

Feathered Friends

1. Tell how God cares for birds.
2. Make a simple bird feeder.
3. Be able to recognize 10 different birds.
4. Play a bird game.
5. Draw and/or color pictures of the following:
 - a. Two water birds
 - b. Two seed eaters
 - c. One predator
6. Be able to make five bird sounds.
7. Supply nesting materials for the birds in your neighborhood.
8. Observe some live birds and imitate their movements.



Helps

1. Discuss God's care, citing Matthew 10:28, 31 and Luke 12:24. God created birds to care for themselves (feathers, beak, migration, etc.).
2. Make a simple milkcarton bird feeder by cutting the milk carton so seeds may be placed inside or make a pine cone feeder by rolling a pine cone in peanut butter and bird seed. Hang your feeder so the birds may enjoy their treat.
3. Whenever possible, include birds from your locality. Play recognition games using pictures or flashcards. Invite a local museum or Audubon Society representative to make a presentation.
4. Possible games include bird lotto, dominoes, or a birds card game available from your Adventist Book Center.
5. Resources: the internet, a teacher supply store, coloring books, magazines, books, or videos.
6. Check the internet for sounds. Select birds that have distinct habits and sounds such as owls, doves, crows, chickadees, killdeer, whippoorwills, etc.
7. Tie bird seeds and fruits to a tree as a special treat for the birds. Decorate an Easter basket (berry basket) with materials that the birds could use for building their nests, such as hair, yarn, string, etc. Hang the basket where the birds can borrow materials for nesting.
8. Go to the zoo, aviary, park, or neighborhood birding area to observe and collect feathers (see note above). In class, act out bird movements.

Leader's Note

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act states that it is illegal to collect feathers from native migratory birds. To read the text of this document, visit the URL below.

[fws.gov/migratorybirds/RegulationsPolicies/mbta/MBTA%20List%20of%20Brds%20Final%20Rule.pdf](https://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/RegulationsPolicies/mbta/MBTA%20List%20of%20Brds%20Final%20Rule.pdf)

For a list of birds this act does not apply to, go to:

[fws.gov/policy/library/2005/05-5127.html](https://www.fws.gov/policy/library/2005/05-5127.html)