



Meeting

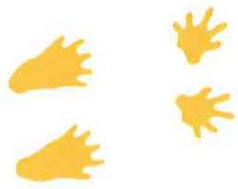
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Birds



Here are three fun activities that teach Eager Beavers about birds. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Eager Beavers or create your own activities.





MEETING LENGTH

60-80 MINUTES

- Opening (5 minutes)
- Grandma Ellen Stories (10 minutes)
- Activities (40-60 minutes)
- Closing (5 minutes)

Opening

Using a beaver puppet, greet each of the children by name and welcome them all to Eager Beavers. Have the children sit in a circle.

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MINUTES



Listen to a story about Ellen White.

CHIP COMPLETED

BIRDS



Grandma Ellen Stories

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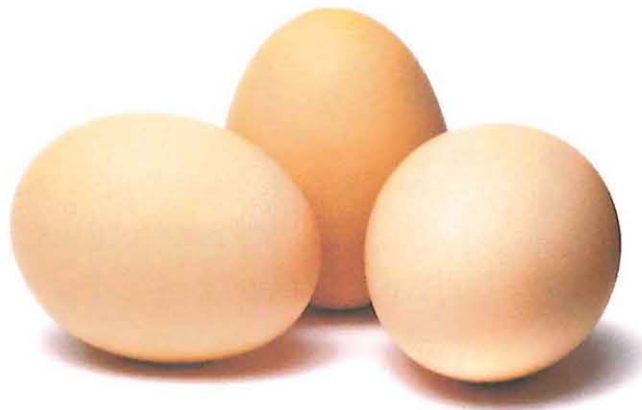
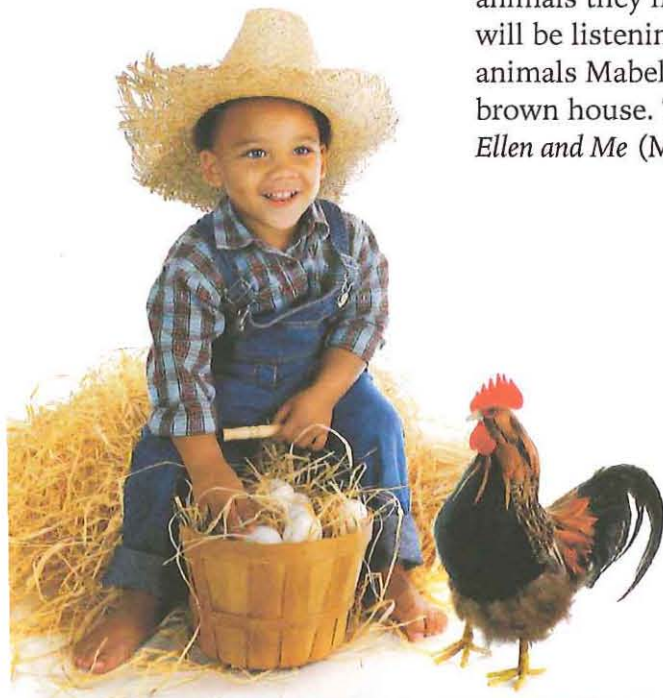
MINUTES

MATERIALS NEEDED

- *Grandma Ellen and Me* by Mabel R. Miller (Pacific Press, 2000)

THE LITTLE BROWN HOUSE

Begin by asking the children what pets or animals they have at home. Then tell them they will be listening to a story about some of the animals Mabel, Grandma Ellen's granddaughter, grew up with in the little brown house. Then read "The Little Brown House" on pp. 5-10 of *Grandma Ellen and Me* (Miller, 2000).





The following activities fulfill the requirements for the Birds chip.

Egg Hunt

WHAT YOU DO

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MINUTES

Ahead of time: Fill plastic eggs with pictures of birds. It's okay to repeat the pictures of birds you put into the eggs because you will be using multiple copies for the second part of this activity. Then hide the eggs around the meeting room. Attach a picture of your state's bird to a piece of poster board. On another piece of poster board, attach pictures of five birds from your area, and on another attach the pictures of birds from the Bible.

Give the children baskets to gather the eggs and have them search for the eggs you've hidden.

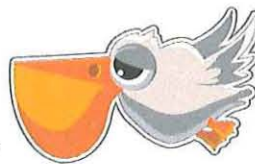
Once the children have found all of the eggs, gather the children around you. Have them open the eggs and pin or tape the pictures onto the correct bird board. After all of the birds have been put on the boards, spend some time talking about them. For example, explain that each state has a state bird, what your state's bird is, and why it was selected as the state bird. Additionally, when you talk about the birds from your area, discuss what they like to eat.

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ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Plastic Easter eggs
- Pictures of birds including your state's bird, at least five birds local to your area, and birds mentioned in the Bible
- Poster board
- Baskets
- Thumb tacks or tape





ACTIVITY

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Bird Feeders

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Since you just talked about what your local birds like to eat, tell the children that they are going to make bird feeders. If some of the children live in apartments or other places where they can't feed the birds, perhaps you can put the feeders out at church or a local nursing home.

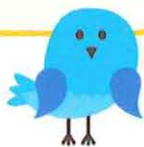
MATERIALS NEEDED

Option 1

- Pine cones, one per child
- String
- Cornmeal
- Shortening or peanut butter
- Scissors
- Bird seed (thistle, corn sunflowers, mixture of seeds)
- Ziploc bags
- Wax paper
- Spoons or spatulas

Option 2

- Egg cartons, one per child
- Yarn or string, 12 in (30.5 cm) pieces
- Hole punches
- Stickers of birds or nature
- Scissors
- Bird seed
- Ziploc bags



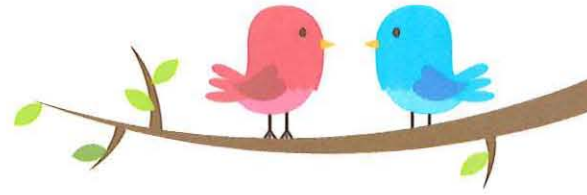
OPTION 1

Pine Cone Feeders

Ahead of time: Tie string to one end of each of the pine cones. The string should be long enough to tie to a branch so the pine cone hangs about 6 in (15 cm) below it. Also, combine the cornmeal with either vegetable shortening or peanut butter to create a stiff mixture.

Cover the children's work area with wax paper. Show them a completed pine cone feeder. Then give them each a pine cone and approximately one cup of the bird seed mixture. Place the mixture directly onto the wax paper. With spoons or spatulas, have the children spread the mixture onto the pine cone. Next, pour about one cup of bird seed onto each child's waxed paper and have them roll the pine cone in the seed until it is covered. Since these are a bit messy, give each child a large Ziploc bag in which to take their feeder home.





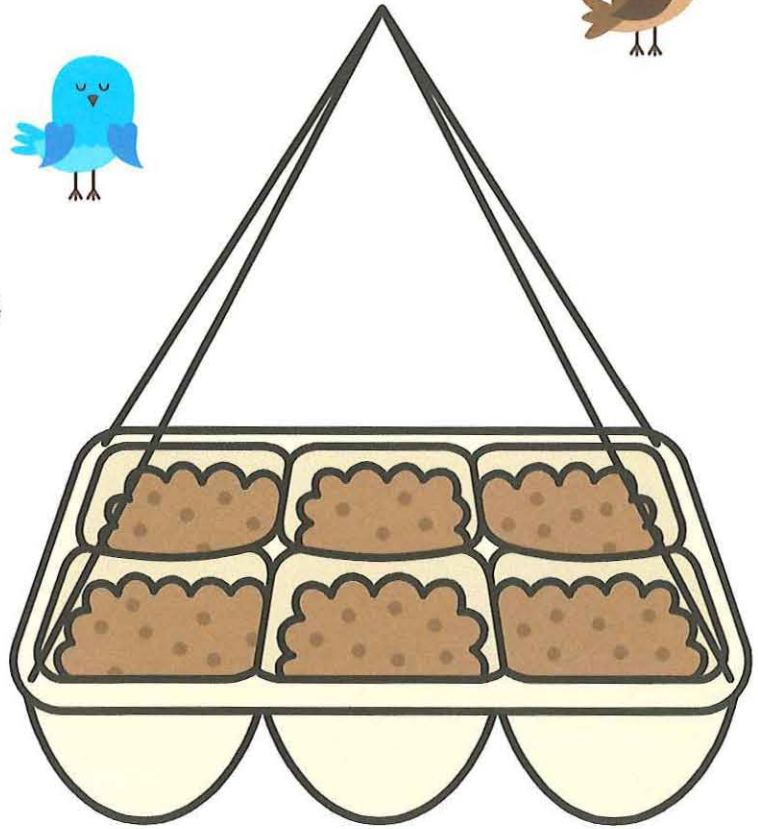
OPTION 2

Egg Carton Feeders

Ahead of time: Remove the top of each egg carton to be used for a feeder. Cut four pieces of yarn or string for each feeder.



Show the children a completed feeder. Give each of the children an egg carton. Using a paper punch, have them make one hole on each corner of the carton. Next, give them the pieces of string or yarn. Have them attach one string to each hole and tie them all together at the top. Then let the children decorate the outside of the feeders with stickers of birds or nature. Send each child home with a Ziploc bag of bird seed.





ACTIVITY

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Bird Seed Pictures

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bird seed, three different sizes
- Craft glue
- Small dishes for glue
- Paintbrushes
- Bird Seed Art (see p. 172 or Pinterest)

Show the children a completed project. Now give the children a simple line drawing of a bird. Give each child a small dish containing craft glue, a paintbrush, and three different types of bird seed. Next, show the children how to paint on the glue and then place the bird seed on the glued area. Encourage them to use one type of seed per section: millet for the eye and beak, mixed seed for the body, and striped sunflower seeds for the wing. However, let them be creative and fill in the picture any way they like. The pictures need to stay flat while they dry. Don't forget to write the children's names on the pictures.



Find Bird Seed Art at
[Pinterest.com/AdventSource](https://www.pinterest.com/AdventSource)



Bird Sounds Game

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Have the children get into a circle. Ask the children what bird sounds they can make. Here are some additional birds to have them mimic (show a picture of each bird):

Crow: caw, caw, caw

Robin: cheerio, cheerio, cheerio

Owl: whooo, whooo, whooo

Pigeon: coo, coo, coo

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ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Pictures of birds the kids will mimic





Closing

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MINUTES



Gather the children into a circle and ask them a specific question about what they learned during Eager Beavers. Say a prayer and then ask for an Eager Beaver to volunteer to pray for the group. Rejoin the rest of the Adventurers for the closing program.



Chip: Birds