CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES (30 MAY): MATTHEW 6:25-33

We would encourage everyone to stay together for the first part of the service, which will include some all-age elements. Children could then do one of the activities below during the sermon.

Key Verses:

"So do not worry ... your heavenly Father knows [what] you need" (Matthew 6 v.31-32)

I have recorded a **short talk** for the children to watch during their activities, explaining today's Bible passage a bit for them.

You can find it here:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8KD5MVPRegMccfPly3 KTPB50RSx7Ch17

Big Questions: (to talk about as the children are being creative)

- What does Jesus want us to remember when we feel worried?
- What does Jesus tell us to spend our time doing instead of worrying?

Do try & pray together,

e.g. based on your chatting during the video about worries, each family remember could pray their own version of this prayer: Father God, When I feel worried about ...

Please help me to remember that you ...

[e.g. are my Father in Heaven, know just what I need, will always take care of me, etc.]

Suggested Activities:

- 1. <u>Puzzle sheet:</u> (see p.2) Look up the Bible verses to help you solve the clues and reveal the hidden message that Jesus wants his Kingdom Family to know!
- 2. <u>Colouring pictures:</u> (see p.5-6) 2 different options, for younger or older ones, to illustrate today's Bible verses.
- 3. <u>Hand-shaped bird:</u> (see pictures below) Draw round your hand on a piece of paper/card, fingers together, thumb pointing out, then shape the thumb into a head and add a beak. Cut out your bird, then colour it, or stick on pieces of coloured paper/craft feathers (or print the hand shape with paint!). Finally stick it onto the nest (see p.3).
- 4. <u>Build a bird:</u> (see p.3-4) Print the bird template onto coloured paper or card, then cut out and stick together (see picture below). Colour the nest (p.3) and stick your bird onto it (you could also watercolour paint the background, or use collage paper for the tree branch).

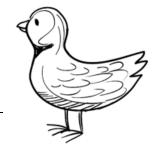




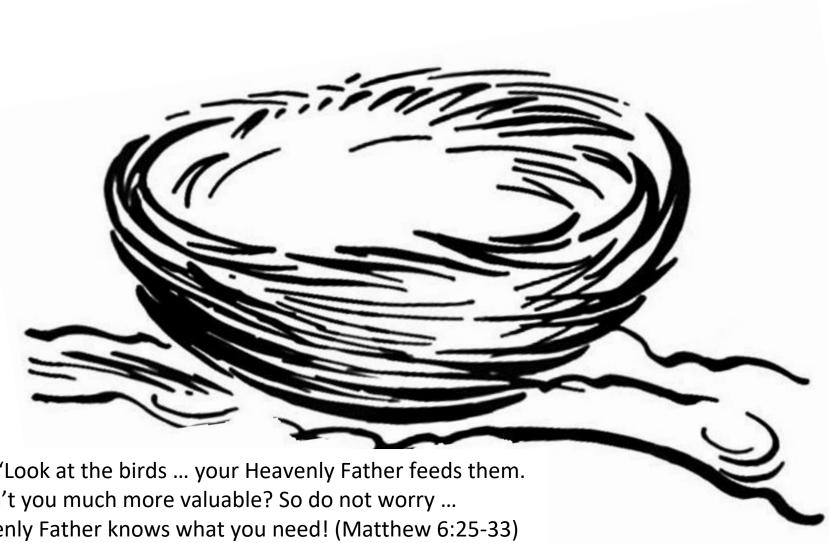


Can you solve all the clues to show Jesus' message to God's Kingdom Family?

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					1. Jesus told his disciples to look at them (v.26)
					2. It is more important than clothes (v.25)
					3. Where people store food (v.26)
					4. They are more beautifully dressed than King Solomon (v.28-29)
					5. What God does to the grass of the field (v.30)
					6. We can trust our Heavenly Father because he just what we need (v.32)
					7. It belongs to God and we are meant to seek it more than anything else (v.33)
					8. Where the grass quickly ended up (v.30)
					9. If we're in his Family, then God is our Heavenly (v.32)
					10. Each of these has enough trouble – and God will give us what we need when it arrives! (v.34)



Jesus said: "Look at the birds ... your Heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you much more valuable? So do not worry ... your Heavenly Father knows what you need! (Matthew 6:25-33)

