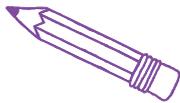


ACTIVITY TIME

Featured Stories Program

books
for
preschoolers



Theme: Music and Movement

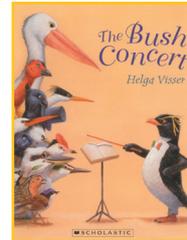
Book title: THE BUSH CONCERT

By Helga Visser

Bird masks

You will need:

- Templates (attached)
- Textas, coloured pencils, crayons, etc
- Scissors
- Glue or sticky tape
- Piece of thin elastic
- Real feathers or leaves for decorating (optional).



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

Instructions:

1. Colour in the templates.
2. Cut out the mask and feathers.
3. Make a small hole on each side of the mask, and tie the elastic in place. You may want to add some extra sticky tape to reinforce the holes and stop the mask from tearing.
4. Glue or tape the feathers (and any other decorations) on to the mask.

Further information

Talk about different types of birds – describe them using colours, shapes, size and the sounds they make. How do they move or fly? Where do they live? What do they eat? Borrow a non-fiction book from the library about birds and find out more about your child's favourites or those in your local area.

Explain what a drought is and discuss with your child what this might mean for our native animals and birds. Make a rain-stick using an empty water bottle and dried rice or beans, and secure the lid tightly with strong tape. Shaking the bottle gently can sound like rain.

Play some classical music on CD, radio or youtube (look on youtube for Sydney Symphony Orchestra Beethoven Symphony No. 9: Ode To Joy Excerpt 1, or www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3uCdTCA0rA) so your child can hear a real orchestra. Your child may also be interested in a short film about the Australia Youth Orchestra here: <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s2627623.htm>

Songs:

Five Little Ducks Went Out One Day, Kookaburra sits in the Old Gum Tree and Two Little Dicky Birds Sitting on a Wall.

Key message

Children learn through being engaged and doing.

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