



Birds week by Jessica Caudle

The learning objectives for this week are:

- Differentiate bird species
- Learn about nests, feathers, bird calls, migration patterns
- Recognize and appreciate the different types of fowl we encounter on a daily basis

Sensory & Fine Motor Skills

Build a birds nest from household and natural materials

<http://www.themanylittlejoys.com/best-nest-literacy-stem-preschool-lesson/>

Scissor feathers

<http://alittlepinchofperfect.com/paper-feather-craft-and-scissor-practice/>

Math Element

Count Cadbury mini eggs

Literacy Element

Writing tray filled with birdseed

Learn to draw a bird by tracing worksheet

<https://www.myteachingstation.com/bird-picture-tracing>

Birdhouse letters

<https://funlearningideas.com/bird-preschool-letter-activities/>

Science Element

Life cycle of a bird (sequencing cards)

<https://d3ddkgxe55ca6c.cloudfront.net/assets/t1464015858/a/ae/d5/lt-p-inp-101919.pdf>

Matching types of birds (Montessori cards and Toob backyard birds)

<https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/observing-learning-backyard-birds-free-printables>

Arts & Crafts

Painting with feathers as brushes

Make a birdhouse

Music & Movement

Dance to the following songs about birds:

Kookaburra song

I'm like a bird

Freebird

Rockin Robin

Books to Read

Feathers, Not Just For Flying by Melissa Stewart

Birdsongs (fun counting story showing different sounds each species make) by Betsy Franco-Feeney

I Hatched (bird life cycle picture book) by Jill Esbaum

Mama built a little nest by Steve Jenkins (looks at various different types of nests birds build) by Jennifer Ward

How Do Birds Find Their Way by Roma Gans (one of my favorites)

The Best Nest by P.D. Eastman (a Dr. Seuss beginner book)

Birds by Kevin Henke (we based our feather painting activity on this...another great read)

Shows & Movies

Fly Away Home DVD

Wild Kratts "Birds of a Feather"

Free Birds DVD

Places and Experiences

National Aviary in Pittsburgh or other aviary

Bird watching in park, beach, your backyard etc

Snacks

Bird feeder (toilet paper roll covered in pb and bird seed for birds....graham cracker covered in pb and various seeds/berries for kids)

Miscellaneous

Bible Lesson: Matthew 6:26 verse of the week (we hang this on mirror in bathroom and recite daily)

Job video (God loves us and takes care of us even in hard times just as he cares for the birds)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=b1nc7sSe9KI>

Job marshmallow lesson in hardship

<http://www.teach sundayschool.com/jobsermon.html>

Bible songs: He's got the whole wide world in his hands, His eye is on the sparrow

String cheerios on pipe cleaner in cross shape for bible theme bird feeder

Put out bird feeder in yard, mix up hummingbird nectar together
<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/migratory-birds/hummingbird-nectar-recipe>