

Activity	Description	Program
Opening	Talk about how birds build their nests in different ways...in trees, on the ground, with stick and mud. Talk about how all birds are unique in calls , size and colours.	
Game	<p><b>Bird Buffet Game</b></p> <p>Assign each girl a different coloured bird (blue jay, blackbird, goldfinch, red-headed woodpecker). Each bird family decides on a distinctive call to make to each other. In a limited amount of time, each family tries to collect as much food as possible, but they can only collect “food” of its colour.</p> <p>Scatter little piles of coloured paper pieces around the room. In some places put several of some of the colours, one or none of others. When the game starts, the birds fly around the room looking for food. It takes two birds to carry a piece of food home to the nest. When a bird finds her coloured food, she must call another bird of her family to help her. They can take only one piece of food at a time back to the nest.</p> <p>When time is up the family with the most food wins.</p>	
Craft	<p><b>Rice Krispies Birds Nest Treats Recipe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 tablespoons butter or margarine</li> <li>○ 1 package (10 oz., about 40) regular marshmallows or 4 cups miniature marshmallows</li> <li>○ 6 cups Kellogg’s Rice Krispies cereal</li> <li>○ Small egg shaped candy such as chocolate eggs or jelly beans.</li> </ul> <p><b>What to do:</b></p> <p>Put in a large microwaveable bowl, the butter and marshmallows. Melt in microwave for approximately 2 minutes. Once they are large and puffy, give them a stir and add the cereal and stir until mixed well.</p> <p>Then give each girl a piece of parchment or wax paper to work on. Place a portion on the paper in front of each girl. Give the girls a small amount of butter to rub on their hands and then have them mold their mix into a nest shape. Then they can clean their hands and place some jelly bean eggs in the nest to complete.</p>	



Science

## **BALLON BIRDS**

### **YOU'LL NEED**

- 11" Balloons
- Clear tape
- Feathers
- Clothespins
- Sharpie marker

It's really simple to make the birds. First, blow up the balloon, twist the neck of the balloon closed and clip with a clothespin. Then draw your face on the bird. Next, pick two feathers for each wing and tape ends onto balloon. Don't add too many feathers or the birds won't fly as well because they're too heavy.

### **LET THE BIRDS FLY**

Now comes for the fun part! Just unclip the balloon and toss it upwards in the air. There was lots of giggling the first time we let the birds fly. And my daughter wanted to fly these over and over again.

### **THINK LIKE AN ENGINEER**

This is a good time to think like an engineer and start learning from trial and error. Some questions to ask:

- Does the placement of the feathers make a difference in how it

flies? Which works best?

- How many feathers does it take to make the bird too heavy to fly?
- What type of release gives the bird the most lift?
- How many birds can we fly at once?



From: <http://leftbraincraftbrain.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Whirly-Bird-Release-Left-Brain-Craft-Brain.jpg>

Songs

### **Penguins**

Have you ever seen  
 A penguin go to sea?  
 Take a look at me  
 A penguin you will see.  
 Penguins attention,  
 Penguins begin! *(repeat the song, moving right arm up and down)*

**Actions:** add, in succession, your right arm, left arm, right leg, left leg, nod your head.

### **I Had a Little Chicken**

*(source: "The World's Best Funny Songs", Esther J. Nelson, 1988; also found in "The Worm Song and Other Tasty Tunes", Janet Wilson, 1993.)*

*(to the tune of "Turkey in the Straw")*

Well, I had a little chicken  
 And she wouldn't lay an egg  
 So I poured hot water all around her leg  
 And the little chicken hollered and the little chicken begged  
 And the gosh darn chicken laid a hard boiled egg!

	<p>Well, I had a little chicken And she wouldn't lay an egg So I poured hot chocolate all around her leg And the little chicken hollered and the little chicken begged And the gosh darn chicken laid an Easter egg!</p> <p>Well, I had a little chicken And she wouldn't lay an egg So I poured gun powder all around her leg And the little chicken hollered and the little chicken begged And the gosh darn chicken laid a hand grenade!</p> <p>Extra verses..... Poured hot oil... laid a fried egg Poured chocolate... laid a Cadbury egg Poured beet juice... laid a pickled egg Poured some some milk... laid scrambled eggs Poured some some dye... laid Easter eggs</p> <p>From: <a href="http://dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/songbook/songs5/S5_119.htm">http://dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/songbook/songs5/S5_119.htm</a></p>	
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