



PRAISING SONGBIRDS

Ezra 3:11 tells us that the Jews sang to the Lord in praise and thanksgiving when the temple foundation was laid. Birds love to sing to the Lord, too. That's why we call them songbirds! We can sing praise to the Lord just like the songbirds do!

YOU WILL NEED:

- Aluminum Foil
- Brush for Glue
- Masking Tape
- Colored Feathers
- ¼" Diameter Straws
- ¼" Bamboo Skewer or Wooden Dowel
- Black Marker
- Plastic Cup
- School Glue
- Scissors
- Water
- Toothpick
- Craft Knife
- Hot Glue Gun



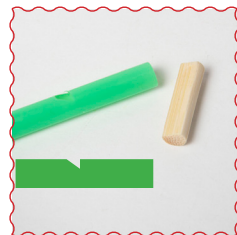
DIRECTIONS:



1. Cut a 1" piece from the bamboo skewer. Carefully pare off a thin strip to make the piece flat on one side.



2. Make a cut in the straw one inch from the end, then cut in at a 45 degree angle to take out a small piece.



3. Slide the piece of skewer into the end of the straw. If it doesn't fit, pare away a little more of the bamboo.



4. Pinch the bottom of the straw shut and blow into the top that has the skewer inside.



5. You should hear a whistling sound. If it doesn't work the first time, try adjusting the size of the hole using a new straw. When it whistles, you can glue the skewer piece in place.

6. Form the body of a bird from aluminum foil. Cut off the tip of the bamboo skewer and 2 small pieces to form the beak and eyes. Attach them to the bird's head.



7. Cover the body all over with small pieces of masking tape. Mount the bird on a toothpick.



8. Glue some feathers on the bird's tail.



9. Trim small pieces of the soft down from the feathers. Apply glue all over the bird's body, except the beak and eyes. Roll the bird in the down pieces.



10. Gently press the fluff to the body until the body is all covered.



11. Glue a few feathers to the sides for wings. Color the beak and eyes with a black marker. Glue a small piece of straw on the outside of the cup and place toothpick bird into the straw.



12. Pour water into the glass. Put the end of the whistle into the top of the water and blow. Enjoy whistling like a songbird.