed to God for a child. Her prayers were so emotional the priest Eli thought she was drunk. She eventually had a son named Samuel, whom she dedicated to God.

Rebekah

Genesis 25:21-24

_____ mother of Cain and Abel. Her name means "mother of everyone who lives". Ancestor of Jesus.

Esther

Esther 2:7, 7:3-5

_____ raised by her uncle Mordecai. She became a beautiful and brave queen who saved the Jewish people from an evil plot led by the king's advisor to kill them.

Rahab

Joshua 2:1-4

_____ a young widow who remained loyal to her mother-in-law after her husband died. Even though she was a Moabite immigrant to Israel, she became an ancestor of Jesus.

Rachel

Genesis 29:16-20

_____ sister of Moses and Aaron. She watched over her baby brother Moses as he was hidden in a basket in a river. Later, with a tambourine she led the Israelite women in praising God after God led them out of their slavery in Egypt.

Eve

Genesis 3:20, 4:1-2

_____ woman who seduced Samson to get him to reveal the secret of his strength, then betrayed him to the Philistines who captured and later killed him.