

# Awaking Wonder

## Backyard Birds



### MEMORIZE:

Read Psalm 98 and discuss how creation declares the glory of the Lord. Go outside and listen. Do you hear anything singing? Read the poem "The Secret" attached below, and discuss what the secret is. Have you noticed any secrets like this where you live? Choose one of these selections to memorize and recite.

### RESEARCH:

What kinds of birds have you observed where you live? Help your child research what these birds eat. For example, we first saw cardinals, blue birds, and woodpeckers. We discovered that cardinals like sunflower seeds, blue birds like mill worms, and woodpeckers like suet. This gave us a starting place to figure out how to attract more birds to our backyard.



### CREATE:

After you have a list of the foods your local birds eat, plan out how to create a habitat for the birds. Feeders or a simple bird bath are a good starting point. Put it in a spot easy to observe from a window in your home.

### OBSERVE:



It may take some patience at the start, but watch and see which birds come to visit. It is especially exciting when you can see birds up close, but if you are observing from a distance, binoculars will be helpful. Help your child learn how to use a field guide. As you identify new birds, learn what they eat, too. As interest allows, bird calls and feather collections are another area to explore. Most importantly, enjoy God's beautiful creation together.