

## Bird Theme – Flock in for Fellowship

### **DEVOTIONAL/LESSON STARTERS & WORKSHOP IDEAS**

*Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.*

#### Do a study on...

- Do a study Psalm 91 (God's care)
- Do a study on worries. (Matthew 10:31)
- Do a study on praise and worship. (singing to the Lord)

#### Feathering our Nests

- Building godly homes
- Using the right materials (ingredients)
- Making home a soft place to land.

#### Finding our Wings and Taking Flight

- Building up our faith and trust in God
- Each step of faith makes us stronger and we start to feel our wings.
- A strong faith helps us "fly".

#### Nesting in Peace

- A dove is the symbol of peace.
- John 14:27
- Capturing the idea of "nesting" or relaxing in what Jesus gave us...His peace.
- Settling down and getting comfortable in giving our worries over to the Lord.

## Wings of Eagles

- Having an expectant faith
- Waiting on God
  
- Allowing God to renew our strength like new features (plumage) on an eagle
- Isaiah 40:31

## Birds of a Feather

- Building friendships with other Christians
- Relying on other Christians for prayer and encouragement
- Finding a friend that is a soft place to land
- Each person has unique "feathers" down to minute details.
- Friends come in all shapes, sizes, and colors.

## Study one or some of the stories from the Bible regarding birds.

- Ravens Feeding Elijah (1 Kings 17)
- Noah sending out a raven and a dove (Genesis 8)
- The quail in the wilderness (Exodus 16)

## Do a study on various birds mentioned in the Bible.

- There are quite a number of birds mentioned throughout the Bible.
- Choose several to look up and study as a group.
- Questions to answer
  - What type of bird is mentioned?
  - What do we know about this type of bird?
  - How is this bird portrayed in the passage?
  - What can you learn from this bird and Bible passage where it is found?

## Caged Birds and Captive Hearts

- Before we meet Christ, we were captives. We were in the prison of sin.
- Only Christ can set the captive free.
- He conquered death and the grave.
- Look what Jesus read from the Scriptures in Luke 4:17-29.
- When we are set free from the chains of sin, it gives us a new song to sing. (That being praise to Christ.)
- We in turn need to help set other captives free by sharing what Christ has done for us.

## Hiding in a Birdcage

- What is keeping you captive in your Christian life?
- What is holding you back from serving the Lord?
- What keeps you from singing praises to God?
- Is it your past? Guilt? Bad relationships? Sin in general?
- It's time to deal with it and let yourself out of the cage.

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