

**Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere** 



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

1 Peter 5:7



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."

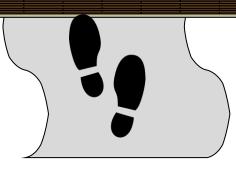
What? A tiny little bird mattered to the Creator of the universe? Now Jesus brought the real truth home to His followers, "You are much more valuable than a sparrow."

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.

Includes Family Activities



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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		
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Luke 12:27-28			
"Consider the	how they grow:	they not, tl	hey not; and yet I say
unto you, that	in all his glory was not a	arrayed like one of th	ese. If then God so clothe the
, which is to day	in the, and to mo	orrow is cast into the	; how much
will he clothe you, O ye of	little faith?"		
Proverbs 30:24-28			
There bet	hings which are	upon the earth, but t	they are exceeding:
The are a peop	le not strong, yet they	their meat in	the summer; The
are but afolk, ye	t make they their houses ir	the rocks; The	have no king, yet go they
forth all of them by	; 28. The ta	aketh hold with her h	ands, 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

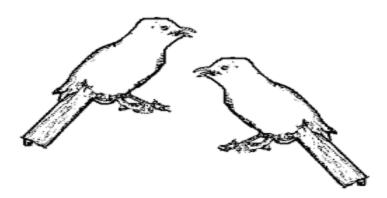
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## Coloring Page



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).

