# Day 4 Design Day

# A Closer Look at God's Handiwork

#### **BIBLE PASSAGE**

Selected Scriptures

#### **APOLOGETICS CONTENT**

Does every creature have a Creator?

#### **INCREDIVERSE**

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.... Great are the works of the LORD. Psalm 111:1–2.

#### **ECHO PHRASE**

It couldn't just happen. God made them that way!

#### **LESSON AIM**

As children learn about birds, they will praise their Creator, trust the Bible, and know the creatures of this world couldn't have just happened. They were designed by God!



# MIDWAY GAMES

Coop-de-Loop

#### **SUPPLIES**

☐ Sidewalk chalk

#### No Pre-Prep

#### **CLASS TIME DIRECTIONS**

Kids use chalk to draw roller coaster pathways on the pavement, which they then follow on foot. They can also ride along the pathways on riding toys, if you'd like.

# Indoor Option: Paper Airplanes

#### Supplies

☐ Sheets of paper

#### No Pre-Prep

#### **CLASS TIME DIRECTIONS**

Airplanes may be marvels of flight, but they are nothing like the original flying kinds that God created! In fact, birds in flight were the inspiration for the invention of airplanes. God thought of flight first! Have the kids try their hand at making some paper airplanes and having paper airplane races. Search the Internet for "paper airplanes" for designs if you need to remember how to fold them. Just be careful that nobody throws their planes at anyone else so there are no eye injuries.

# CONCESSION STAND

## Thrills & Chills

#### INGREDIENTS

☐ Ice pops or ice cream bars

#### FRUIT NECTAR INGREDIENTS

☐ Any orange-colored drink, 1 quart for every 5 children

#### No Pre-Prep

#### TEACHING TIE-IN

Pray for the snack. As everyone munches, say:

These chilly snacks can remind us of our animal pal for the day: Terner the Arctic tern. Arctic terns live in areas that are really cold. They are small birds. One bird weighs the same as 20 US quarters. Yet God has given these birds the amazing ability to fly from the Arctic to Antarctica and then return to the same spot where it was hatched in the Arctic! Instead of flapping their wings to fly the entire way between the poles, these birds glide much of the way. They are even able to sleep while they glide! If you'd like to catch them while they migrate, you'll need to take a trip out on the ocean. They prefer to fly over water so that they can catch their food from the sea while they migrate. We can praise our amazing Creator for his amazing design of this amazing bird!



### Materials

- ☐ Toasted oat cereal, ¼ cup per child
- $\square$  Colored chenille stems, 1 or 2 per child
- ☐ Small paper plates, 1 per child

# Tools and Basic Supplies

□ ¼ cup measuring cup

## Pre-Prep

- 1. Make several sample Bitty Bird Feeders in different shapes and colors for the kids to see.
- 2. Measure out ¼ cup of toasted oat cereal onto paper plates for each child.

# Teaching Tie-In

Show the sample craft and say:

Birds can fly because God made them so they can. They are super light, with light bones, no teeth, and light feathers. God thought of everything. Isn't God incredible?

#### Class Time Directions

- 1. Take a chenille stem and make a very small loop at one end.
- 2. Starting at the other end, thread the pieces of cereal onto the chenille stem until all but the last 3 inches of the stem is covered.
- 3. Form a hook with the last 3 inches of the chenille stem.
- 4. If desired, gently bend the finished bird feeder into a corkscrew, a circle, or other some other shape.
- 5. Take home and hang on a tree limb or somewhere in the yard for the birds to enjoy.

# Tip Corner

- Have extra toasted oat cereal on hand for additional bird feeders—or snacking!
- Remind the kids to dispose of the bird feeder after the birds have eaten all the cereal.

