



Natural Bird Feeder

Subject: Feeding birds

Grade Levels: Pre-school – 5th grade

Time: 10-15 min

Audience Size: 10 (but can be adjusted to any size)

Objectives:

- Students will make a bird feeder out of natural materials

Materials:

- 5 oranges
- (1) 32 oz jar peanut butter
- (1) 16 oz bag of bird seed
- (1) Large bowl
- (10) pieces of 12" string made of natural materials
- Knife for adults to cut oranges
- Spoons to scoop out inside of oranges
- Paper towels (for cleanup)

Introduction:

Do any of you have birdfeeders at your house? Do you think it's important to help feed birds? When is it especially important to feed birds? (During wintertime their food sources can be limited or covered with snow.) Today, you're going to make a birdfeeder that you can take home and hang outside your home.

Procedure:

1. First, explain that we're going to start with an orange. (They may give some strange looks.)
2. Have adults cut the oranges in half and give each child a half.
3. Give each child a piece of string.
4. Have each child scoop out the inside of the orange—they can eat this!
5. Have adults poke 2 small holes in either side of the orange. Slip the string through the holes. Tie the string together...this will be used to hang the orange on a tree branch.

6. Pour the birdseed in the bowl along with the peanut butter. Have the children use their hands to mix the seed and peanut butter together.
7. When mixed, have the children scoop out some of the birdseed/peanut butter mixture and fill their orange half with it.
8. Explain that the bird feeders are now done, and they can take them and hang them on a tree branch at their home. Now they can do their part to help wildlife in their neighborhood!
 - a. Remind students that they should retrieve the string once the bird feeder has been emptied. They can then reuse that string to make a new feeder.