

Jack's Hen

Key Word: **Raised**

Key Verse: He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
Matthew 28:6

Jack's favorite hen, Polly had died. He found her before Easter, with broken feathers. Jack's mom thought a fox had gotten in. Jack walked around sadly. Percy the cockerel had survived, and Jack bent down to pet him, then something caught Jack's eye. Hidden in the straw was an egg. As Jack picked it up, he felt hopeful. Carefully he carried the egg home, and placed it in some straw in a box, in a warm cupboard. His mom said the egg needed plenty of warmth. Mom warned Jack, "It may not hatch. I don't want you to be disappointed." But Jack had a feeling he wouldn't be disappointed. On Easter Day, he noticed a tiny crack. After a long time of watching he could hear slight tapping noises. Jack saw a tiny beak attached to the smallest, wettest chick, not much bigger than his thumb, break out of the egg. It rested, but then it struggled out of the shell.

Jack was too excited to even call his mom. Feather by feather the chick dried out, until it was fluffy and yellow, a perfect Easter chick. Jack called his whole family to see his Easter miracle. His dad clapped him on the shoulder. "There are at least six Easter eggs waiting for you downstairs," said his dad, "but you're

more interested in this Easter egg. Some Easter eggs have surprises inside, but I don't know of any that contain real life like this one does."

Downstairs, Jack broke off a piece of chocolate Easter egg. "I love Easter eggs," he said, "but my baby chick is really about Easter. Polly died, and that was very sad. I won't forget Polly, but it feels like she gave me new life in this little chick, and when I watched the chick breaking out of the egg, it made me think of Jesus. I suppose that cave where they put his body was a bit like an egg, for he broke out somehow and he was somehow all new."

Jack's mom smiled. "Now you know why we give Easter eggs at Easter. Jesus broke out of the tomb to bring special new life to all of us. You've seen it for yourself this Easter, and I have a feeling I know what your little chick will be called."

Jack nodded. "Easter," he said.

Questions

What was Jack's special Easter surprise?

What did the angel tell the women at Jesus' tomb on Easter morning?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 28:1-10



1. Heart on hill
2. Bird wing
3. Missing nail mark on hand
4. Missing tulip
5. Center of flowers colored
6. Different belt
7. Colored stone
8. Missing bird on right
9. Lines in hair
10. Missing line near feet
11. Colored petal

Letter Tile Puzzle

Answers

Twisted Word Search

~ a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t
1 T . O
2 O
3 O
4 H T R
5 E
6 L W
7 I L E Y E E
8 S R L T
9 L L L A E L D A
0 L G H
1 E T R O
2 M O B
3 E
4 S
5 O G

DO NOT BE AFRAID; I KNOW
THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
JESUS WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.

GO K4 | AND P9 | TELL M8 | MY F3 | BROTHERS 12 |
TO E2 | GO K4 | TO F1 | GALILEE J0 | THERE E6 |
| THEY E6 | WILL E8 | SEE O4 | ME A2 |

Twisted Word Search

Find each of the words in the verse in the puzzle. If a word appears more than once, you must find it more than once. Remember, words in a twisted word search **DO NOT** always go in a straight line! One word has been done for you.

Matthew 28:10

**“GO AND TELL MY BROTHERS TO GO TO GALILEE;
THERE THEY WILL SEE ME.”**

B	D	E	U	R	T	V	D	Q	K	V	A	Y	U	L	V	R	E	D	X
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S	Y	W	G	I	I	T	E	E	G	R	N	A	G	P	M	F	P	U	H

Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today’s Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

A	R	D	.	N	O	T	A	F	W	A	S	R	A	I	B	E	I	K
F	I	E	O	O	K	N	O	W	C	R	D	O	S	W	T	H	O	
D	;	E	L	U	C	I	R	J	A	T	E	S	U	F	O	I	N	G
Y	O	U																

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are eleven differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.

