



Bird-feeder cones – God cares for the birds

AT A GLANCE



Place

Indoors at a table, then briefly outside



Key idea

Making food for birds and discovering that God cares for animals and people



Effort

Materials 15 min · Preparation 15 min



45 minutes



6-10 children



3-6 years



autumn and winter



Materials

- ☐ pine or spruce cones (one per child)
- ☐ vegetable coconut fat, warmed by a leader and cooled again until soft
- ☐ bird-seed mix without peanuts
- ☐ string, bowls, spoons
- ☐ newspaper, wet wipes



Schedule

0-5'

Arrival – Guess the birdsong: a leader plays bird sounds or imitates them.

5-10'

Story – Jesus says: Look at the birds! God gives them food – and he looks after you too (Matthew 6:26).

10-30'

Making – Tie string to the cone, spread fat between the scales with a spoon, roll it in the seeds.

30-40'

Hanging up – Go outside together and hang the cones on branches or a fence.

40-45'

Closing – Each child says thank you for something God gives them.



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How it works – simply explained

- 1 First tie a piece of string to the top of the cone.
- 2 Use the spoon to spread the soft fat between the scales.
- 3 Roll the cone in the bowl of seeds and press them on gently.
- 4 Let it set for a moment – it is quicker in the fridge.
- 5 Hang it where cats cannot reach it.

 **Example:** “Look how many seeds are stuck to your cone now! When a bird comes, it will have a real feast – and we have helped God to look after it.”



Safety

- Only a leader warms the fat; children only get it lukewarm at most.
- Do not use peanuts – a common allergy.
- Do not eat any of the bird food.
- Wash hands after the activity.



Variations

- Instead of cones: fill half orange peels or cookie cutters.
- Watch over the next few weeks: which birds come?



Something to think about

What does God take care of for you every day?