

Bird Feeder

Note: Be sure there are no peanut allergies before doing this activity. If there is a problem with peanuts, you can use vegetable shortening instead of peanut butter and birdseed mix without peanuts.

Materials

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening divided into several bowls
- Stale bread slices—one per student
- Yarn and yarn needle
- Birdseed
- Plastic knives
- Paper plates
- Paper towels
- Plastic sandwich bags



Instructions

Before class begins, prepare the stale bread for each student. Use a yarn needle to thread a 12-inch piece of yarn through the bread (or have students do this in class if you have enough yarn needles). Tie the ends together, making a loop to use for hanging the finished bird feeder.

Divide peanut butter (or shortening) into several bowls for students to share. Lay out one piece of stale bread with yarn attached and one plastic knife on a paper towel for each student. Pour birdseed onto a paper plate for each student and have them spread the seed out to cover the plate surface.

The students will spread peanut butter (or shortening) onto one side of their slice of bread then lay the bread onto the birdseed on their plate, pressing it down until the seeds stick to the peanut butter. Have them repeat with the other side so both sides are covered in birdseed.

Put the finished feeders into plastic bags marked with students' names.

Suggested Discussion

When you get home, find a good place in your yard to hang up your bird feeder. Pretty soon, the birds should find it, and you can watch them eat from it. When we care for animals, we are being good stewards of God's creation.