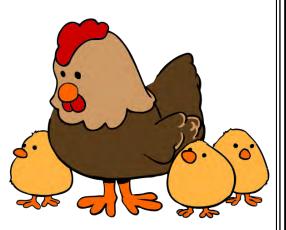


# What's the Big Idea?

#### I am safe with God

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. King Herod was not happy with some of the things Jesus had been saying as he was teaching all around Judea. Some people came to warn Jesus, telling him, "Get away from Jerusalem! Don't you know Herod wants to kill you?" But Jesus was determined. He told them, "Herod is like a fox, and I am like a mother hen, trying to protect the people of Jerusalem like a flock of chicks. How I want all my baby chicks to be safe under my wings! But time after time, they run away and turn on the very people God sends to protect them. Still, like a mother hen, I will not stop loving my flock." Like a baby chick is safe with its mother hen, we too are safe with God!



### Read It

Squiggles is on Spring Break! Check out this week's story from Luke 13:31-35 in a full Bible.



### Talk About It

If you were to compare God to an animal, what animal would you choose? Why?

Mother hens are soft and warm spaces for their chicks to gather, but they are also very fierce, chasing off predators. Who in your life feels safe like that?

Have you ever wanted to do something on your own, without help or protection from a grown-up? Were they still there for you after? (Think: learning to ride a bike, participating in a sport, or staying the night at someone else's home.)

**Pray**: Dear God, thank you for being our mother hen, our safe space where we are loved and protected, even when we run away from you. Remind us that we always have a home in your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# Affirm It

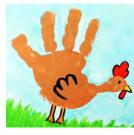
Throughout Lent, enjoy a weekly affirmation for reflection. What does it mean to you?

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## Try It

Create a hen to remember how God is like a mother. You might also add yourself as a chick under the hen's wing.

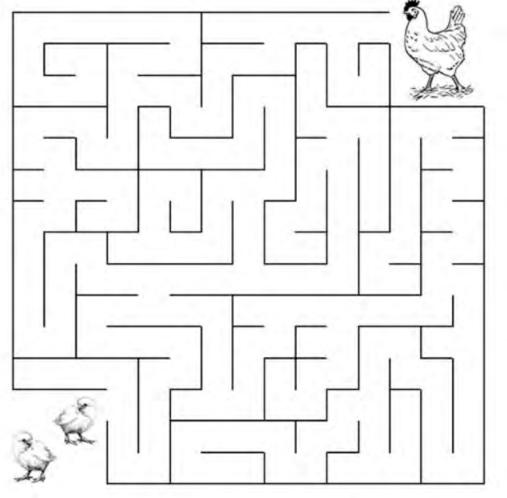
How does the chick represent you?



For a how-to on this art project, check out: www.theinspirationedit.com/handprintchicken-art-project

## I Am Safe with God

Help the baby chicks find their way back to the mother hen!



"How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings" Luke 13:34b

