

Sunday 16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent



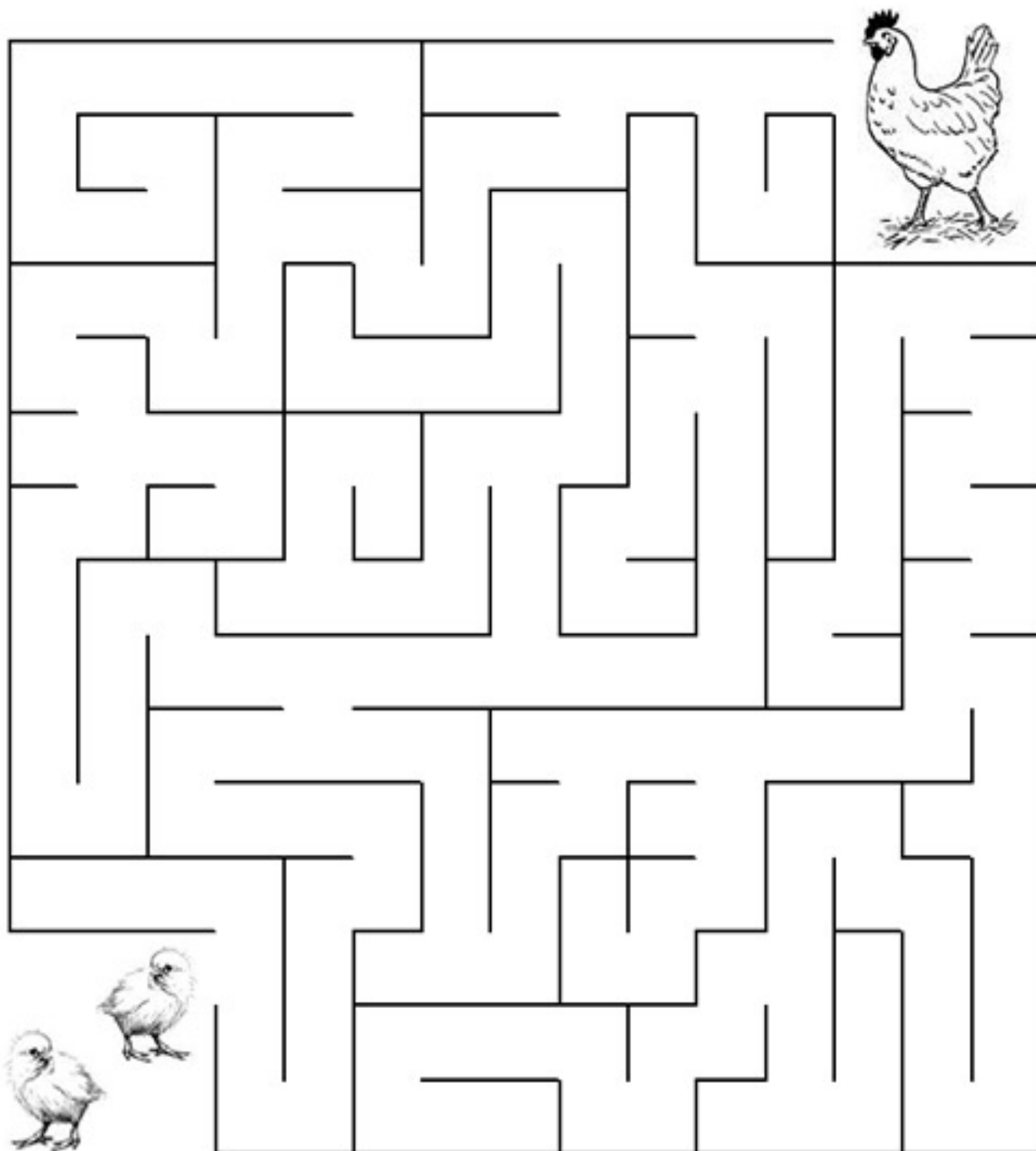
🙄 In our Gospel reading, Jesus cries out in sadness over the city of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a very special place for God's chosen people, but when Jesus came, the people of Jerusalem rejected him. Jesus longed for his children to turn from their ways and to come to him. When a group of religious leaders warned Jesus that King Herod wanted to kill him, Jesus compared Herod to a fox.

If you remember the story of Little Red Hen, you will know that foxes are fond of eating hens and chickens! A mother hen will protect her brood by sheltering them under her wings. Jesus felt like a mother hen, wanting to shelter and protect her children. Jesus didn't stop calling his children because they rejected him. He called them – and still calls them – to come to him so that he can protect them. He won't stop calling until all his children come back to him.

🙏 Prayer for this week:

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you protect us as a mother hen shelters her chicks. Keep us close to you, so that we never stray from you. Amen.

Can you help this mother hen find her chicks?



Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem

"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 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Luke 13:31-35 (NIV).

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prophet	blessed	goal	tomorrow	demons
heal	name	stone	Jerusalem	fox
today	house	kill	wings	Pharisees

