

**Joyful Heart Learning in March**  
**2 Year Olds**

<p><b>Theme:</b> Birds</p> <p><b>Bible Memory:</b> Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.</p>	W3, D1	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> -Have You Seen Birds? By Joanne Oppenheim -Read and discuss Matthew 6:25-27</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Go out into your backyard or nearby park and do some birdwatching. Take binoculars; discuss colors seen, sounds heard, etc.</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> -Read <u>Counting is For the Birds</u> by Frank Mazzola -Play Bird Lotto – match bird pictures to the same picture on a bingo card.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Make a bird feeder and hang it. Observe the birds!</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Birds'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit an aviary.</li> <li>• Make a graph with the different birds commonly seen in your backyard. Have the child color in one square or place a sticker dot in one square each time he/she sees that bird during a set observation time. Recount and discuss more, less, etc.</li> <li>• Sort and pattern using bird pictures/clipart.</li> </ul>
	W3, D2	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>Cradles in the Trees: The Story of Bird Nests</u> by Patricia Demuth</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Watch a video of a bird hatching</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> -Make Edible Bird Nests -Read <u>Ten Little Eggs</u> by Jean Marzollo -Sort bird cutouts by color</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Flap your arms and pretend to fly like a bird in your backyard. Gather twigs, leaves, etc, like a bird would do. Make a bird nest with playclay, sticks, pine needles, grass, and leaves.</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Pretty Nest' 'Fly, Young Birds, Fly'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sort and pattern using bird pictures/clipart.</li> <li>• Attach feathers to a bird cut out.</li> <li>• Learn the names to the parts of birds (breast, beak, eyes, head, feet, wing, tail, nostrils) and compare to human body parts.</li> </ul>
	W4, D1	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>What Makes a Bird a Bird?</u> By May Garelick</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> -Classify things that fly versus those that don't -Explore the properties of a feather and God's design</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> -Sort feathers by color and size -Measure with feathers</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Paint with feathers</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> '2 Little Blackbirds' 'Once I Saw a Little Bird'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attach feathers to a bird cut out.</li> <li>• Learn the names to the parts of birds (breast, beak, eyes, head, feet, wing, tail, nostrils) and compare to human body parts.</li> </ul>
	W4, D2	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>Unbeatable Beaks</u> by Stephen Swinburne</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> 'Beak' experiment – use edible bird seed mixture, tweezers, clothespins, toothpicks, and spoons</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Practice 1 to 1 correspondence with placing one egg in each nest, one worm in each bird's mouth, one bird in each nest, etc.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Make a bird seed collage</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> Review all songs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attach feathers to a bird cut out.</li> <li>• Learn the names to the parts of birds (breast, beak, eyes, head, feet, wing, tail, nostrils) and compare to human body parts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional Theme Related Stories:</b> <i>A Nest Full of Eggs</i> by Priscilla Jenkins, <i>From Egg to Bird</i> by Marlene Reidel, <i>From Egg to Robin</i> by Jan Kotke, <i>Birds of Indiana Field Guide</i> by Stan Tekiel, <i>Birds, Nests, and Eggs Take Along Guide</i> by Mel Borin, <i>About Birds: A Guide for Children</i> by Cathryn Sill</p>					