

FINISH THE STORY

In this Sunday school activity, children will discover how God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, so He could show us the way to salvation.

TOPICS:

Eternal Life, Grace, Heaven, Jesus, Salvation

MATERIALS:

Activity page for each child [ATTACHED]
Pencils

DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes



PREPARATION

Before class, print or make copies of one activity page for each child.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Hand out the copies of the activity page to the class - one per student. Tell them to read the story and think carefully about what the farmer could do to help save the birds. Then write down an ending in their own words. Give the children plenty of time to complete the project before giving them the intended ending.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

This is a story about salvation. I would like to share the (my) ending of this story with you, but first let me ask a few questions.

1. Based on your understanding of the story, do you believe the farmer is genuinely concerned for the birds? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think the birds are afraid to enter the barn? Why do you think they feel this way?

This story is similar to our relationship with God. The birds represent you and me, and of course the farmer represents God. The only way for the farmer to really communicate with the birds, and for the birds to understand him, would be if the farmer became a bird. If he were also a bird, the birds would not fear him because he would not be foreign to them—he would look like them, talk like them, share their same interests and fears. In this way, the farmer could protect them by leading them to the safety of the barn.

This is exactly how God lead us to safety. He came to earth as man, Jesus Christ. Through the teachings of Jesus, we can understand the way to eternal life. Because God came to us in human form, a form we are familiar with, we are capable of receiving the gift of Salvation.”

Finish the Story



1. There was an old farmer who noticed a flock of birds in the middle of winter.



2. They were cold and looking for shelter. A winter storm was coming and they could freeze to death.



3. He knew his barn was warm and able to provide a safe place to stay.



4. So he opened the barn doors. But the birds were afraid, and would not go in.



5. He had to find a way to tell the birds, or show them what they must do to be saved. He finally realized what he needed to do.

6. The farmer _____

