

Sola Publishing Children's Message Lent 2 – Year C		SOLA
Stay Close to Me		
Readings	1) Jeremiah 26:8-15 2) Philippians 3:17-4:1 3) Luke 13:31-35	
Scripture Focus	Luke 13:35b	
Take Away	If you have time, these little chicks can be given to each kid. Amazon https://www.amazon.com/s?k=stuffed+chicks&crd=27SX3L5ZH9Q4&sprefix=stuffed+chicks%2Caps%2C138&ref=nb_sb_noss_1 Oriental Trading https://www.orientaltrading.com/web/search/searchMain?keyword=chicks	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	AI picture (attached) – AI created pictures and in public domain because they are not created by a human. OR if you can play a video, this one on YouTube is great https://www.youtube.com/shorts/moROtFx-Fvk	
Message In the Bible, Jesus tells us that he is the Shepherd and we are his little lambs. What do Shepherds do for their lambs? [Take care of them, make sure they have good food and water, love them.] Have you ever held a live baby chicken? What are they called? What was it like? Was it soft? Are they heavy? What color was it? We see a lot of chicks around Easter because we color eggs. Have you ever seen chicks like these? When they grow, they get new feathers that aren't this color, but aren't they cute? If you were one of these chicks, what color would you want to be? Sometimes, a mom or dad will say, "Come over here and stay by me." Why do they say "stay by me?" [To keep their kids safe.] In today's Bible verse, Jesus says to the people that many times he would like to have gathered his people to him like a hen gathers her chicks. [Show them the picture or watch the video to show what that looks like.] Why do you think Jesus says that? [To keep us safe from bad things in the world that will take us away from him. The closer we stay to him, the safer we will always be.] What kinds of things do we do here at church or at home to say close to Jesus? [Worship, Sunday School, read Bible stories, pray – talk to Jesus/God, sing songs about Jesus/God, learn Bible verses so they're in our heart, etc.] Let's thank Jesus for keeping us close to him like baby chickens. Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You protect us / like a mommy chicken / protects her chicks. Help us stay close to you / like baby chickens. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	



