

2 – 4 Year Olds Children's Meeting

LESSON 22 ANIMALS HELPING MAN -- Chickens

TEACHERS: Pray and read Gen 1:24, 25; Luke 13:34b

OPENING TIME: Songs from Toddler Song Book or others

BIBLE VERSE: And God said, Let the earth bring forth living animals according to their kind ..."--Gen 1: 24a

LESSON:

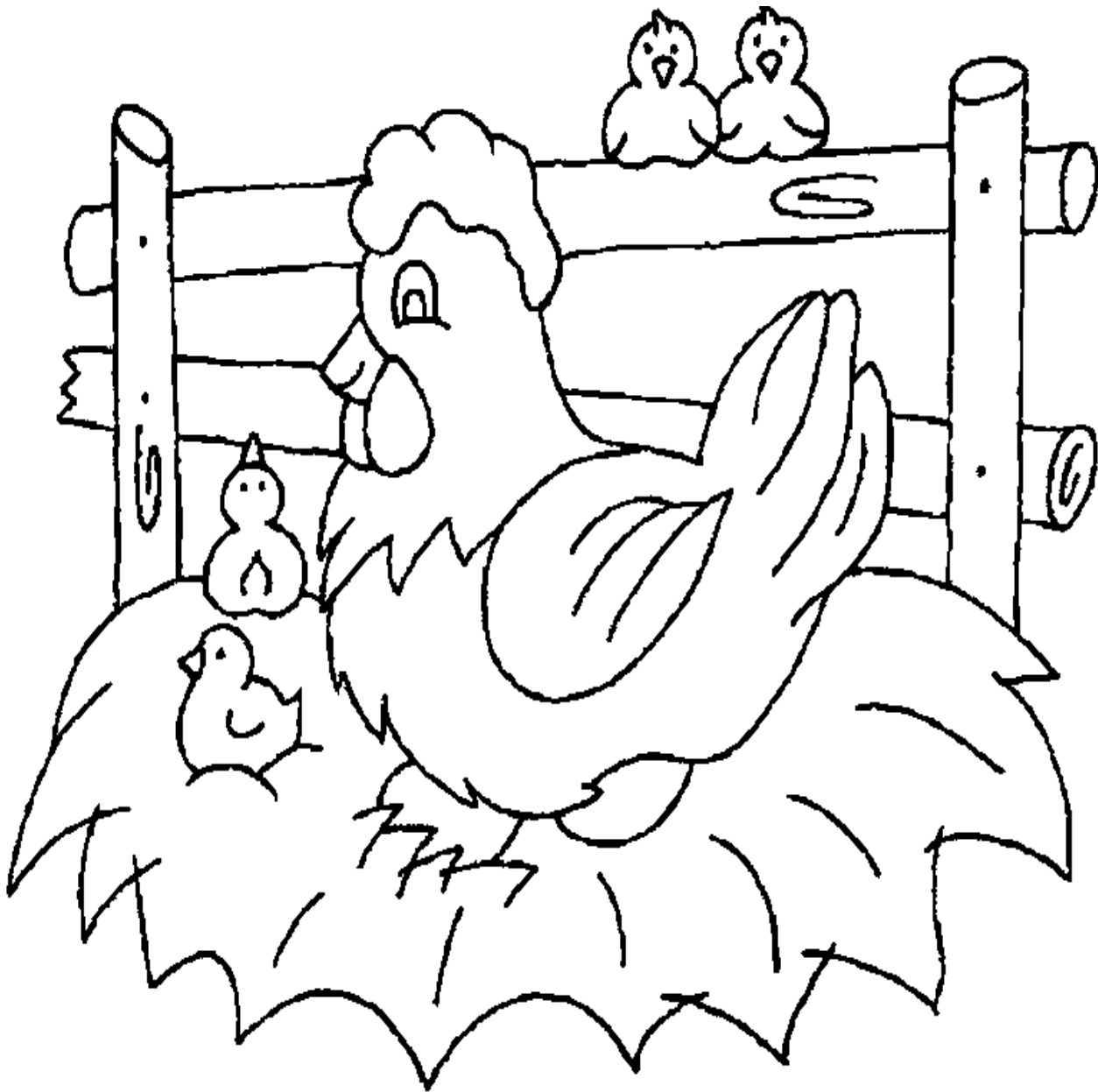
1. We have been learning about birds and today we are going to learn about chickens, which are birds, but they are birds that usually live on farms. Though chickens are birds they cannot fly very far.
2. Chickens help man by giving us eggs and meat for food.
3. Father chickens are called roosters and mother chickens are called hens. Both roosters and hens have wattles and combs! These are their "air conditioners". These keep the chickens cool by redirecting blood flow to their skin. (The feathers keep them warm and at times the chicken needs to cool down) The comb is on top of the head and wattles are under their beak.
4. During the day the chickens eat seeds and insects and roll in the dirt. At night chickens sleep on a roost or pole hung above the floor.
5. Hens lay 3-7 eggs per week usually in a nest but she may hide them from the farmer in the barn. Then he has to go looking for the eggs! The eggs may be white, brown or blue depending on the type of chicken. Mother hen sits on her eggs when baby chicks are going to be born. She warms the eggs and turns them daily so all the egg gets warmed. In the early days she will leave her nest to get food and water but as the chicks are nearly ready to be hatched she no longer leaves, but stays on the nest to keep them safe. When it is time for the chick to hatch it uses its egg tooth to break the shell. After the chicken hatches it dries to fuzzy, fluffy fur while resting under mother hen's wings. Hours later the mother and her chicks venture to the barnyard together to find food. At night she still tucks them under her wings to protect them and keep them warm. In one to two weeks the chick begins to get feathers. You will hear much peeping from the chicks. They are beginning to grow up!

ACTIVITIES

Coloring page

Craft: Simple Rocking Chicken





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