

DATE: Feb. 4, 2026

SERIES: ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE!

TOPIC: “Look at the Birds!” (Vision)

GETTING STARTED

- **WELCOME!** Anyone NEW tonight? Be sure they get supplies (if REGISTERED)
For those who are visiting with a friend, they can get supplies once they officially register.
- **TAKE ATTENDANCE!** If you have any students on your roster who did not show, please make notes. Also, if anyone knows them, please text them!
- **PLEASE GET A HEAD COUNT FOR THE UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT (SATURDAY, FEB. 14!)**

CONNECTION QUESTION

- Have ONE STUDENT in your group pick a question to start! (see the Connection sheet)
 - **OR go around and share HIGHS/LOWS**
 - **Talk about your Superbowl predictions or plans for watching the game (or not!)**

SMALL GROUP COVENANT!

- Take time to REVIEW what you included in your group covenant!
 - **Remember, what is spoken in your small group, stays in your small group.**

WEEKEND WORSHIP JOURNALS

- Please make sure everyone has a Weekend Worship Journal! NEW journals are available at the leader table. If any students finish all 10 notes, please remind them there is a PRIZE for doing so and it can be redeemed at the leader table (if they bring their completed journal.)

OVERVIEW for TONIGHT!

- We can learn so much about God, simply by looking at the birds!
 - Jesus was teaching about worry and said, **“Look at the birds.”**
 - The birds don’t go to the grocery store, or own a fridge...
 - Yet God still feeds them!
 - And how much more valuable are YOU then the birds? (A LOT!)
 - **How many kinds of birds can your group name in under a minute?!?**

Takeaway: **Jesus loves YOU!** (And tells you DO NOT WORRY!)

If God provides for the birds (and he does!) then he will certainly provide for you as well!!

The Bible is full of many powerful stories about birds and we can grow in our faith as we follow the instructions of Jesus and, “look at the birds!”

OPEN YOUR BIBLES!

- **Remind students to bring their Bibles EVERY Week!**
- **NOTE:** encourage students to work together & find the pages. **HIGHLIGHT** each verse!
 - **(NEW TESTAMENT - Gospel) Matthew 6:25-34 (page 1128)**
 - In verse 26, what does Jesus do? (Look at the Birds!)
 - Why do you think he says that?
 - **What have you seen people getting the most worried about lately?**
 - Are you aware of how much you worry?
 - What do you do when you get worried?
 - **REMEMBER THIS VERSE! (Philippians 4:6-7)**
 - **READ & HIGHLIGHT Genesis 8:11 (page 13)**
 - What bird is mentioned in this passage? (DOVE!)
 - What is the bird holding? (an Olive Branch!)
 - The water is receding, it's time for a new beginning...
 - The Olive Branch is often considered a sign of PEACE!
 - **Is there anyone YOU need to make PEACE with? (like a new beginning)**
 - What's the first step you can take in the peace process?
 - **READ & HIGHLIGHT Luke 12:6-7 (page 1235)**
 - What bird is mentioned in this passage? (SPARROWS!)
 - Do they seem very expensive? (NO.)
 - ***"Yet God does not forget a single one of them."***
 - Without mentioning names, have you ever felt left out or forgotten?
 - How did that make you feel?
 - Even so, GOD DOES NOT FORGET YOU! HE LOVES YOU!
 - **Brainstorm some ideas for how you can be on the lookout for others this week who might be feeling left out, or forgotten... what can you do to include them?**

PRAY TO END THE NIGHT!

- ASK: if a STUDENT wants to lead the prayer?
 - IDEAS: Prayers of Gratitude or the Lord's Prayer or a Blessing over group!

CHECK OUT AT THE LEADER TABLE!

- Please take a moment to return your folder (and roster attendance) to the leader table.
 - If you have feedback or notes, please leave those with us as well!!

THANK YOU!! HAVE A GREAT REST OF YOUR WEEK!