## Week 2: Rest Under God's Wing

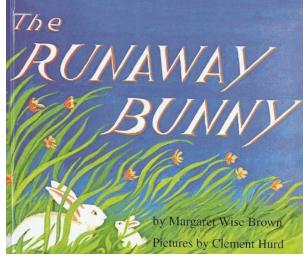
**CREATE:** Build a blanket fort, or make a cozy corner using pillows, stuffed animals, and other soft and squishy items. Find some favorite picture books or your bible and snuggle into your fort to read by yourself or with someone from your family.

**READ THE STORY:** <u>Luke 13:1-35</u>. Jesus tells his followers, "Herod is like a fox, but I am like a mother hen, trying to keep all my baby chicks safe. I will never stop loving my flock—no matter what."

## WONDER:

- If you were to compare God to an animal, what animal would you choose? Why?
- Mother hens are soft and warm spaces for their chicks to gather, but they are also very fierce, chasing off predators. Who in your life feels safe like that?
- Have you ever wanted to do something on your own, without help or protection from a grown-up (like learn to ride a bike, participate in a sport, stay the night at someone else's home)? Was your grown-up

still there for you after?



**LISTEN:** Enjoy this read-aloud of <u>The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown</u>. You might even have this book at home!

- Which make-believe pair was your favorite? Why?
- Why do you think the mother bunny is so determined to follow the baby bunny?
- How does it feel to know that there is someone who loves you so much that they would follow you everywhere you go?
- How do you think the baby bunny feels at the end of the story?

**PRAY:** Dear God, thank you for being our mother hen, our safe space where we are loved and protected, even when we run away from you. Remind us that we always have a home in your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.