

SUNDAY MARCH 16TH

LENT 2



READINGS

PHILIPPIANS 3 VERSES 17 – 4 VERSE 1

LUKE 13 VERSES 31-35

Teach me, Lord God, to live out my faith;
to show courage when things are tough,
to show love to those in need,
and to be forgiving even when I am hurt.

Help me to follow Jesus.

Amen.

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Go away from here! Herod wants to kill you!"

³² Jesus said to them, "Go tell that fox Herod, 'Today and tomorrow I am forcing demons out of people and finishing my work of healing. Then, on the third day, I will reach my goal.' ³³ Yet I must be on my way today and tomorrow and the next day. Surely it cannot be right for a prophet to be killed anywhere except in Jerusalem.

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets. You kill with stones those men that God has sent you. Many times I wanted to help your people. I wanted to gather them together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you did not let me. ³⁵ Now your home will be left completely empty. I tell you, you will not see me again until that time when you will say, 'God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord.'"^[a]

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This morning you can sing a song together. Some of you may know the song; it's called "Five Little Ducks." There is a part of the song where the mother duck says, "quack, quack, quack, quack." When you hear that part, let's all sing together and quack our hands. (Show children how to make beaks with their hands.)

Five Little Ducks:

Five little ducks went out one day,
Over the hill and far away;
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack." (Quack hands.)
But only four little ducks came back.

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Four little ducks went out one day,
Over the hill and far away;
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack." (Quack hands.)
But only three little ducks came back.

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Three little ducks went out one day,
Over the hill and far away;
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack." (Quack hands.)
But only two little ducks came back.

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Two little ducks went out one day,
Over the hill and far away;
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack." (Quack hands.)
But only one little duck came back.

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One little duck went out one day,
Over the hill and far away;
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack." (Quack hands.)
But none of the five little ducks came back.

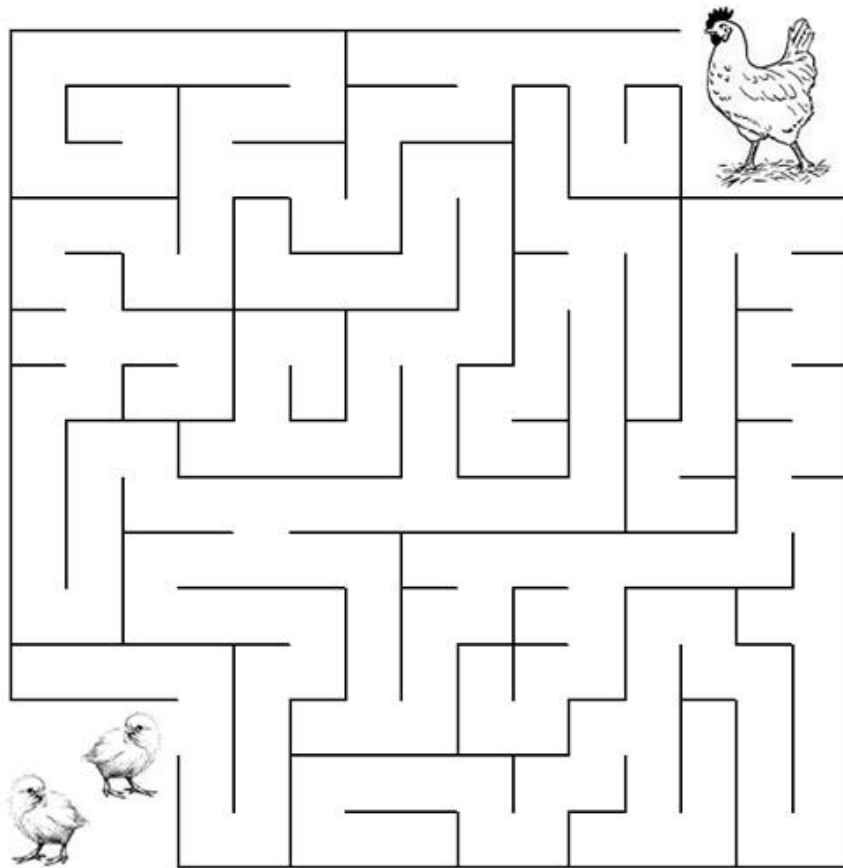
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Sad mother duck went out one day,
Over the hill and far away;
The sad mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack." (Quack hands.)
And all of the five little ducks came back.
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This song shows how much the mother duck loved her little ones. Each time the little ducks went out, one of them got lost. Finally the mother duck had lost all of her little ones - but she never gave up - she kept calling them! Do you think mother duck would have been satisfied if one, two, three, or even four of the little ducks had come back? I don't think so. I think mother duck would have kept calling, "Quack, quack, quack, quack," until "ALL five of the little ducks came back!"

This story is a lot like the love that Jesus has for His children. The Bible tells us that one day Jesus looked over the city of Jerusalem and wept. He said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." Jesus was crying out in sadness over Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a very special place for God's chosen people. But when Jesus came, the people of Jerusalem rejected Him. Jesus longed for His children to turn from their ways and come to Him. He promised a blessing for those who would accept Him. We're promised that same blessing today. Like a mother hen, Jesus calls His children to come to Him so that He can shelter and protect them.

Even though Jerusalem rejected Jesus, He never stopped calling His children. If only SOME of Jesus' children come back, He won't stop calling. If ALMOST all of His children come to Him, He still won't stop calling. The Bible teaches us that Jesus loves His children so much that He won't stop calling until ALL of His children come back. He may be calling some of you today.

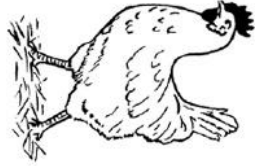
Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us so much that You keep calling us to come to You.
Amen.



The Mother Hen

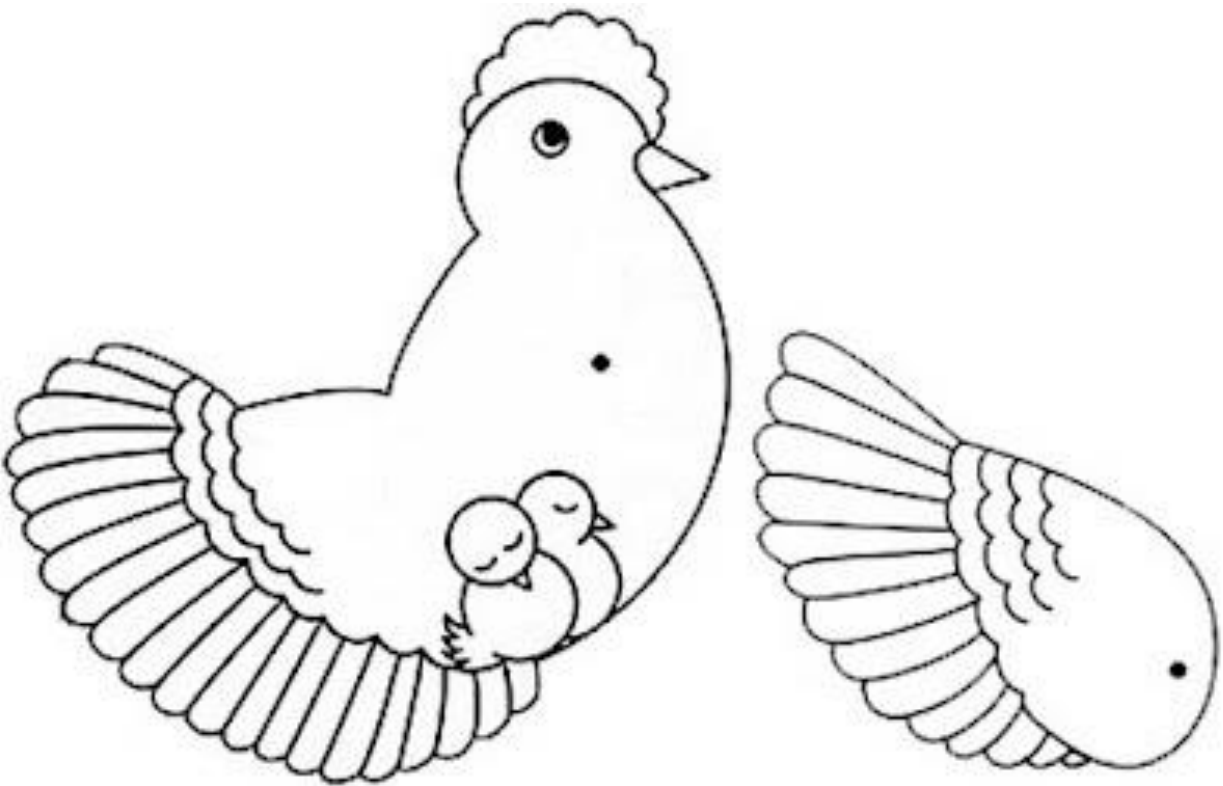
"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" Luke 13:34

Based on Luke 13:31-35



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JESUS	STONE	HOUSE	FOX	NAME
HEN	TOMORROW	HEAL	CHICKS	GOAL
JERUSALEM	HEROD	PROPHET	DEMONS	KILL



Cut out chicken and wing. Colour them both then fix wing on with a paper fastener where the black dot is. Move it gently up and down to reveal the chicks and then cover them up again. Put somewhere at home to remind you how much Jesus loves all of us.