



# SUMMERTIME FAMILY DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF 06/28/20

## GOD LOOKING OUT

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES: MATTHEW 6:26; MATTHEW 10:31

BIG IDEA: WE DO NOT NEED TO WORK HARD FOR GOD TO LOVE US.

## ACTIVITY - BIRD FEEDER

### SUPPLIES:

- JUMBO CRAFT STICKS  
(COLORED OR PLAIN)
- HOT GLUE
- HOT GLUE GUN
- TWINE
- BIRD SEED

**COST: IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE MOST OF THESE SUPPLIES AT HOME ALREADY, WE RECOMMEND YOU GO THE CHEAP ROUTE; AVOID EXPENSIVE SUPPLIES! THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE BETWEEN \$5-\$10.**



# INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Start by laying out six jumbo sticks next to each other. This is going to be the bottom of the bird feeder.
- 2) Glue two sticks across the six base sticks towards the ends of each side of the sticks. This will be what holds your base together.
- 3) Add hot glue dots to the four corners of your sticks. Place sticks on top, the opposite direction.
- 4) For the perch, you will add glue to the middle of the craft stick. Then glue it the opposite direction of the last sticks you had glued.
- 5) Continue gluing the sticks around the outside. (For those trying to recreate the rainbow, you will place the blue sticks over your perch and, for added support, add a dot of glue on it as well as the corners.)
- 6) Cut your rope or twine into four pieces, each about 2 feet long.
- 7) Tie each piece to the corner of the popsicle stick one level down. This will distribute the weight of the filled bird feeder from the top sticks.
- 8) Lastly, you will want to tie the ends. Create a simple loop by not pulling the ends through the knot fully. This will make a loop.
- 9) Tip: If you use twine, the knots will stay with a simple knot. If you use a silkier rope, you may need to add a dot of hot glue after you knot it to keep it in place.
- 10.) You're now set to fill it with bird seed!
- 11) Head outside and find the perfect place to hang your bird feeder.

# DEVOTIONAL:

**Do:** Open your Bibles to Matthew 6:26 and Matthew 10:31.

**Read:** Matthew 6:26

**Say:** This passage in the Bible is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This verse speaks about God feeding the birds of the air even though they neither sow nor reap nor gather.

**Ask:** What do you think that means? What is sowing, reaping and gathering? Why do you think it's important to understand the reference to the birds of the air being cared for?

**Allow Responses...**

(If God has not forgotten the birds of the air, He will never forget those of us made in His image.)

**Ask:** Is it easy to rest in the Lord and believe He will take care of you?

**Allow Responses...**

**Read:** Matthew 10:31

**Say:** In this passage, Jesus states, "So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

**Ask:** Are you sometimes afraid that He won't take care your needs?

**Allow Responses...**

**Ask:** Do you understand the difference between wants and needs?

**Allow Responses...**

(Our "needs" are for our survival. "Wants" typically add enjoyment to our survival, but are not necessary)

**Ask:** How can we "never be in want" if we have Christ?

**Allow Responses...**

(Knowing Jesus is better than anything we could ever want. There is nothing in life that can be as special, fun, exciting, or meaningful than having a relationship with Him. He satisfies our deepest needs. We can find true joy when we realize He is all we need!)

## Family Prayer

Father, help us to rest in the knowledge that You love and care for us even more than the birds of the air. You know our needs before we even speak them. We thank You for taking care of us and loving us. Help us to learn to be content and grateful for all the gifts You provide us. Amen.