

I Am Thankful for Birds and Insects

Learn how birds and insects can help people, and show your child how to be thankful for them!

Purpose

To help each child feel gratitude to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ for birds, insects, and creeping things.

“Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no bird sang except the best.” ~ Henry van Dyke

Preparation

Pull up any links you might need for the lesson - look at the Family Night website for quick links

Mark Scriptures ~ Genesis 1:20-25

Find Picture of ~ Elijah and the Ravens

Prepare for the Activities you want to do.

Prepare Treat ~ Suggested Treat - Dirt and Worms!

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Opening Song ~ In the Leafy Treetops (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 240)

Opening Prayer

Attention Activity ~ Attention Activity in the book, "What am I?" Give clues to your child until they guess who you are. Possible clues: 1 ~ I have a beak. 2 ~ I have feathers. 3 ~ I have wings. 4 ~ I fly in the air.

Scripture ~ Genesis 1:20-25

Have the child repeat, word for word the scripture. There are little parts all throughout these verses about birds and insects. If you want to look ahead and plan on only reading parts of it, you might want to do that. Explain how we should be thankful for birds and insects because Jesus Christ, under the direction of Heavenly Father, created them for us!

Scripture Story ~ Elijah and the Ravens

Read ahead of time: 1 Kings 17:1-6. Show your child the picture of Elijah being fed by the Ravens. After telling your child the story explain that Heavenly Father and Jesus have power over everything, even birds. They told the birds to take care of Elijah when he needed help. The birds brought him bread and meat.

Story ~ "Chicks and Hens" ~ From April 2009 Friend (Link on Family Night Website)

A story about a boy named Aaron who likes watching his mother hen and her chicks. He learns in primary how Jesus is like the mother hen and we are the chicks because he can protect us.

Activity ~ Creation Activity - Week 6

Have some birds and insects pre-cut out of colored paper, or you can just print some clip art. Take out your file folder and review all the other things you have talked about so far. Have your child paste the birds and insects where they belong. Remind your child that we should be thankful for birds and insects.

Testimony ~ Bear your testimony to your child about how Heavenly Father and Jesus created birds and insects for us. It doesn't need to be eloquent and long, just keep it simple and heartfelt!

Closing Song ~ Birds in the Tree (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 241)

Closing Prayer

Treat ~ Suggested Treat ~ Dirt and Worms! Take smashed up Oreo's and mix with chocolate pudding to make the "dirt". Put some gummy worms in it and you have dirt and worms! Enjoy!

Extra Activities for This Lesson ~

1 ~ Make a pinecone bird feeder.

There is a link on the FHE website with directions on how to make a pine cone bird feeder. You can hang it right outside of a window where you can check on it every day to see if the birds are eating!

2 ~ Just Like Me! Coloring page by Marie Huff

3 ~ Heavenly Father Has a Body File Folder Game~ By Megan Mills

Other Materials ~

Basically all the ideas from this lesson is from The Primary 1 Manual, lds.org, and Sugardoodle.net

If you are looking for other materials to help with your lesson you can look in any of these places ~ There are links to them on the Family Night Website!

For Younger Siblings ~

Go on a walk outside and see if you can find any bugs. Go to a pet store and see what different kind of birds and insects you can find there. If you have enough people you can play "Duck, duck, goose". Give everyone a small piece of bread with honey on it and explain how we get honey from bees, which are insects.