



# Resources for KIDS

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Last year you supported **10.876** World Renew participants with the opportunity to raise chickens.

## WHAT CAN A CHICKEN DO?

What can three dollars really do for a family that is hungry or doesn't have enough money for medicine or school books? Why, three dollars can just buy a carton of eggs!

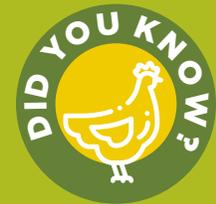
Perhaps. But what if, *for the same price*, you could have eggs every day *plus* a garden service that would provide pest control, fertilizer, and the promise of delicious produce? What if you had so many eggs that you could sell some and have extra money for things like school books and doctor visits? **That's what a three-dollar World Renew chicken can do.**

In Bangladesh and Kenya, World Renew works with families like Esther's, who have to grow all the food they need to eat. For them, a **chicken is incredibly useful**. As soon as Esther's chickens started laying eggs, her family had an amazing source of protein and disease-fighting nutrients that their garden wasn't producing. And the chickens lived in her garden, where they fed on insects (free chicken feed and good for the plants!), and left their droppings (free fertilizer to make the vegetables grow!).

Soon, Esther's chickens had babies and she had so many eggs that she started selling the extras. Now, she had a little extra money for food she *couldn't* grow, like salt and flour and oil. She even sold a few of the baby chicks to her neighbor and had enough money to pay for her children's school supplies. Meanwhile, Esther's fertilized garden was growing better and her family was eating healthy vegetables every day.

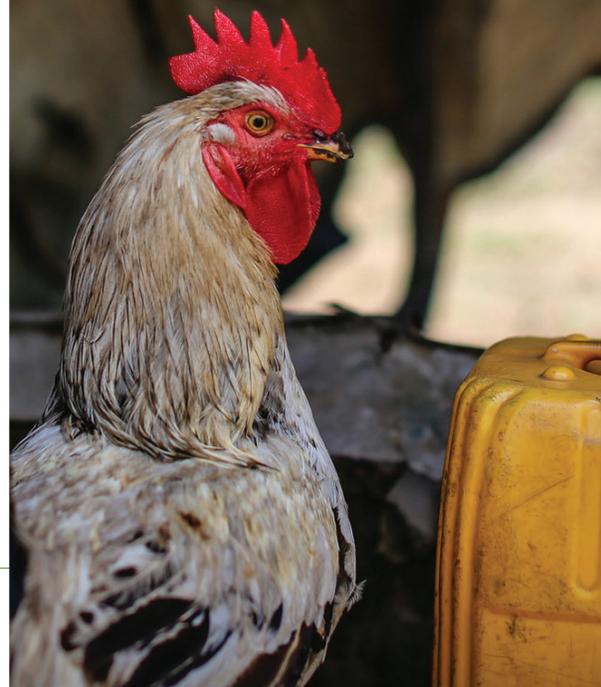
Do you see now how a little thing like a chicken can EGG-sponentially improve someone's life? EGG-citing, right?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF A  
**CHICKEN!**



25 billion chickens live on Earth? That's three times as many chickens as humans!

There are over 500 different breeds of chickens with awesome names like the Frizzle, the Speckled Ranger, the EasterEgger, the Swedish Flower Hen, and the Deathlayer.





## EGGCELLENT ADDITIONS — JUST PECK ONE!

Katie Smith-Milway's *One Hen* is the perfect chicken read-aloud. Inspired by a true story, this picture book will help young listeners compre-HEN-d the profound impact a small investment (like a \$3 chicken) can make in a child's life. For a longer read-aloud, try Mitali Perkins' chapter book *Rickshaw Girl*. Naomi's story will capture kids' hearts and provide a way into a discussion of economic hardship and the life-giving possibilities of microfinance.

Want to just let your charges explore the magical variety of God's creation? Farm feed company Starmilling has an amazing web page featuring gorgeous photos of hundreds of chicken breeds. Just Google "Starmilling chicken breeds" and see who can spot the Sicilian Buttercup first!



## PONDER THIS IN THE CLUTCH

Idiomatically, a clutch is a dire circumstance. When a point guard makes a long shot in the last second of the basketball game, she comes through in the clutch. When you run out of gas on the way to a big interview and your bestie shows up with a gas can, she comes in clutch.

In Matthew 23, God's people are in the clutch. Jesus calls them hypocrites, fools, snakes, and vipers. He says "Woe to you!" *seven times*. **Whoa**. Why? Because they "do not practice what they preach." Because they "tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them." Because, while they give 10% of their income to the temple, they "have neglected the more important matters of the law — justice, mercy, and faithfulness." The clutch indeed.

And yet, after 36 verses of harangue, Jesus suddenly says this: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who sent you, **how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.**" Whoa again. The singular tenderness of this image is breathtaking. Suddenly, Jesus's condemnation takes on the air of a maternal diatribe. Jesus is in despair for *His children, His brood, His clutch*. That's another word for a brood of chicks. Quite a different meaning, yes?

The mind-blowing gift of being part of Jesus's clutch is that, **even in the direst circumstance of our worst transgression**, even in His despair for and of us, He longs to gather us under his wings. **When we come to God in Jesus' name with repentance and humility, we are in His clutch, redeemed.**

## \$3? A POULTRY SUM!

Raising money for chickens is especially fun because, at this low price point, kids can feather their nest egg fast!

A super-simple way to earn money for chickens is to **host an Egg Sale**. Just fill plastic Easter Eggs with small treats like candy, stickers, temporary tattoos, or tiny toys and sell them for \$1. **For a EGG-xtra twist, host your sale in the form of an Egg Hunt**. Kids will love the frenzy of finding their treasures and can pay for them at the end of the fun. If you promise that a few of the eggs have a \$5 bill inside, your eggs will FLY (not really).

