



*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*

March 17, 2019

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13



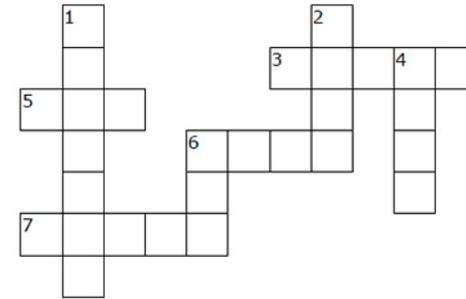
**Second Sunday in Lent**

Guess what?! Spring is almost here! Just a few more weeks until the cherry blossoms bloom and all of mother nature will wake up. It will be time for baby bears, baby squirrels and baby chicks to be born. Have you ever seen a mother hen care for her babies? When danger is near, she swoops out her wing and gathers up her babies so that they are safe, right next to her so that she can see and feel them. Mama hen must really love her babies!

Our Gospel lesson from Luke this morning gives us the image of Jesus as a mother hen. Now, we don't often hear of God/Jesus as a mother figure, do we? In fact, we often hear of God being referred to as a "he". Do you remember how the Lord's Prayer starts out?? Our \_\_\_\_\_ who art in heaven...that's right, our Father. But we can envision God in the best way that makes sense to us. Our God is a God for everyone. God is like a loving father and God is like a nurturing mother. No matter how we relate to God or how we see God in our minds, we can be sure that God will always love us, protect us, and nurture us.

Loving, nurturing God, You are all things to all of your children. Thank you for always loving us and protecting us. Help us to remember that you will always watch over us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Crossword Puzzle**



**ACROSS**

- 3. Feather-covered limbs a bird uses for flying
- 5. An animal similar to a wolf or dog that has a long bushy tail
- 6. To restore to health; to cure of illness
- 7. An evil supernatural being; a devil

**DOWN**

- 1. One who speaks for God
- 2. To put to death
- 4. The purpose or objective which one is trying to reach
- 6. A female chicken

PROPHET	FOX	WINGS	HEAL
GOAL	HEN	KILL	DEMON

**Activity:** Draw a picture of what/who you think God might look like. Use your imagination. What does love look like? What does a protector look like? What does peace look like? This would be a great activity to do with the whole family.

**Discussion Question** Using the pictures that you drew, discuss why you choose to draw God the way that you did. What parts of your drawing remind you of a Father? What parts of your drawing remind you of a Mother? How else is God pictured in the Bible?

**Family Table Prayer for March:**

Oh, the Lord's been good to me.  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need:  
The sun, the rain and the apple seed;  
Oh, the Lord's been good to me.

**March Memory Verse:** Zechariah 10:1 Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.

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