

# Bird putty

## **Age Group: 7-12, (Takes about 15 minutes)**

Mix 5 parts cornmeal with one part peanut butter and stir well. (Large bowl to avoid spilling). Then heat one part lard until it is liquid and stir again. (Room temperature vegetable oil will work OK. It is a little safer and quicker with young children, especially groups, but does not have as many calories to keep the birds warm.)

Once cooled a little the bird putty can be put in small bags made from an orange or onion sack, smeared directly onto the trunk of a tree OR laid on the tray of many popular bird feeders.. The neat thing is that once the birds find the putty you can move it and they will go wherever you want them to.

Bible Verse: Matthew 6:26 “Look at the Birds of the air.”

Bible Lesson: Childhood can be filled with more worries and fears than most of us remember. Trusting God is something birds are very good at. When they take off they are not sure where they will land...but there is always someplace. A little bible lesson I once read says it is because birds have two wings, one called trust and one called obey. If both wings are working well they can fly high above any fear or worry. As a child I had a parakeet. It was a little messy but VERY entertaining. As an adult I carried tame doves to many schools and children’s summer camp. If your family is considering a pet I would recommend you click on the “God’s Animals” button to the left and read up on both parakeets and doves.

Model Prayer: “Father when I get worried or afraid help me remember the birds. You feed them and take care of them. I know you love me more than the birds and I know you will take care of me. Help me father remember my wings...one named “Trust God” and the other called “Obey Him.”

## **Caution for those who feed the birds:**

Do not feed birds out of anything Styrofoam. Do not feed them peanut butter which has not been mixed at least half and half with cornmeal.



Making a little bird putty could get your children/grandchildren away from the tv and closer to God for many happy hours.