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# In my Father's **HOUSE** there are many mansions

## Bible Verse of the Week

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3



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DECORATION

During this week we will learn about the lives of seven wonderful birds which we can relate to seven extraordinary parents of the Bible. Therefore the overall decor should be oriented to a forest with different trees and seven nests. These will be discovered every day. Make nests as real as possible, using the same materials birds use or something very similar. the amount of each bird lays eggs will also be placed.

Try to get explorer equipment which you could use to dress up a child. Club uniforms are effective.



# Extraordinary builders



## BIRD: WEAVER BIRD

### BIBLE TEXT:

"Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name." Genesis 2:19

THEME SONG: (pending)

Have you ever imagined how birds build their nests? What materials do they use? And why vary the size and structure of each of the different nests we see? This week I invite you, so that together, we become explorers to the world of birds and we can discover the extraordinary qualities that our Creator gave each of them. Will you accompany me to find the first bird?

We are in this beautiful forest, look how many trees are around us! But if you look carefully at each one, you will see the beautiful construction that are in each one. All nests are different, they have very nice shapes and some are very resistant. That tells me that all birds are different, and therefore have different needs and why their nests vary from each other. It is the same with us. Human beings are different and we build our houses depending on the weather needs that exist in the location. For example, my house is different from those of the Eskimos, who build igloos to live because they live in a cold place; or to those who live in Japan, who have very different forms and structures from ours, right?

<http://www.naturalezacuriosa.com/pajaros-tejedores-asi-cosen-sus-nidos-video/>  
How amazing is how and precision with which they make their nest!



Did you notice how the weaver bird began to build its nest? Yes, he tied the first strand of branch in the trunk, even seems to make knot, and so he goes adding the following strands or long threads to the branches and begins giving it its oval shape. Do you know why the nest's entrance is underneath? It is to protect the nest from rain, and to make sure there is no moisture in it. Who taught the weaver bird how to build his nest? Only God the Creator. It is admirable and, you know, what I admire most is that the male is weaving the nest, in the interest of attracting the bride to his house.

Another quality of this beautiful bird is they are very sociable. They build their houses very close to each other. We could say that a tree would be a real neighborhood. These birds do not make too much noise when building, you know why? Because they do not sing, they chirp only. This reminds me of the story of some very hard-working men who built a beautiful and elaborate home for their father, and like these birds they did not make much noise during the construction. Let's go to the book containing the most extraordinary stories that exist. It is the Bible, in the book of 1 Kings, 6.

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The father of King Solomon was King David, who always had the desire to make a house of worship to God. But God would not let him and told him that his son Solomon would do it. Solomon was the wisest king ever. During his reign the people of Israel experienced their best period; they enjoyed peace, a good standard of living, so much so that the silver was so common that if they saw it lying on the ground the people would not pick it up, in the same manner as we see stones.

After four years of his reign, Solomon thought he already had the necessary conditions to build the temple that his father had longed for. So he hired a very clever man named Hiram, who in turn hired more than one hundred twenty thousand people for different tasks to build the great temple. Can you imagine all those men working? It would be a terrible noise, right? But what is surprising is that it was not. The work was very difficult because there was no construction facilities as there are today, such as the machinery and rapid construction materials. It took four years to gather all the necessary materials. Every stone and every piece of metal or wood were prepared in advance with the exact size and shape, then it would be placed in the correct location. It was placing one stone on another, so that it fit perfectly. The result was that during the construction work, no noise of hammers could be heard, or chisels or any other tool (1 Kings 6: 7). As the work progressed people felt amazed, because it was more majestic than what they could have imagined. Everyone worked with great dedication, respect and reverence for their heavenly Father.

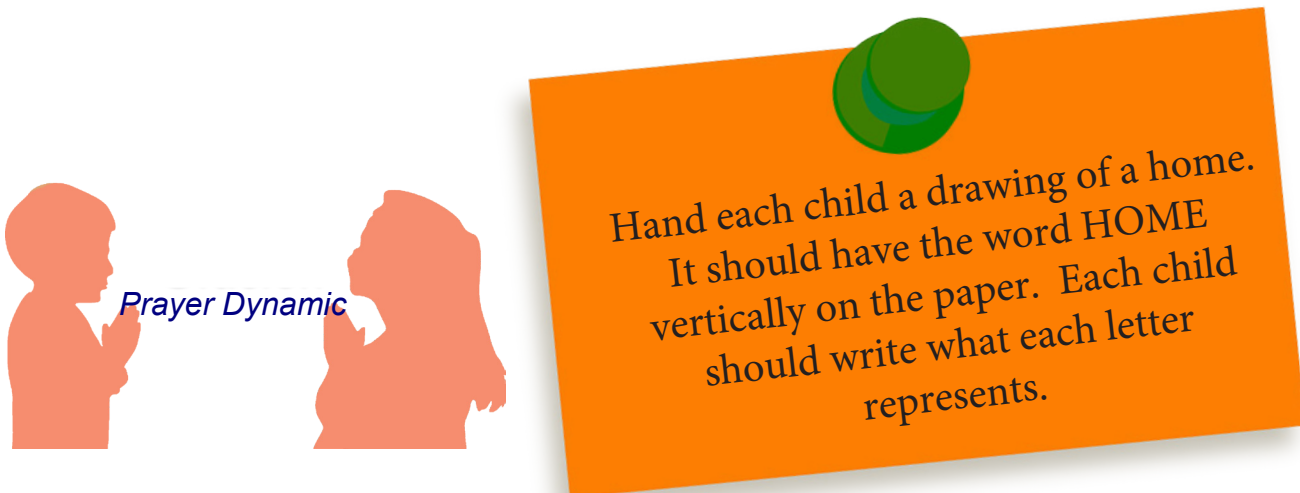


After seven years everything was built as God had indicated (1 Kings 6:38). It was the most beautiful temple ever built! Then King Solomon brought the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments given to Moses.

A big party for the temple dedication was held, many people came from all areas to admire such a big and beautiful construction. The whole ceremony was accompanied by music of trumpets and cymbals. Solomon, who was very moved, made a prayer to God of thanksgiving for His presence and the opportunity he was given to complete the dream of his father David. When King Solomon finished praying God sent fire from heaven and consumed the burnt offerings; this was proof that He was satisfied with his work.

There were seven days of great celebration for the dedication of the temple. Then all returned to their homes and the king returned to his palace with the certainty that God was with him. Both the Weaver Birds and Solomon were motivated by love to make excellent constructions. The Weaver Birds build to find a mate and Solomon did it for the love of his father and respect for God. Love is the basis of everything.

Love for His children is what motivated our heavenly Father to build those beautiful palaces which He has prepared for us. How about if we read that precious promise made by Jesus? It is found in John 14: 1-3. How long will it take? We do not know, but He's putting all His care so that we can all enjoy these beautiful buildings.



Explain: Prayer is the key which opens the door to our celestial home, where God is living. Many times we do not know how to begin or end a prayer. The word home will help us remember the different parts of a Prayer. Let's write down their significance.

CONESS - We shall begin our prayer confessing our sins and recognizing before God that we have sinned.

ADORATION - Next we shall express to our heavenly Father how much we adore Him.

APPEAL - This is the central part of the prayer. Here we humbly ask what we need.

APPRECIATION - This is the final part of the prayer. Where we will praise His great generosity.

PRAYER - (Give the children a couple of minutes to practice the steps of prayer.)

Song:



# A HUMBLE PARENT



Bird: **LYREBIRD**

## BIBLE VERSE:

Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Matthew 10: 16

## THEME SONG:

We are very happy on this beautiful day because our God has filled us with so much natural beauty. Look at where I am! It is a beautiful Australian forest. These nests so delicately made by these wonderful birds make me remember the promise Jesus made to his disciples. Let us open our Bibles together and read it what John 14: 1-3. Okay, thank you. Let's keep looking for the bird which I want to talk to you about today. Would you like to help me? (Go to a voluntary child and have him/her wear the explorer's outfit). Let us put on your hat and scarf as part of the equipment explorer's use, because this week we are all explorers, right? I'll give you a clue: the nest we seek is rounded with a side entrance composed of sticks, leaves, ferns, palm trees, bark, lined with moss and other soft plant material, plus feathers. Nest building can last up to three months. The birds makes it in the treetops, they can also make their nest among the rocks in a dense forest in the dark to protect their chicks from predators. The cozy nest the build they make it with materials from their environment; for example with very resistant twigs, because this bird is one of the largest in the world and one of the most beautiful. The female lays a single egg and it is the color purple with brown spots, and it is domed shaped. So the nest we are looking for should only have one egg!

Which one of these will it be? Oh yeah! They are right here, it is this one because it has all the features we are looking for. Look at this beautiful egg, from this egg a beautiful bird called: LYREBIRD.

The Bird's name is because his lovely tail shaped instrument called the lyre, do you know it? I'll show you a picture of this charming instrument. It is a stringed instrument that has a beautiful sound. Well, the tail of this bird is very elegant and in some places they give it the name of "The Proud Lyrebird". Their elegant tail consists of sixteen tail-feathers and the remaining two sides are reddish and chocolate, which is what gives it the shape of the lyre instrument; within it there are two protective feathers and the twelve that are left in the middle are long and delicate, resembling lace fabric. The tail takes seven years to develop, and only males possess them. But you know what is the most charming of this bird is not only its tail, it is famous for being an excellent imitator. Its small brain has the ability to record almost any sound it hears and plays it so well that the bird has deceived many. For example you can play the sound of a camera, the car alarm, the song of a donkey, the noise of a chainsaw, the chirping of other birds, the voices of pets like dogs, the neighing of a horse, and even the voice of a human!

Let's watch a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xY7g3QAWVAM>

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What do you think? It's amazing the ability that God has given the lyrebird imitating sounds, and has also dressed him so elegantly and such a majestic tail, right? There is no doubt that we have an extraordinary, powerful and sympathetic God. Just as the lyrebird, you all have a wonderful brain with which, if given proper use, can achieve what it proposes to do. And as the lyrebird has its unique beauty, all of us are also beautiful because we are created in God's image. The problem is when vanity beats us and we change into an ambitious person.

The lyrebird reminds me of a young man named Absalom. This story is found in the Bible in the book of 2 Samuel, 15 and 18.

In Absalom's Father's house they had everything a person like you would want to have. It was a precious house. Wait not a house ... it was a palace! How many of you would like to live in a palace? Well, that is possible if we persevere because remember our verse this week (John 14: 2). Our heavenly Father is preparing us beautiful palaces!

What do you think Absalom's house looked like? Absalom's father, King David, had equipped it with everything necessary for their young children to live comfortably, with the same love as a father bird builds its nest. He had very comfortable furniture, clothes, shoes, best food, cars, toys, special teachers and everything you can imagine that existed at that time.

Absalom was a very lucky young man because not only did he have a beautiful house but he was endowed with an extraordinary beauty, so the Holy Bible records in 2 Samuel 14: 25 and 26. "In all Israel there was no man so admired for his beauty, he was perfect from head to toe.



He had such a heavy hair that once a year he would cut it off, and according to the official measure, his cut hair weighed four and a half pounds.

But all these virtues spoiled him. He was very handsome outside but inside, his heart, his mind, were evil, devoid of love, respect, empathy. He did not care if the people that his father ruled needed food, water or a hospital. He became a very ambitious person, wanted to have great wealth and power. And you know, the saddest part of this story is that he aspired to the throne of his father David and made plans to dethrone his own father and appointed himself king.

So he worked in his mind and thought: How I can make the people want me more than my father and would want me to be the king of Israel? And you know, children, it came to him to do exactly what the lyrebird does to attract his bride, yes, he would imitate his father David!

So every day Absalom got up early and went every morning at the front door of the city to talk with people heading to the palace, asking about their problems and saying that there was no one in the royal court that could serve them nor dispense justice. He would say:

Who will give me power to be judge on this earth! And hugging people, he gave them what they asked, implying that he was better than his father. And so, by imitating his father, he was conquering the heart of the village.

Shortly afterwards, when Absalom realized that he had enough support, he sent a group of people to proclaim for all the tribes of Israel: Absalom has been proclaimed king!

When King David heard he was very sad and decided to leave the palace so that the city would not become a battlefield. It was a very sad day for King David and for many people who loved him.

As Absalom entered Jerusalem with his army and occupied the throne of his father. Along with other people he planned to fight and kill his father along with his army. David was helped by many people who hid him for Absalom and his army would not find him.

When the day of the battle came in which the two armies would fight for their king, David gave an order showing that a father never ceases to love their children no matter what harm they have done. He told them:

- Please do not do any harm to my son Absalom.

Absalom's army was not as strong as the army of King David, so they could not resist and when Absalom was fleeing the battle he was the victim of a rare accident: the horse he was riding, as they went under a leafy tree, his hair got caught on the branch and the horse ran, leaving Absalom stuck.

Then a soldier named Joab, with whom Absalom had behaved very badly, did not think twice about killing him and disobeyed what the king had ordered, and taking three arrows he killed the ungrateful son of his king.

When the faithful army of the king came triumphant, David asked: How is my son Absalom? The response was:

- May God let all your enemies and those who rebel against the king, my Lord, happen to them what happened to Absalom!

Then David got the message and dressed in mourning and crying and screaming: My son Absalom! Absalom, my dear son!

In James 4: 6 it says, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." God gave grace to King David so he could endure the loss of a child and continue to rule his people. You also like Absalom are a privileged child, perhaps you do not live in a beautiful palace or do not possess the standards of beauty that the world imposes. But you have a heavenly Father who loves you more than David loved Absalom. And for that reason He has made us a wonderful promise found in John 14: "For I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me"

How extraordinary! The best designer in the world is preparing for us beautiful mansions we can all live. Scripture says that "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" -- the things God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor. 2: 9). Can you remember the most beautiful house that your eyes have seen? Well, in heaven you will have a house a thousand times more beautiful "where moths and vermin do not destroy" (Matthew 6: 20). I'm sure that what will make that place be more beautiful is the sweet presence of our Savior



Prepare a special nest where you will have only the shell of several eggs (you may get the plastic ones, opened in half).

**SAY:**

This is our prayer corner. There are two eggs that will indicate the reason for prayer today. So let's get some eggs and we will read the prayer requests; then we will pray for families.

1. Let's pray that God makes us humble so that we may recognize our defects and errors.
2. Let's pray to obey the 5th Commandment. Honour our Father and Mother.

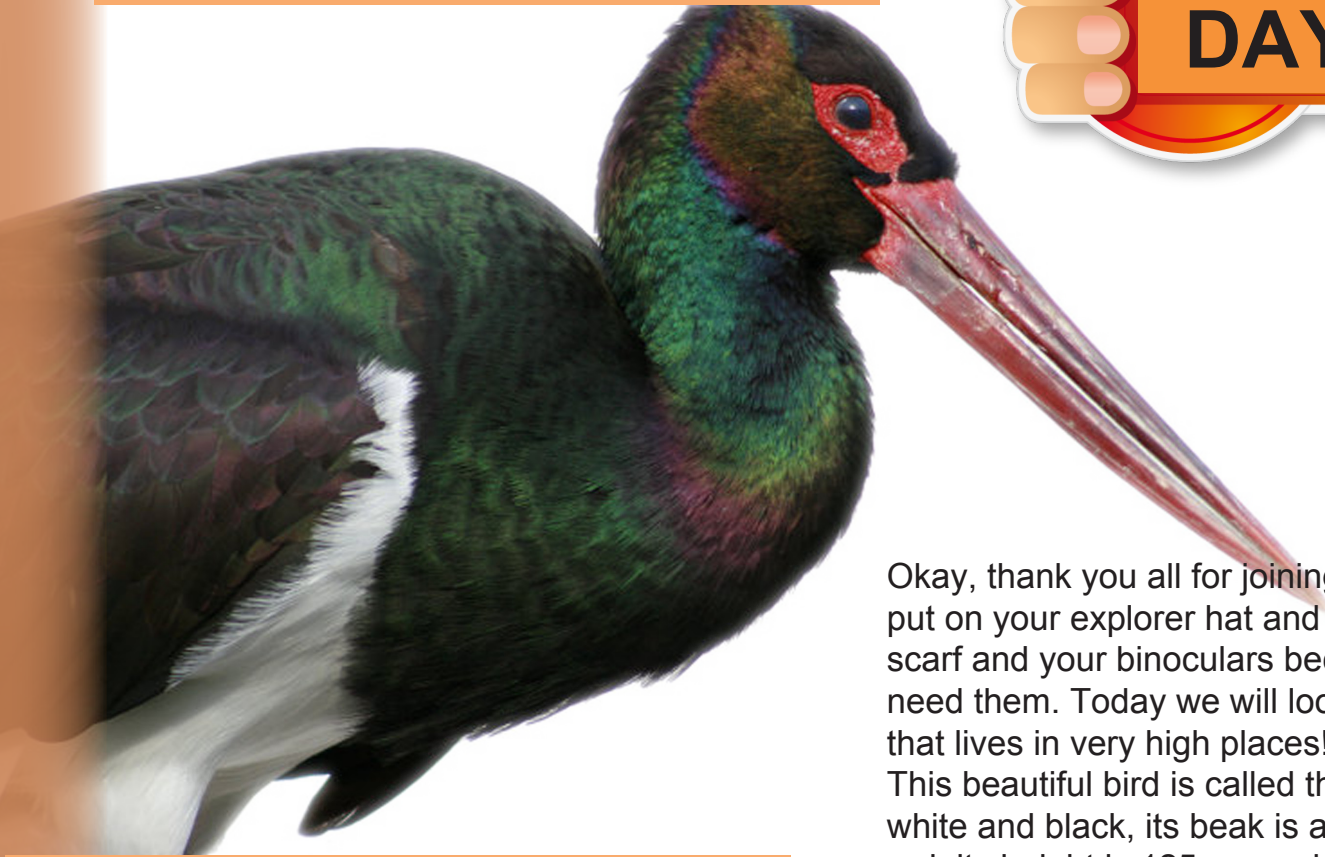
Theme song



# A Forgiving Father



**DAY 3**



Bird: **THE STORK**

## **BIBLE VERSE**

John 14: 1-3.

Good day to all. I'm glad to be back with you. What about if before we start with the topic we open our Bible and read the valuable promises of Jesus. Verse 1 the boys will read, Verse 2 the girls will read and verse 3 all together.

That was beautiful! Thank you. Today we will continue touring our forest, do any of you want to accompany me to explore between these trees?

Okay, thank you all for joining me; Let's put on your explorer hat and your explorer scarf and your binoculars because you'll need them. Today we will look for a bird that lives in very high places!

This beautiful bird is called the Stork. It is white and black, its beak is an intense red, its height is 125 cm and its wing span reaches up to 2 m. It is the largest birds that can be found and because of that their nests are very large and round. Do you know why most birds nests are round? Yes, some nests are cup-shaped, basket, ball, pan or bag. The sphere is the most stable geometric shape and can withstand the force subjected to largely by the weight of large birds like the stork. It is surprising to know that these nests last many years. God has given that wisdom to birds, to build these nests so strong. Have you found the nest we were looking for during our walk? Okay, it is that big one, we will try to get a closer look to observe its structure.

The one in charged to make the nest is the father and he chooses very high places to live, not necessarily a tree. These birds are very social as they enjoy the company of people, thanks to the stories that have been invented about babies. They like to make their nests in the dome of a church, in the tower of a castle or on top of a light pole (as seen in the image), on top of an antenna above the rooftops a house, etc.

They choose the place to live where they also can find food and water. The father begins to carry resistant sticks that will support and shape the nest. Then he will place on them smaller branches, plus herbs and mud branches, for a total diameter of 1.5m. In the center he leaves a cavity of 1 m to 2 m deep, which he shoves with soft materials such as moss, herbs, paper, pens. That's where the female will deposit her eggs. These nests are used for many years and every time it is used the dad is responsible for repair, what makes him add more materials; that makes them heavier. Over time these nests can weigh from 250 kilos to half a ton, which makes the roofs of houses endangered.

What do you think happens in some nests of these white storks? According to some studies done in Spain, a country where every year hundreds of migrating storks nest, 40% of the nestlings of these birds leave the nest of their parents when they are still small and do not complete their development. But this abandonment is not in order to become independent, because at that age the chicks are unable to survive alone in the wild. What they do is sneak chicks in the nests of other neighboring storks, hoping for a better attention than they had in the nest of their parents. Can you imagine when the poor father who built the nest with much love and work comes and suddenly finds it empty! He has to feel sad, don't you think? Perhaps this is one of the best examples of home abandonment from dissatisfaction among living animals that is recorded.

The book of Proverbs there is a verse that talks about this: "Like a bird that flees its nest is anyone who flees from home." (Proverbs 27: 8)

And you know this behavior of the young storks, brings to my mind the story of a son who left his nest (home) and did the same with his father. Do you want to know the history? We find it in God's great book, the Bible. I invite you to open your Bibles to the book of Luke, chapter 15: 11

There was a father who had two children whom he loved with all his heart. He had built a beautiful very large home for his children to live happily, he equipped it with everything necessary for their convenience. Servants who served them night and day. These two children did not lack anything. However, the youngest one, eager to be free, told his father, "Give me the portion of the inheritance to which I have right! I want to leave this house, I want to know what's in the city, I want to enjoy life. " How sad this poor dad must have felt! Of course he did not agree, but the great love he had for this son had him accede to his request.

Then the father gave the money to the son, who took it and went to a city far away. The father was very sad and asked God for that child.



Instead, the young man when he reached the city quickly made new friends those of which helped him to spend the money, went to parties, games, shopping, etc. The day came when all the money his father had given him was spent.

When he was left with nothing, he sought out those friends to help him but no one wanted to help. Everyone had abandoned him. He sought and found work. The only work he found was to care for pigs. He became so hungry that he ate the food meant for the pigs!

Meanwhile in the house was the poor father, very sad, and he looked every day to see if he saw his beloved son walking down the path. He prayed to God for his son and asked Him to look after him and to let him have the joy of seeing his son again.

One day, the son felt completely alone and sad, and he began to remember his father's house and thought: Those who work for my father have plenty of food and here I am starving! But with what face am I going to ask for food, if I was an ungrateful son, I left my poor father who always took care of me; I am a fool, I knew not to hear his wise counsel, he was right.

Then he made a decision: (Luke 15: 18 and 19)

I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men." So he rose from the dust and made his way toward the house of his father.

The son was still far away when the loving father saw him and joyful ran to meet him, his eyes fill with tears when he saw his beloved son had returned. He filled him with hugs and kisses, and then the child began to say what he had been thinking: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you ...". The father did not let him get to the end, full of joy he spoke to the servants and said:

"Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again."

What great love this father had, willing to forgive the mistakes of the child and open again the doors of his house, which I'm sure had never closed for that child. I am also sure that our heavenly Father has the doors opened of our unimaginable home in heaven. How many beautiful things will be in it! It will be a big surprise for everyone. Every day he is looking forward to His children to return to heaven and be with him in His homeland. To sit at a long silver table, full of delicious fruits our palate have never tasted so rich a thing. Here we will also celebrate the Lamb's Supper to rejoice in the return of His children to their homeland.

The invitation is available to you today, would you accept it?



## Dinamica de Oración

Jesus is in heaven with purpose of bringing all people into his kingdom, He does not want to exclude anyone.

With this in mind:

When the kids came in they were given a bird to write the name of a person they want to see in heaven. All the remaining days of the week of prayer we will be putting a bird into this sky we have made. Afterwards we will have a special prayer for them.

Theme song:





# A WORKING FATHER



Bird:  
**Woodpecker**

## **BIBLE VERSE:**

Matthew 6:26

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Hello everyone! I am very happy to be here with you and enjoy the pure and fresh air of the forest. Let's take a deep breath before repeating our verse of this week to oxygenate our brain so we can remember our memory verse. I want to invite you to open your Bibles and read John 14. Verse 1 will be ready by the boys, Verse 2 by the girls and Verse 3 all together. Thank you!

It's nice to visit the beautiful nature that God has created. Do you know that nature is the second book, apart from the Holy Bible, which speaks of God's love? Yes. So are you ready to continue exploring the woods? I hear a noise, I wonder what it is? (Try to get the sound of a woodpecker working). Does anyone want to accompany me to discover what that noise is and find the nest today? Okay, thanks, Let's put on our explorer gear and we will continue investigating what that sound is. It does not stop! It sounds like someone is hammering something, but in the woods? It doesn't make sense does it.

(Place the image of a woodpecker in one of the trees of the forest bird, make a hole in it and place the woodpecker as if it was working)



Oh, look how beautiful, is a woodpecker! And it is working to build its nest. It has to feel excited because soon he will be a dad. Look at how much enthusiasm he has when he pecks the tree. Its beak is strong and straight and functions as a drill. He can make up to twenty pecks per second. God has given intelligence to these birds to know how to choose the tree for its nest. They do not choose any tree! In forests, where forest fires normally occur, they choose green trees, alive, which do not burn as easily as dead trees. And they offer more protection to their chicks. However these trees exude a thick, foul-smelling sap in any home that is made in the tree trunk.

This sap does not like any predator animal such as woodpeckers, snakes and other birds. So woodpeckers choose the bottom of the tree where the trunk is thicker, where there is more space for nesting, and he begins to peck very strongly and dig a deep

hole; the excavated nests are lined with the same wood chips that are falling (like sawdust) while the hole is being built. After finishing the woodpecker makes many other holes around the front door of the nest, so that the tree sap, which the other predators do not like, oozes out and thus protects the chicks. What an extraordinary way to make your nest! A nest consists of two to five eggs, which are white and round. Both mom and dad are responsible for incubating eggs, dad takes the night shift. The eggs are incubated between eleven to sixteen days before hatching. Then the baby birds will take between eighteen to thirty days before being ready to leave the nest.

Would you like to know something? The woodpecker excavates not only to make his nest, but also for food, as their diet consists of insects that live in trees as larvae, beetles and ants. When he goes looking for food he first listens carefully to the trunk. Locates the larvae by the noise they make while gnawing wood. Then begins to strongly hit the tree trunk to locate the hollow of the tree and then starts hammering where it is hollow and makes a hole. Then he will put his tongue inside the hole to "fish" for his lunch: the larva is impaled on his tongue, which is five times longer than the peak. It is also sharp and has a sticky glue like substance.

There is another species of woodpecker that we could say is a vegetarian! It is known as the Acorn Woodpecker. To have food during the winter he keeps a



enough provisions of acorns. He makes a hole in the tree and keeps only one acorn in each hole. Therefore there are hundreds of holes in the tree trunks to keep all their tasty acorns. After that he watches his pantry so that nobody will steal it.

How admirable is this bird. We could mention his qualities as: worker, considerate, cooperator (helps to hatch the eggs), he is a supplier and provider. And as we think these valuable qualities it brings me to my mind an excellent father that the word of God mentions. He had these characteristics and also was a carpenter. You know who I mean ?.

Come with me to open the word of God, the Holy Bible, in Matthew 1: 18-24.

His name was Joseph, a man highly regarded, along with Mary the mother of Jesus. He understood perfectly the difficult circumstances that crossed the dignity of Mary when she became pregnant without being married. He loved Mary and taking into account the request of the angel who explained all of God's plan, he decided to marry her.

God chose this simple man, a carpenter by trade so that he would be the earthly father of the son of the King of kings. God knew that by choosing Joseph as father of Jesus His Son would have a very humble life, no amenities and no frills. The King of heaven was lowered to show us that neither riches nor honors of the world, nor beauty can save a person. That's why God's plan was that his son was born in a humble stable. Joseph suffered when searching by all means a comfortable place for his son to be born. The son that his beloved wife was waiting for. And when he found a stable to rest what deception he must have felt! How is the Son of the Most High going to be born in such uncomfortable conditions and close to the animals!

It was strange, but he could sense the presence of the holy angels and that was better than the most comfortable hospital. Joseph cooperated in the best way for God's plans to come out ahead. Through dreams, God led him to protect the baby Jesus from people who wanted to hurt him. One night they had to leave the place where Jesus was born, from Bethlehem to Egypt; it was certainly a very tiring journey. Over 160 km that they had to travel on foot, under the intense heat of the day and leading the donkey who carried their most loved ones.

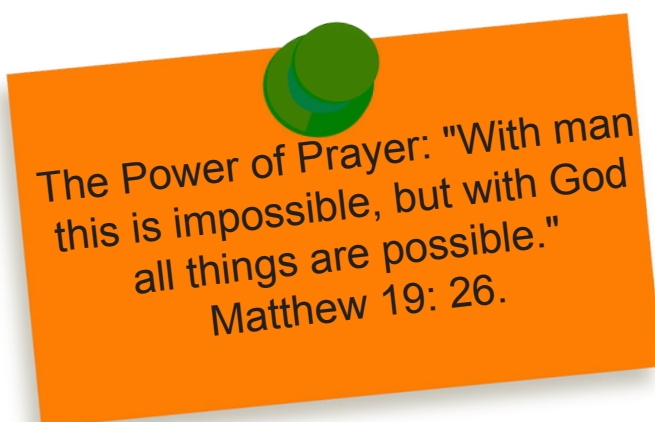
They got to Egypt and lived in that country until the day when the angel came to talk to Joseph and advised him to return to Israel. How happy they were to learn that they could now return to their land, with family and friends!

When they returned to Nazareth, Joseph opened his carpentry workshop, where he worked. He was a perfect worker. Everything he built he made with commitment and dedication he knew that it would provide the resources to feed his family.

He was a provider father who taught his child Jesus to use various woodworking tools, to develop well each part of the work: cutting wood, shaping, sanding, nail, paint and give shine to each piece built painstakingly with his hands.

He taught the hands of Jesus to be helpful, and advised him that the work should be performed accurately and carefully. Jesus worked in the carpentry workshop of Joseph with joy and he strived to be as perfect as possible.

You know, kids, our heavenly Father also has all the qualities of these two characters today. He is also a worker, considered a provider. Every day working at those beautiful mansions that not even our minds have the power to discern such beauty and the most exciting thing is that he is making provisions for all of us to dwell with Him! What a joy to know that we have a safe home in the sky. The only thing we have to do is be persistent and humbly accept the Son of God, Jesus as our personal Savior.



## NECESSARY MATERIALS

- \*A large nail
- \*A rubberband
- \*Two matchsticks

## DEVELOPMENT

1. Show a matchstick and break it. Say that this is also the frailty of a human.
2. The nail represents the strength and power of God.
3. Join the other matchstick and the nail with the rubber band, this represents prayer.
4. Through prayer we can join with Christ and have the power we need.

APPLICATION: A carpenter uses nails to do their job. He knows that the nails will give strength to perform. If you had a nail in your hands you think it would be easy to bend or break it? Of course not! And if you had a matchstick in your hands it would be very easy to break it, right? Of course, since it is very weak.

Now, if you put the matchstick next to the nail it would be very difficult to break.

The Bible says that "apart from Him we can do nothing." And he has given us prayer that we should be firm and strong when we are always with him. (Show stick and nail together with the rubberband).

Reason for prayer:

Pray that we remain united with Jesus and be strong Christians, full of faith, to continue waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# A LOVING FATHER

**DAY 5**



Hello everyone! I'm excited to continue and have you accompany me in this adventure we have started this week because really there are so many lessons to learn from the birds. Let us all together repeat John 14: 1-3.

Congratulations to all! The forest contains many teachings from the lives of birds, as we have seen these days. But today we will go out for a moment from the forest and we will go to the beautiful Pacific islands, inhabited by some of the most beautiful seabirds. Are you ready my companion today? Okay, thanks for participating. Are you excited to be an explorer bird? I am so glad!

Every time we discover a bird and see how their nests are made and the extraordinary features they have and the many species that exist, it confirms that our God, who is the creator of all-is a happy God who likes to see us happy. That is why He put in our world such cute beings like the ones we seek today.

## BIRD: BLUE FOOTED BOOBY

### **BIBLE VERSE:**

"Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler." Proverbs 6:5

**BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: JOHN 14: 1-3**

They are called "blue-footed boobies," They have this name because their feet are a beautiful blue with webbed feet. Have you ever seen a bird with blue feet? Well, if you visit the Galapagos Islands they are easy to find, there are some 40,000 blue-footed boobies. These birds are protected in the Galapagos Islands and many tourists go there in order to meet them.

There nests are not built in trees but on the ground; the land is important to them, so they look for a depression and make a circle with branches and sticks that are at the seashore and there they place two to three eggs.



So let's look on the floor of this beach very carefully, because we could step on an egg if we do not take care. Did you find it already? Okay, this circle is the nest of these precious marine birds. How many eggs are there? Three! You know what, another feature of these birds is that their parents do not have brood patches (areas without feathers in the abdomen, where the skin comes into direct contact with the egg to heat) like most birds, but use their blue legs to cover the eggs and incubate (as seen in the photograph.)



The blue of this birds legs are very important for reproduction. Since the female selects the father of her children by the blue hue of their legs, they like birds to have their legs a bright blue because it is synonymous with youth; when the bird has opaque blue legs it is because it is old. Females preferred the younger bird as these have a higher fertility and the ability to provide parental care to the young than the older birds. The egg is incubated by both of them for 44 days.

So when the male wants to be with the female he starts to do a kind of dance where he will show off his beautiful legs to her.

If the female likes the legs of the male, she responds to dance in acceptance. This can be seen in the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cj8YszZqSFU>

These birds are so nice! They are very sociable, not easily frightened by the presence of human beings. Another feature of these birds is that they possess a form of asynchronous hatching, which means that the eggs laid are incubated first before the resulting eggs, with a margin of difference of three to four days. Resulting in unequal growth, and the disparity in size between brothers. This brings a problem: the larger ones tend to attack and expel from the nest the smaller ones. This species is said that the older siblings are murderers, as they tend to attack, instigating and expelling from the nest their smaller brother who is more defenseless because of his adaptation time; once the bird is out of the circle (nest) the mother no longer recognizes him as her child, so it will die from dehydration or a predator. All this happens before the eyes of the indifferent mother.

The family of the blue footed booby reminds me of another family that worked in the same manner for many years. Join me as we open the exciting book of God, the holy Bible, in the book of Genesis 37.

Jacob's house was inhabited by a large family. Jacob was the father of twelve very strong children and all worked in the field, especially tending the flocks of his father. The penultimate son named Joseph, who suffered from a kind of bullying from his older siblings believed that Joseph was very spoiled, that he was the "daddy's boy". In fact, Joseph himself was the favorite of his father, being the son of his beloved Rachel and because for many years he had been the smallest and obedient. This situation worsened when the father wove a beautiful coat of many colors especially for his son Joseph. From then they increased their jealousy of their younger brother, because the father had never given them something so special. Since then the older brothers began to treat the younger brother with very bad manners. Shortly after Joseph had a dream where he appeared as superior to the rest of his brothers. Upon learning of these dreams his brothers, they hated him more and wanted to make him disappear from the family.

On one occasion Jacob sent Joseph to search for his brothers, who were far from home taking care of the herds. When the brothers saw him coming they planned to kill him, but agreed to throw him into an empty well that was nearby. They waited until Joseph arrived. When he got there he was tired, very hungry but very happy to have found his brothers and meet them at the request of his father. But his brothers did not care, they grabbed him, removed his tunic and threw him into a pit. He begged them for help but they did not want to hear. Soon a caravan of traders passed by going towards Egypt. The brothers agreed to sell him into slavery for twenty pieces of silver and would invent a story to tell their father that Joseph was attacked and killed by a wild animal. And so they did. The older siblings instigated, attacked and drove the younger brother out, as do the blue-footed boobies. But we have a God who is an expert in turning curses into blessings when the faithful children trust His love and power. And so it happened in the life of Joseph. It was some years of suffering for both Joseph and his father Jacob; but the day came when God made him governor of Egypt and Jacob was told the truth by his children.

The day of the reunion was an unforgettable experience for father and son. Upon learning that his beloved son lived, Jacob wasted no time and hurriedly traveled to Egypt. When Joseph learned that his father's caravan was already coming to Egypt, he was so moved that his heart started beating faster and he sent a separate carriage to meet his beloved father. When they saw each other father and son fell into each other's arms and wept with emotion. Jacob said, "Now I can die, for I have seen you again and know you're alive." But even then they lived 17 years together.

We also will have an emotional reunion with our Heavenly Father. He, like Jacob, is anxious for that day when he can stretch out His arms to his beloved children. And take us to a wonderful place that He has prepared to live with us together again, and not for 17 years, but for a thousand years in the heavenly homeland. And then bring us back to this land where everything will be transformed. Are you ready to embrace your loving Father?

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I am sure that you desire to hug our Lord Jesus also, but I also know that you would like other people to be with you in that beautiful place. Like we did today, you are going to write down on the bird you received the name of those people you would like to see in heaven. Afterwards we will have a special prayer for them.



# A FATHER WITH FAITH



We are very happy because many of you have already memorized this beautiful promise that the Lord Jesus gave us in John 14: 1-3. Do you know that what you have learned is more valuable than gold; because this memory verse will strengthen your faith in any circumstance.

We've been scouring the forest for a week and we have gotten to know beautiful and extraordinary birds, all of them have given us great lessons about the wisdom of a Creator God. Our Father has put them here on earth for us all to enjoy and there is still so much to discover. How about if we put our explorer gear and go looking for the nest today? Are you ready my companion? Okay, then put on your hat, because we'll go to explore the forest!

Have you ever seen a tall building with apartments where many families live? Well, today the nest we are looking for is like a building with many apartments, something incredible! The Sociable Weavers builds the largest nests in the world and they are able to knock down a tree with their weight. These are found in the African continent.

So these nests are very easy to find and can be seen from far away due to its large size. Did you find it? Oh, well, this is quite a large communal nest! We could believe that it houses very large birds.

## BIRD: SOCIABLE WEAVER

**MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 14: 1-3**

### **BIBLE VERSE:**

"From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do." Isaiah 46:11



That is not the case, these birds build and inhabit this nest is the Sociable wWaver bird and is a very small bird, like a sparrow, with a measurement of 14 cm and a body weight of 26 to 30 grams. They are very similar, both the female and the male are brown and beige color above and a design on the back and the neck. We can know them with the following photo (display picture). The pair of Sociable weavers get to put two to six eggs which are incubated by both parents for thirteen days.

I guess you have to ask: Well, if it's such a small bird and has such few eggs, then why make the nests so big? Well, this cute bird is very sociable and kind, it likes to live with others and share their home with other weaver birds. This beautiful bird is industrious, hardworking, intelligent and peaceful. The large building this bird builds is the result of a company he and his partner, and other couples of weaver birds give more than two thousand pecks to the mud in order to build the nest. They pile up the mud and with their beaks they mix it with straw, animal hair and other fibers. They build their home after some rain, while the clay is still soft. Nests have many rooms separated by curved walls, which form corridors measuring up to 25 cm long. These nests can be occupied by five hundred individuals, smaller colonies of a hundred birds. The rooms where the female lays eggs is lined with feathers and other soft materials, these nesting rooms are usually measured from ten to sixteen centimeters in diameter. Something that surprises me is that these nests are so well-made that can last over a hundred years! I think we should hire them to repair the roofs of our houses, right?

But that's not all, these amazing nests have a thermal insulation that protects them from extreme climate in which they live. If it's cold outside in the nest it is warm, and if it's hot outside in the nest is cool. Do not you think we have a wonderful God who has given wisdom to these birds to survive in the harshness of their environment? That's beautiful! And if God cares for the birds, He also take care of me.

Let's look in the nests the entrance is below (if you do not have the nest please show the picture). This has a double function, on the one hand it protects the birds from other larger predatory birds and it helps prevent flooding when it rains.

It is amazing that these birds have a single nest for the entire colony and also care for the other birds, it is known that the Sociable Weaver birds assist in the care of younger siblings of new broods. Weaver bird characteristics remind me of a father who was also concerned to help his peers and also formed a great nation. Come with me to the holy book containing the most real and exciting stories of this world.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives, And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing. Genesis 12:1-2

Abram could not forget those words spoken by God to him, they contained a wonderful promise for him and humanity. Abram lived in the city of Ur, a city where its habitants had forgotten God and worshiped many idols. But God needed a man with a kind heart. A man



that really loved him in order to make a faithful people, different from the people that already existed, and He found Abram. Abram's house did not lack anything, he lived with his father, his brothers, had many friends and a pretty wife named Sara. They had no children but God had promised him that they would have them. All the love and attention they wanted to give a child, he gave it to his nephew Lot, who also made preparations to leave Ur with Abram to the place that God would take his uncle, Canaan. The people of Ur and friends did not understand why Abram left such a comfortable life to an

unknown place-and in such a long trip! They would be almost a thousand kilometers which they would have to travel, and that would take some years to reach.

Then came the day of departure to Canaan, nobody knew which way to go; It was unknown by all but Abram knew God well enough to realize he would be guiding him. Finally everything was ready, the servants with their families and numerous herds. Lot also went with his wife, servants and livestock. The great caravan was moving slowly because they were traveling with children who were excited to know the land that God would give them.

They spent many months walking but no one discouraged; the trip was heavy because in those days travel was not easy, the caravan had to stop often to rest, eat and feed children and animals. So they advanced very slowly.

During all those years of travel Abram took care that nothing was missing for his companions, he watched to make sure that everyone had enough water, he shared his food, helped lift the tents they used to spend the night, he treated everyone with kindness and due respect.

Wherever he went, Abram built an altar as a witness to their faith in the God of heaven. Children and other companions worshiped God on every altar constructed and appreciated their protection and company in this unforgettable journey.

Over time the flocks of Lot and Abram were growing and it was very difficult to keep them together because water and grass of the location they were at was not enough. So it was necessary to separate so that the animals had enough food and water.

For that reason when they finally arrived in Canaan, Abram did something very kind, he gave first his nephew Lot the chance to choose the place where him and his family would live. The Bible (Gen. 13:10) says that Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the plains of the Jordan River, which was moist and fertile. He apparently chose the best place for him and his family, to the east, in the green plains near the city of Sodom.

Abram stayed in the land of Canaan, it did not look so green and fertile as the land Lot chose, but most important was the promise that God made: "The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring[a] forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted."(Gen. 13:14-16).

When God promised numerous descendants he also changed Abram's name. From that moment he would be called Abraham. Time passed and God fulfilled his promise to give a son to Sarah and Abraham, which he called Isaac. And with one child he was enough to multiply their offspring like the stars of heaven or the dust of the earth. Do you not think we have an almighty God who does wonders?

God wants to do another great marvel with us, he wants us to live with all of the descendants of Abraham together as the Weaver Birds live in large mansions; serving and seeing one another in brotherly love as these amazing birds do and as Abraham did on his way to Canaan. Very soon our God will fulfill his promise of John 14, because if it was not so he would have told you. He will come for you and me and bring us to this extraordinary place. Our mental capacity is not enough to imagine so much beauty, so much peace, so much love that abounds in this holy city. I wish to live there with all of my beloved, do you?

#### *Prayer Dynamic*



Look how beautiful everything looks in the blue sky with so many birds that have the names of our loved ones we wish to see in our heavenly homeland. How wonderful to be able to meet all of them on that day! Today we will give you time again to add your bird, and pray that God to direct us in the missionary work we have to do for these people.

Prayer:  
THEME SONG: If you wish it so  
then let's sing with  
thankfulness.



## SABBATH PROGRAM

# THE CITY DESIRED

## SUGGESTED DECORATION

The forest decoration can stay as it will be needed for the sermon.  
You can place a mural of the Holy City next to it reading: THE CITY  
Desired . Forward a counter with a sign that says: TITLE OF PROPERTY.

### PARTICIPANTS

Narrator , three angels , wealthy man , young artist,  
child, a person to tell the missionary and children's  
choir.

### ATTIRE

It is suggested that the three angels who will lead  
the program are dressed in white, but without  
wings. It would be ideal that children who come  
singing the final song are dressed like angels with  
wings. The other characters in the dialogue  
should be dressed as real as possible.

### INTRO - NARRATOR

Do not be troubled . Trust in God ; trust also in me.  
In my Father's house are many mansions , if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I go to prepare a place . And if I go and prepare you , I will come back and take me.  
So you be where I am . You know the way to go where I go.  
(John 14: 1-4 )

There are not many roads that lead to heaven. You cannot choose each his own. Christ  
says: " I am the way [ ... ] No one comes to the Father but by me" (John 14 : 6).

## FIRST ANGEL

(Enter a teenager dressed in white , stands facing the city , says the welcome and then it settles behind a counter who have written title deed).

## WELCOME

Hello, dear friends, all of you are very welcome! Remember that we are all invited to enter the city of God. The words of welcome that will give them the King of this city will be: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25: 34)

## SECOND ANGEL

### HYMN OF PRAISE

Upon entering the desired city all they are put in hand the palm of victory and harp sparkly. After the commanding angels strike the note, every hand played masterfully the strings of the harps producing sweet music ( The Second Coming and Heaven, p . 95 ) . I invite you to join our voices with the hymn no. 483, "When I get to heaven."

## THIRD ANGEL

### SCRIPTURE READING AND KNEELING PRAYER

It has been 2015 years since Jesus made the promise of His coming. Through the centuries this promise made filled the hearts of all the faithful children. Let us look in our Bibles at this promise in John 14: 1-4. (Read). I invite you to kneel and let us thank God for its promise, and his safety.

## NARRATOR

The Lord Jesus is fulfilling His promise to prepare beautiful mansions for human habitation. Can you imagine when the pearly gates of the desired city will open? It will be an extraordinary moment! Then listen to the voice of our God to tell us, "Well, do you good and faithful [...] servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord." What a precious moment awaits us! You and I are invited to live in a beautiful mansion, but this promise is associated with a need for responsible preparation. What does the Lord require of those who hope inhabit that coveted city? Many people lose the privilege of living in these mansions because they think they must climb to heaven, they must do something to deserve God's favor. They seek to gain heaven through their own efforts, without help.

## RICH MAN

(It may be an older brother who arrives carrying a bag full of cash and jewelry, and place it on the counter).

Good day! I heard that in this place I can get a title to a property in this city which is highly desired. I am very interested because they have told me that this city has no thieves that steal, I want to get into it because I'm tired of taking care of my treasure,

my whole life I've been taking care of it. I do not trust banks or nobody and it is wonderful to find such a safe place like this city. Tell me what does it cost?

### **FIRST ANGEL**

I'm sorry, sir, but these houses were bought with the blood of the Son of the King of this city. He is the way to get into them, it is the truth and the life. No one can enter on its own merits. Only through Jesus, the Son of God.

### **RICH MAN**

So ... tell me what I have to do ?

### **FIRST ANGEL**

Look, sir, we brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing. So I advise you to go back to your land and give away all your wealth to the poor, and acknowledge the Father as your sustainer and do the will of the king of this city, and the Father will recognize you as his son. In this city you will not need your possessions, it is full of treasures.

### **RICH MAN**

Oh! No ... I cannot leave my possessions for which I have worked and struggled throughout all my life! No! I prefer not to enter and continue caring for them. (PickS up his bag and out).

### **FIRST ANGEL**

Well says the Lord: "How difficult it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God" (Mark 10: 23) because there is no doubt that where your treasure is there lies your heart.

Heaven will be filled with people who loved service and fulfilled their mission. At this moment we will hear how other brethren have experiences in the mission field in their daily lives.

Missionary (After the missionary story, the second angel enters and settles behind the counter).

### **ARTIST**

(It may be a young man or young lady, preferably have the gift of song because it will end his involvement with a song).

Hello, how are you, I think I have no need to introduce myself since I 'm sure you know me. I've gained a lot of fame in this land, so much so that I cannot have a quiet life without cameras and photographers who follow me and watch me everywhere, I'm tired!

I've heard that the houses in this place are beautiful, worthy of stars like me, but also around them there is an excellent atmosphere of peace and harmony that is why I really need.

I wonder what are the steps that I have to do to acquire a property.



## SECOND ANGEL

Well, Miss, these titles have been drafted so in strict accordance with the law and carefully signed with the blood of Christ, who is the Son of the King of this city. What you need is to love the owner of all of these with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. So you shall comply with the requirements of the law.

## ARTIST

Are you recommending that I forgive all those who have spoken ill of me in the media, and on top of that love them? Impossible! They have led me to much bitterness, that has left me with completely alone. I'm sorry I cannot!

## SECOND ANGEL

Once you enter through these gates you will not remember any unpleasant experience that has happened, they will be insignificant with all the glory that you will be enjoying. You belong to a united and happy family. You never feel alone as you are today. The Lord Jesus promised all those who love him, "Behold, I am with you until the end of the world". (Matthew. 28: 20)

## ARTIST

He's right. Why I want to be rich and famous if I'm not happy! I do not want the applause of the fallacious world, prefer in the ranks of Christ serve. The fame of the world is light and fleeting, I prefer to follow Jesus forever. (End singing the hymn 269, "I've rather have Jesus").

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## THIRD ANGEL

In the desired city there will be a heavenly school and Christ will be our teacher. Then he will give us the light to travel through the veil that now stands between the visible and the invisible and wonderful things will be revealed. Know the truth we cannot know now Because of our limitations (The Second Coming and Heaven, p. 241).

## LESSON REVIEW

After review of the lesson the third angel fits behind the counter to wait for the next visitor.

Boy:

Hello! How long do we have to wait for the gates of the city where Jesus is are opened?

### THIRD ANGEL

No one really knows how much longer, only God Father, but I think It will take just a little bit. Why do you ask? , Do you want to enter it?

### BOY

Yes! I do want to go , but ...  
(Lowering voice ) I've misbehaved.  
And my mom said I'm disobedient . I think that's bad

### BOY

I ask forgiveness from my Jesus because my mom says he gets sad.

### THIRD ANGEL

And do you think that God listens to you and forgives you?

### BOY

Yes he can hear me! One day we did not have any food and we pray to Jesus, and some sisters came from church with plenty of food. Jesus told them to bring it to us.

### THIRD ANGEL

(Smiling). Oh how nice. Yes, Jesus always listens! And, you know, if you repent and ask for forgiveness God forgives you, be assured of that. And tell me why you are in such a hurry to open the gates of the city where God is?

### BOY

(Speaking with much sadness.)

Well, I want my parents to be happy ; many times I hear them fight and I think it's my fault , because they cannot afford what I need. And the Bible says that there everybody will be happy in this city where there will be no pain or death, my little friend Esther is very sick, she can't play with me, and I want Jesus to come so she won't die.



## **FIRST ANGEL**

(Rubbing the head of the boy). Do not panic or be afraid, in the house of my Father there is a place for you. "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3: 9). Jesus will come, if it were not so, he would have told us. He is preparing a place for your little friend Esther, for your parents and yourself. Jesus is coming very soon! (Child embraces the angel while the narrator's voice is heard. And remain in that place to unite their voices with singing children will sing).

## **NARRATOR**

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:2-3 Jesus clearly said that unless we become so innocent and humble like children, we do not enter the kingdom of heaven.

While the Lord builds the mansions he wants us to let us build our characters, really it is with all who enter this beautiful city. God wants us to have a responsible preparation, to seek sanctification, daily repentance and unity; Godlikeness. Those who are most like God are children, so he said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven".

## **CHILDREN DRESSED IN WHITE**

Enter singing: If the angels fly here. (They bring in their hands white flowers for delivered at the right time. They are arranged on the platform to finish singing).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trZWxlAUE-Q&list=RDtrZWxlAUE-Q#t=24>

## **FIRST ANGEL**

(The video of the song is left on while the children look to their parents).

Dear parents, do you want to dedicate your children to God? Do you want to take them to the gates of the heavenly city? Today our children want to make that invitation with white flowers, so that you can go with them to the desired city. Will you accept? (The children walk looking for their parents, they give them the flower and come forward with their parents to the final sentence).

## **SECOND ANGEL**

We need to keep in mind that one day we will meet face to face with our Redeemer and what He wants the most is to hear from our lips is: "Here am I Lord, and the children you gave me".

## **THIRD ANGEL**

Ellen White says that the angels of God immortalize the names of parents whose efforts have won their children to Jesus Christ ( Manuscript 12 , 1895). It really will be a glorious day victory.

**FINAL PRAYER** . It may be by the director of Child and Adolescent Ministry, or the Pastor.



# A HEAVENLY FAHTER



## BIRD: HOMING PIGEON

What a beautiful promise of John 14: 1-4 . This promise is a powerful support for our faith, it is as a blank check to cover all my needs.

This week we have been memorizing it and I know that many children have already learned , and that's good because in their minds should remain the assurance that something wonderful is about to happen.

This promise is the best gift children can receive today, What else you can ask for? Absolutely nothing! God always has the best for his children.

It is beautiful and relaxing being in nature and hearing the beautiful singing of the different birds that fill the air with their soft trills. This week we have enjoyed studying the second book of love that God has given us. It tells us about the love of God, and that is the nature. We met six excellent birds, today we will see the seventh, a week is not enough to know all the beauty that God's hand has created to delight and learn from these extraordinary builders. Every day we explored and we discovered the nest of a wonderful bird. And the bird we spoke about we were relating with an extraordinary father from the Scriptures and ended each day reflecting about the wonderful promise of John 14. Today we are doing it for the last time.

Are you ready today my Explorer? Okay, buddy, let's look this beautiful forest. Can you feel the fresh scent? It's interesting to walk around a big, big forest, but ... also it is risky when you do not know it, because you can get lost! Have you ever been lost somewhere? (take time to talk about the child experience). It is very common for children to be lost in the supermarket when accompanying a parent to shop, right? But today we will talk about a bird which it seems to have a built-in compass in his head, because he can return to his home without problems. Do You know who I'm talking about? The pigeon.

So let's find the nest of the pigeon, is difficult to locate it because they're build in high and hidden places from view from predators.

You know, there is a curious fact : the safer the bird nest is, the less amount of eggs they lay, and when the nest is not safe, the birds increase the number of eggs laid. How wise is God, even in that thought ! So as the pigeon nest is very safe she just lays two eggs and rarely up to five . Okay, here it is! How many eggs do we have? There are two . The nest is built between the two parents . The male is responsible for bringing building materials like twigs , herbs , grass, Pine twigs, the female needs to build the nest. These are lightweight and loose structures that make the nest safe for the eggs so they will not break if suddenly there is an abrupt movement.

There is something that the pigeon makes, which I like, when you put two eggs the first one is not incubated until the second egg is laying; to ensure that both hatch at the same time and this is very wise, because if there is an age difference between them there will be problems. Do you remember what bird the brothers fight each other by the age difference? Yes, of the blue-footed boobies! Very good. Another thing I like about the pigeons is that, as in most birds, two egg incubated in a time of 18 days. Dad does during mother day and night. How cute, it is a great example of shared parenting! But there is also something that I loved, and that both the father and the mother involved in the feeding the pigeons. But do not think dad is on worms! No, something extraordinary happens, when both parents are incubating eggs develops in the craw both similar to breast milk substance called pigeon milk, which is rich in nutrients that are needed for breeding, which directly feed from the maw of the parents. So the baby pigeon is fed the early days of this milk that give both parents. Don't you think this would be great if this happened among humans? What do you think parents? Another remarkable feature is that the pigeon is committed with their partner forever! When we think of pigeons we draw in our mind a white bird, but white feathers have no color pigments, so when you see a white pigeon you are seeing an albino pigeon. These pigeons are generally thrown at weddings or are symbols of peace. But not all birds are white, there are approximately 28 kinds of colors of pigeons. Some of them have beautiful colors litmus on their necks.

The sight of the pigeon is excellent, like humans they can look at the colors (which some animals can't); but they can also see ultraviolet light, part of the spectrum light that humans can't see. Experts attribute that the pigeon has a sixth sense, a compass organ in the ear and uses magnetic waves to guide them to their dovecote originally. Pigeons are unidirectional: always return home. Unless they die all pigeons, no matter what happens, return to their place of origin, return home. For this quality this noble bird has been used to for important missions as a courier. Remember the Bible story where a pigeon was used as a messenger? Yes very good, in the story of Noah. I invite you to look in the book of Genesis 8: 8-12. (Read the story). Starting then these intelligent birds have made history, we can spend all day telling stories of pigeons who have been decorated for bravery, speed and faithfulness to his army. They were used to send messages that saved thousands of lives in the First and Second World War.

Have you wonder how to train pigeons. Well, science experts called Pigeon-breeding who trains pigeons, before complying ten days a ring is placed in one leg bearing it's identification nontransferable to another pigeon, it will never be replaced by another. At first the pigeon makes his first steps in the loft, then he always gets out of its house before eating, then the squab seeks a way back to his house to get a lot of birdseed. And so, little by little, the pigeon is increasingly making long flights always knowing where is his "home", where it always returns for care and food. They are very fast creatures and whose primary objective is to carry out its mission as soon as possible. Their agility allows them to reach amazing heights and are able to travel about 800 kilometers on a day. Thanks to this great ability they have, French hospitals have used pigeons to take blood samples from one hospital to another, as these come faster than another transport. It's amazing!

When we talk about the history of the First and Second World War we always talk about people, cities, ships, aircraft, submarines, etc. But rarely do we speak about the homing pigeon, which in many cases gave the victory. One example is the so-called pigeon-soldier Cher Ami, one of the 600 pigeons that had the US Army to fight in the First World War. Cher Ami had given twelve important messages in the American sector in Verún, France. In its last mission when carrying a message in a silver tube strapped to his right leg, was hit by enemy fire and a burst of fire touched his chest and his legs and sent almost to the ground; but for a reason the pigeon found the courage and he was able to beat its wings again, he reached high enough to leave the fire and in twenty minutes the bird managed to reach the venue.

When he arrived it was missing an eye and his sternum was broken. One capsule of the message was found on the ligaments in one of his legs, which had also been destroyed. The message read: "Please pick us up", and was sent by the lost battalion of the 77th Infantry Division which it had been isolated from the other American forces. Just hours after the message was received, 194 survivors of the battalion had been rescued alive by the heroism of Cher Ami, A pigeon was awarded the Croix de Guerre medal with Oak Leaves for his heroic service between the forts of Verdun. Doctors worked to save his life but could not save his leg, which was equipped with a leg stick. Nine months later this brave pigeon died in 1919, as a result of his wounds in battle. Cher Ami's body was embalmed and placed in the Hall of Fame of the brave soldiers of the First World War. He is remembered each year to these heroic soldiers, is a tribute to his memory and mentioned the name of each one of the soldiers also the name of the dove "Cher Ami", then a soldier responds also mentioned: "Dead from wounds received in the war in the service of their country."

I think this is an incredible story worthy of sharing and remembering. But it also leaves us many lessons. One that we can apply is that Cher Ami , despite the many difficulties he lived, he always returned home, he never forgot his home despite the pain he suffered. God desires that we also be unidirectional as doves , we never forget our home. As children of God we have the mission to return home because our destiny is eternity. We are citizens of the heavenly homeland . This confirms us Paul in Philippians 3: 20: "Instead we are citizens of heaven , we eagerly receive the Savior , the Lord Jesus Christ. "



What a beautiful expression: "Citizens of heaven." Have you ever dreamed or imagined yourself in heaven? In Revelation 21 the apostle John tells us in detail the beauty so great that it was observed and it was very difficult to describe. He says it was a huge city with a unique beauty ever seen on earth.

Many times when looking through internet famous cities like Dubai, Saudi, we were surprised to see how in the desert the hand of man has been able to build a beautiful and luxurious city where water is plentiful. But sadly this city is designated only to very rich people! But we have a secure citizenship in heaven, where only requirement we ask is to love with all my heart the extraordinary builder. The only reason the pigeon decides to return to his place of origin is for the love receiving it. We also here on earth never find someone we love more than our heavenly Father, He is love (1 John 4: 8).

And that great love for you and me it has inspired to build the best in the world, which will not heat or cold, where there will be no need of the sun because the same God shine with her light. Be a joyful place because we will be with our loved ones that death took away, and we will embrace never again to separate where we will never hear more crying ... The servant of the Lord, Ellen White describes what looked and says: "I can't describe the wonders I saw. Oh, if I knew the language of Canaan! The beauty city is surrounded by a huge, high wall, it has twelve inputs and pearly gates. The streets are gold and precious stones abound. There are beautiful houses sustained silver with four columns of beads that will be the residence of the saints. Through the city runs a river that comes from the throne of God is the river of life whose waters are so transparent like glass. In one of the banks of the river there is a beautiful leafy tree called 'the Tree of life', each month will give a different fruit and their leaves for healing of the nations.

The fruit of this tree will make us grow to the perfect height of the human race. The beautiful mansions will be surrounded by beautiful gardens of all kinds of flowers that never they will wither. Also, the lawn will have a bright green with reflections of silver and gold move. There will also be a beautiful area wander the lion, the lamb, the leopard and the wolf, all together in perfect peace. "



Sister Ellen White in her book *The Second Coming* and heaven tells about something more that she saw in a vision, and says she saw a beautiful forest, more beautiful than what we saw this week. She observed, fir, olive, pomegranate, fig trees and many more; they had beautiful flowers like lilies and roses. She saw something beautiful flying! What do you think? Birds! It looked a large number of little ones who used their wings to fly! Yes, young children like you turned into angels, what a beauty ... and she says it's not possible to describe such beauty!

Right now I share the desire of the psalmist when he said in Psalm 55: 6 " How I wish I had the wings of a dove and fly to find rest." No doubt that in heaven you will also have wings like birds. And they will fly and find rest in arms of our beloved Father . How many of you want to embrace your heavenly Father? I also wish to embrace Him! Revelation 3 : 11 says : " I am coming soon . Hold on to what you have, that no one take your crown . "

Later Ellen White looked a table of pure silver , many kilometers long , commissioning with rich fruit of the tree of life , there was the manna , nuts and many kinds of fruit. And She begged Jesus to let her eat from those foods , but he said, " Not yet. Who eat the fruit of this place do not return to earth. But if you are faithful, you shall both eat the fruit of the tree of life and drinking water from the spring".

Dear brothers and sisters, we are here because we want Christ returns soon , only hope fulfilling their promises. While he returns us feed from the word of God. The Holy Bible leaves are compared with the leaves of the tree of life for his word brings life. Remember that our mission is to return to our Father's house because our destiny is eternity.

#### HYMN:

There is a thought that says : The bird sings even though he hears that the branch which it is standing on top of is breaking. He sings because he knows he has his wings. Our wings are our faith, and we must sing hoping in his promises. Let's sing, "Nearer my God to Thee."



# CANTO TEMA



## En la casa de mi padre

Puedo ver el gran poder  
De nuestro buen Jesús  
La naturaleza  
un vivo ejemplo es  
El creó las aves de belleza sin igual  
y sus nidos fascinantes me hacen recordar

coro: (2 veces)

que en la casa de mi padre Él prepara un lugar  
donde juntos tú y yo podremos disfrutar  
un lugar lleno de gozo y hermosura sin igual  
es la casa de mi padre el lugar do quiero estar.

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