Birds

Children are captivated by the world around them, especially animals! Since birds are easy to find outdoors, children have a natural opportunity to learn more about their colors, sounds, and unique movements.

**Ideas & Tips**

- Pretend you are a bird. Stretch out your arms like wings and pretend to fly around the room. Fly your baby around in your arms, too!
- Have a “conversation” with your child by making bird noises back and forth. Try mimicking different types of bird sounds.
- Use feathers or bird nests for sensory play and talk about their colors and textures.
- Make homemade wild bird food and place it in your backyard. Observe what kind of birds visit your garden.
- Go to a park or a pond and watch for different types of birds. Talk about their colors, different sizes, and their many sounds. Imitate the bird calls you hear.

**More Books**

- *Beautiful Birds* by Jean Roussen
- *Birds* by Kevin Henkes
- *Early Bird* by Toni Yuly
- *Feathers for Lunch* by Lois Ehlert
- *Hooray for Birds!* by Lucy Cousins

**Two Little Blackbirds**

(Pretend hands are blackbirds. Make each “fly away” and “come back.”)

Two little blackbirds

Sitting on a hill,

One named Jack and

One named Jill.

Fly away Jack,

Fly away Jill.

Come back, Jack!

Come back, Jill!

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