

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth
for you."*

1 Peter 5:7

He Cares For Me

Crowds of people pressed in around Jesus waiting to see what astonishing thing he would say or do this time. Perhaps He would heal a blind person or feed everyone. Some came out of curiosity, others to try and catch him in a treasonous word so as to gain favor with the Pharisees.

Jesus motioned His chosen disciples near and in a private moment said, "Don't be afraid of the leaven of the Pharisees. (Luke 12). Had He detected wariness in their eyes? "The only one you need to fear is the One who has power over your souls in eternity."

Maybe Jesus knew that even his own disciples struggled with their importance in the scheme of life. Looking toward the sky, he continued, "A sparrow isn't really of great value in this world. A person can buy five of them for two farthings." The disciples understood the math, but to make sure they understood the message, Jesus added, "Not a single one of them is forgotten of the Father."

What? A tiny little bird mattered to the Creator of the universe? Now Jesus brought the real truth home to His followers, "You are much more valuable than a sparrow."

How many times everyday do we see these little brown feathered creatures flocking to the trees and highline wires? The sight is so common that it goes unnoticed by most, yet Jesus gave us this constant visual image of how valuable we are in His sight. Not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without our Heavenly Father noticing and caring.

Storms rage, evil terrorizes, friends disappoint, insecurities shake our world, but in the midst of all this the most common little bird on earth is a constant reminder that God sees and cares about us in every situation every minute of every day!

Family Prayer: *Dearest Lord Jesus, thank you for reminding me again today that you do care about me. I realize that faith and fear just don't go together. I choose faith! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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Let's make some pinecone bird feeders. You will need a pinecone for each person (if you don't have any in your yard, they can be purchased at a dollar store), peanut butter, birdseed and string. Tie the string at the top of the pinecone first, then spread peanut butter into all the little nooks and on the edges. Roll the pinecone in birdseed (covering completely). Then hang it in on a branch that you can view from your window. What fun to help care for these little ones that God loves so much!

Let's talk

In a world of over 7 billion people, sometimes we might experience a feeling of insignificance. Today's lesson should remind us how important even the little things are to God. Take a few moments to discuss individuals who have changed the course of history. Perhaps there is an individual who has changed the course of your personal life. Remember, everyone matters in God's plan!

Set aside one day this week for each family member to record the number of sparrows seen. At the end of the day calculate the total for your family. Let this be a reminder of just how much God loves you!



Additional Challenges

God cared so much about these little things that He included them in the Bible.
Take a look!

Luke 12:24

“Consider the _____: for they neither _____ nor _____; which neither have _____ nor _____; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the _____?”

Luke 12:27-28

“Consider the _____ how they grow: they _____ not, they _____ not; and yet I say unto you, that _____ in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the _____, which is to day in the _____, and to morrow is cast into the _____; how much _____ will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

Proverbs 30:24-28

There be _____ things which are _____ upon the earth, but they are exceeding _____: The _____ are a people not strong, yet they _____ their meat in the summer; The _____ are but a _____ folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; The _____ have no king, yet go they forth all of them by _____; 28. The _____ taketh hold with her hands, and is in _____ palaces.”

***These verses teach us that you don't have to be big, strong, or many
to be wise and important in God's eyes!
He cares about YOU!***

Puzzle Page

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CARES
ETERNITY
HEAL
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FATHER
POWER
SITUATION
VALUE

CURIOSITY
FEED
REMINDER
SOULS



But even the very hairs of your head
are all numbered. Fear not therefore:
ye are of more value than many
sparrows (Luke 12:7).

