

PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

Craft Instructions

Bird's nest
Deuteronomy 22:6-7

Materials:

- 12" (30½ cm) chenille stems - brown, tan, grey, and/or black (for nest)
- Pompoms - different sizes (for birds)
- Chenille stem (1) - color of largest pompom you are using (for mama bird's wings and tail)
- Small piece of chenille stem (for mama bird's beak)
- Clay (for eggs)
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Marker
- Optional: tiny googly eyes



Note: There will be no video for this week's craft.

Parent/Teacher preparation:

Nothing special this week, just review and ensure you have the proper materials.

Instructions for the craft:

- Cut 2 chenille stems to begin the base of the nest (4 - 6" (15¼ cm) pieces).
- Cross the pieces to create a circle. Fold 1 of the pieces back and forth to help them stay together. Repeat, if you wish. This will make the folded chenille stem shorter than the others but it will work.
- Bend the legs of the base upward slightly so it makes a bowl shape.
- Take 1 chenille stem of any color to start making the nest. Bend the end to hook to any of the legs sticking out on the base.
- Begin weaving in an over and under pattern until the end. Bend the end onto the closest leg to hold in place. Repeat with another chenille stem. If using different colors, alternate between colors.
- Continue the pattern to the top of the chenille stem leaving just a little left over at the top.
- Bend the ends downwards to make the nest smooth at the top.



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Instructions for the craft cont'd:

For eggs:

- Shape small pieces of clay into egg shapes and set aside.

For mama bird:

- Take the largest pompom as well as the one the next size up to make the mama bird.
- Glue the smaller of the 2 to one side of the larger pompom.
- Cut some pieces from the chenille stem being used to make the wings and tail. 2 pieces about 1" ($2\frac{1}{2}$ cm) to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " ($3\frac{3}{4}$ cm) long and one piece about $\frac{1}{2}$ " ($1\frac{1}{4}$ cm) long.
- Bend the $\frac{1}{2}$ " ($1\frac{1}{4}$ cm) piece in half and glue to the opposite end of the mama bird's body for a tail.
- Bend the other 2 pieces in a wing shape and glue to the sides of the mama bird's body.
- Take the $\frac{1}{2}$ " ($1\frac{1}{4}$ cm) piece of the chenille being used for the beak, bend it and half and glue to the head of the bird.
- Press the tip of the marker on the head to make the eyes. If using googly eyes, then glue those on.

For baby birds:

- Glue the 2 smallest pompoms in same manner as for the mama bird.
- Use the marker to make the eyes and beak for the baby bird(s).

Assembling the nest:

- Glue the eggs in the nest.
- Glue the mama bird and baby birds in the nest.

This is a visual representation of the command about how to treat the mama bird when you come upon a bird's nest.

