

Hearing God's Word:



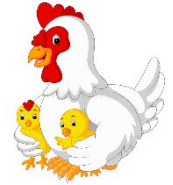
In our Gospel lesson today found in **Luke 13:31-35** the Pharisees warn Jesus to leave as Herod wants to hurt him but Jesus refuses to leave. Jesus wants to stay and be with the people and protect them. Jesus stays with us always and through Jesus we are all connected to one another. Other scriptures this week include Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; and Philipians 3:17-41.

Jesus and Herod

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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.'"

Children's Moment: **The Fox and the Hen**

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As you may know, the fox and the hen are natural enemies. I remember, as a child, reading a story called "The Fox and the Little Red Hen". In the story, Papa Fox sneaked up quietly behind the little red hen, grabbed her, and put her into his bag. Then he quickly ran off down the hill toward his home to eat some chicken dinner. Inside the fox's bag, the little red hen remembered that she had some scissors in her pocket. So, when the fox stopped to rest, she cut a hole in the bag, slipped out, put a large stone in the bag, and ran away. When the fox got home, all he had in his bag was a stone. The little red hen was too smart for the sly old fox!

In our Bible lesson today, a group of religious leaders went to Jesus and said to him, "Get away from here if you want to live! Herod Antipas wants to kill you!"

Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose. Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day I must go about my business. It just wouldn't do for a prophet of God to be killed anywhere but in Jerusalem." Then Jesus went on to compare himself to a mother hen. "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me."

What a beautiful picture of Jesus. The fox couldn't defeat him, but like a mother hen gathers her chicks beneath her wings to protect them, Jesus willingly gave himself to save his children even though they had rejected him time and time again. Jesus still loves his children today. He still wants to gather them in his arms and protect them and care for them. Sometimes, we stray away, but Jesus still loves us just the same. That's the kind of love he has for you and me.

Let us Pray: God, we thank you that Jesus loves and protects us like a mother hen protects her chicks. Keep us near to him and may we never stray from him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Jesus' Sadness for Jerusalem

Some Pharisees came to Jesus. What did they do?

Begin at the bottom. Write the word that fits the definition.
Continue up the ladder. Change only the letters that are circled.
Write words 1 and 2 in the blanks below.

2. _ A _ (E) _ Something that may hurt you

_ A (O) (O) E _ Person who moves gracefully to music

(O) A _ (O) E (O) Opposite of "lighter"

_ A _ (E) _ Heated up

START → 1. _ A _ _ E _ Advised to be careful

They 1) _____ Jesus that

King Herod was a 2) _____ to Him.



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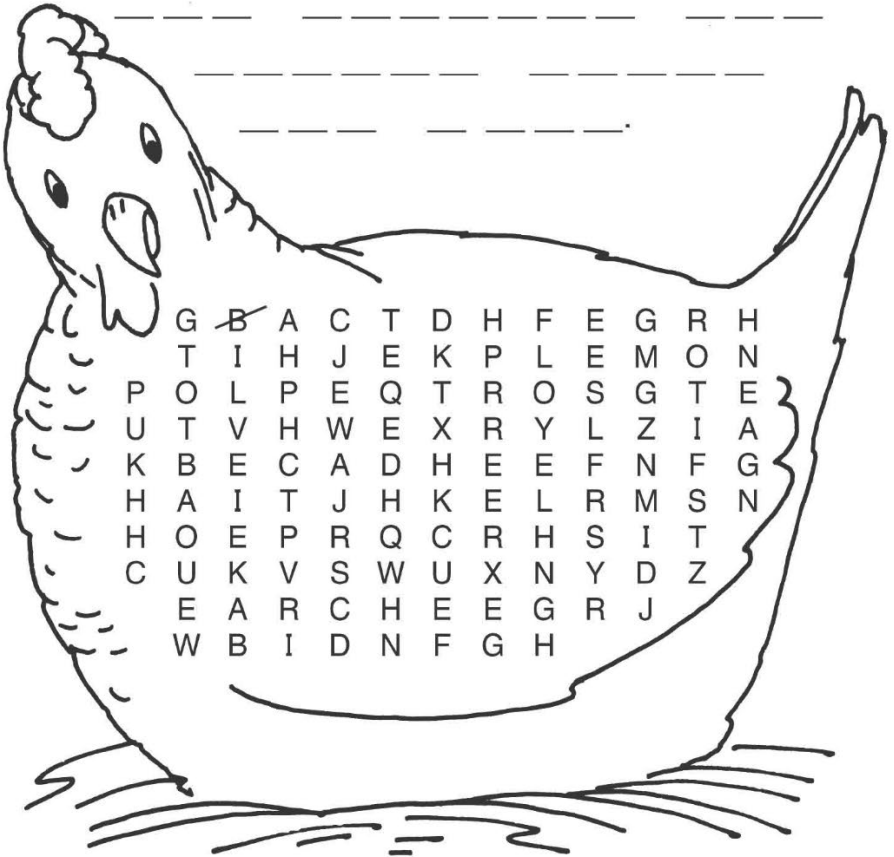


Jesus was sad because He offered the people of Jerusalem His love, but they rejected Him.

Cross out every other letter.
Write the remaining letters in order on the lines.

He said He wanted to

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(11) “_____ tell that (13A) _____, ‘I will
 (6) _____ (14A) _____ (3) _____ and
 (12) _____ (20) _____ (19) _____
 and (8) _____, and on the
 (15) _____ (22) _____ I will (17) _____
 My (7) _____.’ In (9) _____ (1) _____, I must
 (4) _____ going today (21) _____ tomorrow
 and the (10) _____ day – (13D) _____
 (2) _____ no (5) _____ can
 (16) _____ (14D) _____
 (18) _____ !”




Activity Pages Answer Key (Ages 7+)

Jesus Is Sad About Jerusalem

The Pharisees warned Jesus to leave Jerusalem. Herod wanted to kill Him.


Trace inside the bubble letters.

Jerusalem




Jesus said, "I will keep on healing today, tomorrow and the next day."

Circle the 2 that are alike in each row.



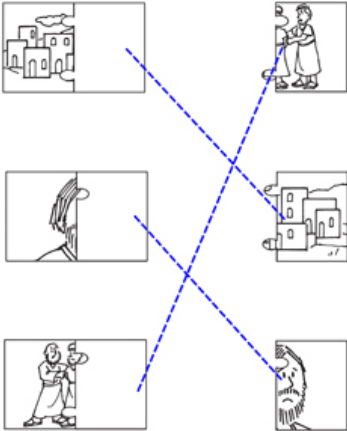
healing **HEALING** **HEALING**



TODAY today **TODAY**



Jesus was very sad for Jerusalem.

Match the puzzle pieces.



Jerusalem was like the little chicks that needed to be protected.

Follow the step-by-step directions to draw the chick.

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https://sermons4kids.com/storage/11716/fox_and_hen_story.pdf

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(In-Person or via Zoom)

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