

**Good Parents tell us what not to do to keep us safe
Great Parents help us find things to do, things like:**

BIRD PUTTY

Mix 5 Tablespoons cornmeal and one Tablespoon peanut butter very very well. Then add one tablespoon melted lard, Crisco or bacon grease and mix a second time. The putty can be shaped into balls and fed anywhere, on a window ledge, a tree trunk or a home made feeder. The wise child will put some where he sees the birds for the first day. The second day he will put it where he wants the birds to be...like his window sill. No school should be without some. Maybe a teacher would buy a tub so the whole class could watch the birds???

The thing about birds is that God takes such good care of them. He knows where every single bird is flying, or sitting or eating. He also knows where you are. Just like he is busy growing seeds and grasshoppers to feed the different kinds of birds he is busy preparing every single thing you need. Just like he gave birds wings to fly away from bad things and scary things he gives you wings too. One of your wings is called Trust, the other is called Obey. Using these two wings you can fly straight to God and tell him about any problem you have. If your wings aren't very strong call someone at church to pray with you? Here are some questions you might ask them:

- 1. Do you think God loves you?**
- 2. Could birds find food without God helping them?**
- 3. Do you think the birds are ever afraid?**
- 4. Are you ever afraid?**

Make a book of these answers by folding a piece of typing paper in half and writing one question on each of the four sections. Record the answers your prayer partners give and save your book.

Birds of the air are a lot like the children in homeless shelters and family abuse shelters. If there is a shelter in your area perhaps you could make copies of this scripture and drop some off. Perhaps you could invite one of these children to come to your church or prayer group and personally give his or her prayer requests?

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