

## **Children's Message for June 21 2020**

**Objects: Binoculars and pictures of or a book showing various birds**

### **Scripture: Matthew 10:29-31**

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

### **Message**

What are some hobbies that people enjoy (allow for responses)? Reading, collecting, knitting, and photography are popular hobbies. Some people like to build model cars or airplanes. Others may enjoy outdoor activities like hiking or fishing. What is your favorite hobby right now?

Do you think God has a hobby? If he did, do you know what I think it might be? Bird watching! If I use my imagination, I can see God looking over the world with a pair of binoculars. (Look through the binoculars.) Perhaps he has a book with pictures of all the beautiful birds that he has created and is trying to see how many of them he can find at one time. I can almost hear him saying, "there's a robin and a cardinal. Oh look there's an Eagle and there's a hawk. There's a sparrow. Of course he would see a sparrow because there are millions of them. We've all seen them, common and ordinary sparrows. God must love them because he has created so many of them.

One day Jesus was teaching his disciples that they should not be afraid. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Two sparrows are sold for a penny, but not a single one falls to the ground without God knowing it. So don't be afraid because you are even more valuable than a whole flock of sparrows." When we are afraid or worried we can talk to God about what's troubling us because he cares about each of us. Even when we are sad or lonely, God still cares, because we are even more precious to him and we know how much he loves all of the many sparrows and other birds.

### **Prayer**

Dear God, we know that we are precious to you. Thank you for loving us and caring for us. Help us to care and love others too. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Optional Activity**

**Bird Feeder/Bird Watching: Pine cone, peanut butter (or nut free butter, if allergies – soy or sunflower butter), bird seed, binoculars**

Have the children spread a pine cone with the butter and sprinkle or roll it in bird seed and tie a string around the end and hang it from a tree in your yard. Alternatively, you could engage the children in bird watching with binoculars while sitting outside in your yard. See how many birds you can find and name.

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