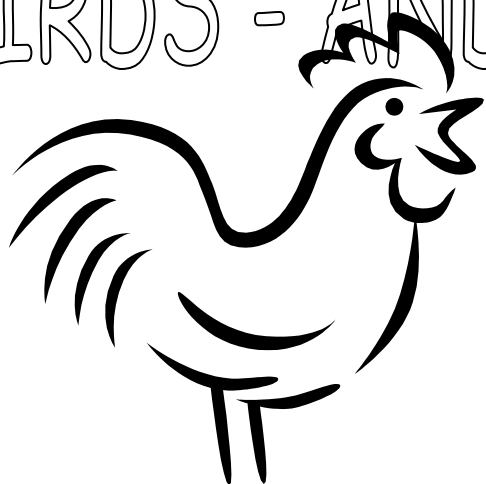
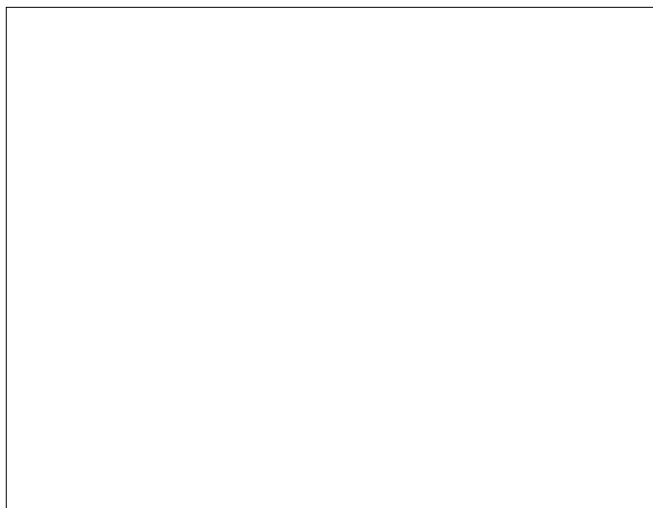


BIRDS - AND BEING THANKFUL

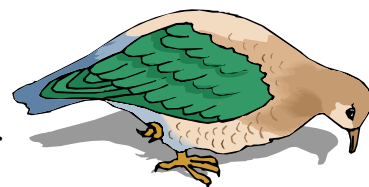


1. Birds are able to teach us the lesson of gr_____, that is, being thankful.
2. Gratitude is a godly virtue that should characterise all true Christians.
3. Copy out Psalm 136 v 1-3, which talks about gratitude.



4. Birds teach us gratitude by the way they d_____.
- An African proverb says *'Even the chicken when it drinks, lifts its head to heaven to thank God for the w_____'*.

5. All birds lift their heads when they drink, except p_____ and d_____.



By the way.....Pigeons have been regarded as a menace for a long time. In 1385, the Bishop of London complained about the mess they were making on St Paul's Cathedral.

Samuel Pepys in his famous diary said that during the Great F___ of L_____ in 1666, the pigeons were reluctant to leave their homes, and lingered until their wings were singed and they fell to their deaths.

6. Let the birds encourage us to lift up our hearts if not our h_____, in thankfulness.



7. A man called Henry Nouwen wrote this little piece of writing and called it *'Graças'*

Whatever is given – money, food, work, a handshake, a smile, a good word or an embrace – is a reason to rejoice and say graças. . . I learned that everything that is, is freely given by the God of love. All is grace. Light and water, shelter and food, work and free time, children, parents and grandparents, birth and death – it is all given to us. Why? So that we can say graças, thanks . . .¹

*" Thanks
be to God
for His
unspeakable
gift "*

II Cor 9 v 15