

Magpies are unique birds because they like to repeat sounds they hear from other birds, people, and even things like sirens! Did you know that when something is repeated, it's easier to remember? When we hear God's words, let's repeat them

to everyone we meet (Isaiah 43:10).

## YOU WILL NEED:

Marker

Ruler

- Paint Brush
- Cord or String

Scissors

- Cardboard
- Pencil
- Paper
- Craft Knife Dowel
  - - Awl

## **DIRECTIONS:**



1. From cardboard, cut out one body and two wings using the template\*. Paint the magpie and let dry.



5. String the ends of the cord through the body and the top of the second wing.



9. Mark two dots 2"-3" apart where one wing is touching the spine of the book; dots should be front to back and center of the wing. Poke two holes in the dot of that wing.



2. Poke holes with an awl on all parts of the magpie using the template.



6. Tie the ends of the cord underneath the second wing. Leave enough slack allowing the wings to move freely.



10. Place the other wing behind the first wing together, then poke matching holes into the other wing.



3. Cut about 20" of cord. Thread the end of the cord through each hole on one wing, coming up from the bottom. Pull both cord ends to take up the slack.



7. Cut off 30"-40" of cord. Slip the end of the cord through the hole in the belly of the magpie. Tie a knot.



11. Cut two cords 30"-40" long. Thread the cord through the holes on the wings, from the bottom up.



4. The ends of the cord come out the top.



8. Place two books the same size next to each other, 5"-6" apart. Place the magpie with its wings spread on top of the books, so it is suspended between them.



**12.** Tie the ends of the cords to a dowel, approximately 12"-14" apart. Tie the dowel to the ceiling or shelf. The magpie will flap its wings when you pull and release the cord on the magpie's belly. Have fun watching your magpie flapping his wings!

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