Year B - Fifth Sunday of Lent
John 12:24-26

Farmer, chicken, grain, fox

Background

- This activity provides an opportunity to children to reflect on Jesus great love for us. Sometimes things get tricky, but Jesus is there to bring us a new perspective.

You will need

- 1 Farmer, chicken, fox and grain template
- Brain power!
- Blue ribbon for river

Instructions

- **Puzzle** - The farmer has to get a fox, a chicken and a sack of grain across a river. He has a row boat, and it can only carry him and one other thing. If the fox and the chicken are left together, the fox will eat the chicken, if the chicken and the grain are left together, the chicken will eat the grain. How does the farmer do it?

- **Solution:** The farmer and the chicken cross the river (the fox and grain are safe together), he leaves the chicken on the other side and goes back across. The farmer then takes the fox across the river and since he can't leave the fox and chicken together he brings the chicken back. Again, since the chicken and the grain can't be left together, he leaves the chicken and takes the grain across and leaves it with the fox. He then returns to pick up the chicken and heads across the river one last time.

Check out these Lent ideas for kids

- Lots of ideas to engage the children and families of your parish or community are available on the children and families page. Including an interactive Lenten calendar! Just scan the code below.











