



BIRD WATER FEEDER

Children will learn how to care for birds and wildlife by creating a simple water feeder for their garden. Through this activity, they will explore stewardship, kindness, and God's love for all living creatures.

MATERIALS

- Option 1: Ground Bird Water Feeder
 - Large shallow plant saucer, foil tray, or bowl
 - Small stones or pebbles
 - Water
- Option 2: Hanging Bird Water Feeder
 - Shallow plastic plant saucer or recycled container
 - String, twine, or strong ribbon
 - Hole punch (adult assistance required)
 - Small stones or pebbles
 - Water



GROUND BIRD WATER FEEDER - OPTION 1

1. Find a quiet spot in the garden where birds can visit safely.
2. Place the shallow saucer or tray on level ground.
3. Add a few clean stones or pebbles. These give birds a safe place to stand while drinking.
4. Pour in fresh water until it covers the stones slightly.
5. Check the water every few days and refill as needed.
6. Clean the feeder regularly to keep birds healthy.

HANGING BIRD WATER FEEDER - OPTION 2

1. With adult help, make three evenly spaced holes around the edge of the foil saucer.
2. Thread equal lengths of string through the holes.
3. Tie the strings together securely at the top.
4. Add a few stones or pebbles to the saucer.
5. Hang the feeder from a tree branch in a sheltered location.
6. Fill with fresh water and watch for visiting birds.
7. Refill and clean the feeder regularly.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Australia we have a lot of native birds we love to care for, do you know any of them: Have any of you seen some of these or heard them sing before?
2. Share some of them from this list (show pictures if you have them)....
Rainbow Lorikeet, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Kookaburra, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Galah, Superb Fairy-wren, Australian Magpie, Crimson Rosella, Willy Wagtail, Eastern Rosella, Australian King-Parrot.
3. Where do these native birds like to find water?
4. What water ways, creeks, dams are around where you live?
5. What animals do you see drinking there? Our animals share water with each other....
6. Why do birds need water?
7. How are we helping God's creatures by making these feeders?
8. What birds do you think might visit your water feeder?
9. How can we care for other parts of God's creation?

