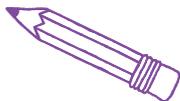


# ACTIVITY TIME

## Featured Stories Program

books  
for  
toddlers



Book title: HOORAY FOR BIRDS

By Lucy Cousins

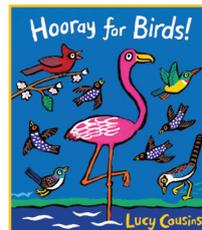
### Imaginative Play

#### You will need:

- Instruction template
- Piece of material
- Ribbon or wool
- Scissors.

#### Instructions:

- Follow instruction template
- You will need a rectangle shape piece of material. Use a pillow case, old sheet or towel
- Lay your material out flat and pull the middle together – tie ribbon around the middle of the material
- Make finger grips: for light material simply tie a knot to the top corners of the material. For heavy material such as a towel, cut a small hole into each corner so children can hold onto the ends
- Help your child to hold their wings behind their back, holding onto the ends in each hand
- Fly like a bird around the garden or room, flapping your arms up and down.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

#### Further information

Young children are able to learn and discover so much about animals, transport, people and places by reading stories. Books offer opportunities to explore a wide range of topics and through playful experiences great learning occurs.

Books offer fantastic opportunities to introduce lots of new words and concepts to your child. Hooray for Birds is filled with lots of colourful birds! Take time to explore the pictures with your child and talk about what you can see. Talk about how birds move, use words such as; fly, glide, soar, flutter and swoop. Talk about the sounds that birds make, different birds make different sounds – a duck says quack, an owl says hoot and a rooster says cock-a-doodle do!

Try this activity using different kinds of materials. Explore how different material moves, for example a light pillow case will flutter and float in the wind more easily than heavier material such as a towel. Have fun experimenting and trying out new ideas together with your child.

#### Songs

*5 Little Ducks* or *Old MacDonal had a Farm.*

#### Key message

Children learn by being engaged and doing.

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