

## Goodnow Library Children's Department Take-and-Make Activity Kit Week 4: Fly Like a Bird!

### Read It: *Thank You, Crow*

by Michael Minkovitz

Sebastian helps an injured crow he meets in the forest. Crow repays his kindness with a series of unusual gifts: a traffic cone, a wooden spoon, some yarn, and more! See how these strange gifts, plus the Crow's imagination, make for a wonderful surprise! Squawk!

Tune in to see Miss Amy on Facebook for *Tales from Drumlin Farm*, a virtual field trip to Mass Audubon Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Lincoln, MA! This week we'll meet a crow and read *Thank You, Crow* at the Farm! Join Miss Amy online at [facebook.com/goodnowlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/goodnowlibrary) or on our YouTube channel at [tinyurl.com/GoodnowYouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtinyurl.com/GoodnowYouTube)!



### Did You Know? Five Fun Facts about CROWS!

1. Crows are very large black birds. They are perching birds that have special feet for holding branches.
2. Crows are noisy and can make different sounds. The crow's loud "caw" sound is easy to hear and usually means warning, greeting, or hunger. Crows make purring sounds to other crows, and can also copy the sounds of other birds.
3. Each spring a female crow lays three to six eggs. The eggs hatch in only 18 days. The baby crows live with their parents until they are four or five years old.
4. Crows are smart. They use twigs as tools to help get insects out of logs. They also put nuts in the middle of streets and wait until cars crush the shells so they can eat.
5. Crows eat anything: plants, nuts, insects, birdseed, garbage, worms, or other animals!

# Write It: Fly Like a Bird Word Search

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A R B G X C R S W A L L O W W  
P I G E O N B Q F Q S G D E I  
K B H B C V B R R A V E N L E  
X L P H E A S A N T V Q S L A  
C A R D I N A L H D Z V K V G  
A G N J K D G G D A B A E B L  
N W G D C P C H I C K A D E E  
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O P O U E N W Z C R O W H E W  
G O O S E Y L T G D O V E N K

Hummingbird

Chickadee

Starling

Pheasant

Cardinal

Sparrow

Pigeon

Swallow

Chicken

Wren

Turkey

Goose

Raven

Dove

Crow

Eagle

Hawk

Owl

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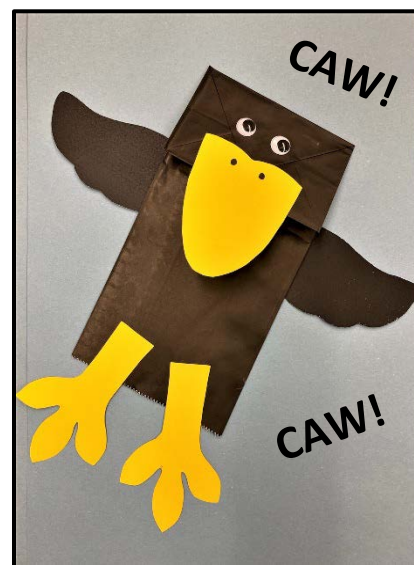
### Activity Instruction Sheet

Thanks for picking up an Activity Kit this week! We hope you have fun "Flying Like a Bird"! Most items needed for the enclosed activities are included, however some supplies are needed from home. **This week you will need: liquid glue (like Elmer's) or a glue stick, or tape, a black marker, a pair of scissors, water and some small stones from outside!** **These crafts can be messy so you may want to do these crafts on a surface that can get messy or lay some newspaper down first!** 😊

#### Paper Bag Crow Puppet

Make a fun crow puppet out of a black paper bag! Here's how:

- Use scissors to cut out the crow's wings, feet, and beak from the templates.
- Hold the paper bag so the rectangular flap created by the bottom of the bag is at the top and facing you. This bottom flap will be the crow's face!
- Glue the wings to the back of the bag with the black side facing front.
- Glue the wiggly eyes to the middle of the face flap.
- Glue the crow's beak to the bottom of the face flap being carefully not to glue the mouth closed! Use a black marker to make two small circles for the nostrils.
- Glue the crow's legs to the bottom of the bag (near the opening). Now your crow is ready to take flight! Put your hand inside and make the mouth open and close! Caw! Caw!! Act out the *Thank You, Crow* story! What would your crow bring Sebastian? What else might your crow do?



#### Pinecone Birdfeeder

Delight the birds in your yard by making them a birdfeeder out of a pinecone, Crisco, birdseed and twine!

- Use the craft stick to coat the pinecone with Crisco.
- Pour the birdseed onto an easy-to-clean surface – a large plate, a piece of newspaper, or a paper towel. Roll the Crisco coated pinecone in the birdseed. The Crisco acts as glue to stick the seeds to the pinecone!
- Tie the twine around the top of the pinecone.
- Take your birdfeeder outside and hang it somewhere birds can get to it! *Bon Appetit*, birds!



## Crow & the Pitcher Experiment

Pretend you're the crow from Aesop's fable *The Crow and the Pitcher* and explore the concept of water displacement with this fun S.T.E.M. activity!

- First... read the fable:

### The Crow and the Pitcher

Once upon a time, there was a thirsty crow. She came upon a pitcher that had some water in it, but when she put her beak into the pitcher she found she could not reach the water. Then, she had an idea. She looked around, found a pebble and dropped it into the pitcher. The water rose a little bit. The crow was encouraged and continued to drop pebbles into the pitcher, one at a time, until the water rose up high enough for the crow to reach it with her beak. The crow drank and was satisfied!

Moral: "Little by little does the trick."



- Next...Cut out the crow and glue or tape it to the lip of the plastic cup.
- Go outside and collect some small stones. The stones need to be small enough for several to fit inside your plastic cup.
- Fill the cup partway full with water. Gently drop your stones into the cup one by one, noting how much the water rises with every stone. How many stones does it take to get the water to rise to the top of the cup? What happens when you put in a larger stone?
- Pour the rocks out and start again with a different amount of water. Have fun guessing how many stones it will take for the water to reach the top!
- Note: the water rises when the stones push the water out of the way and take its place. That is called displacement! That's how the crow was able to drink the water in the fable!



If you do any of these projects, we'd love to see them! Send us a picture to our email at [children@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:children@sudbury.ma.us)! We can't wait to see what you do!

**Goodnow Library Children's Department  
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D-I-Y Supply List**

**Black Crow Bag Puppets:**

Black Paper Bag

Black cardstock or construction paper for wings

Yellow cardstock or construction paper for beaks and legs

Wiggle eyes

**Crow & Pitcher Experiment:**

Clear plastic cup

Crow paper cutout

**Backyard Bird Feeders:**

Pinecone

Twine

Crisco shortening

Birdseed

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## Take-and-Make Craft Kit Week 4: Fly Like a Bird!

### Craft Instruction Sheet

Thanks for picking up a Craft Kit this week! We hope you have fun and "Fly Like a Bird!" Most of the items needed for the crafts are included in the kit. **The supplies needed from home this week are a glue stick or liquid glue (like Elmer's), tape, plus markers or crayons.**

#### Scarecrow & Crow Puppets

Find the bag with the paper plate inside. Inside that bag is everything you need to make a scarecrow & a crow puppet!

**First...** Pull out the smaller bag. This bag has everything you need to make the crow! Glue together the black circle head, and the black half circle body. Decorate your crow with a wiggle eye, a beak, tail pieces, and black feathers!  
**Next...** Use the remaining pieces to make your scarecrow. Glue the hat on the paper plate. Glue or draw on the details for the eyes, nose, and mouth. Add the yellow and tan strips sticking out. Decorate however you want!  
**Last...** Add a craft stick handle to the back of each puppet using either glue or tape. Now your puppets are ready for some fun! Will the scarecrow scare the crow out? Or will they become friends? Have fun making up a story about them!



#### Birds Nest

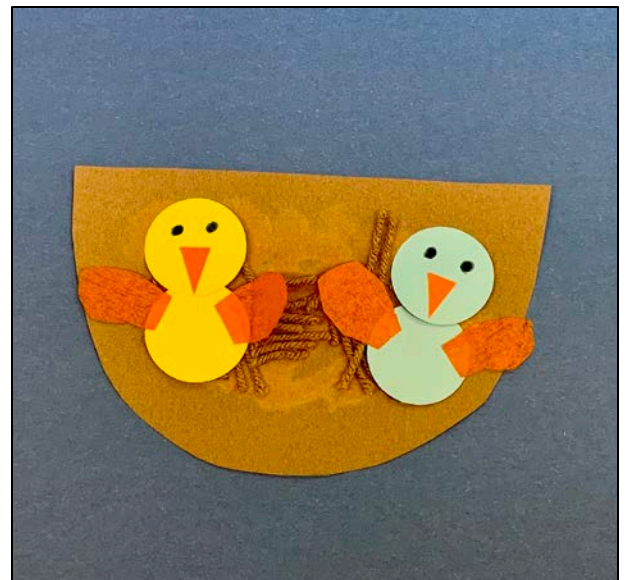
Find the bag with the yarn! You should find the following pieces to make your birds nest:

- Large brown half-circle for the nest
- 2 yellow circles to make a yellow bird
- 2 blue circles to make a blue bird
- 2 orange triangles for beaks
- 4 orange tissue paper wings
- Lots of pieces of yarn

**First...** Make the birds. Glue the 2 yellow circles together and the 2 blue circles together to make 2 birds. Add orange wings and beaks. Then draw eyes on your birds' faces!

**Next...** Glue the yarn pieces to the nest to make it a comfy home for your birds!

**Last....** Glue your birds onto the nest! Don't they look cute and cozy together in their snug little home? Maybe you could make a nest for yourself using pillows and blankets! That would be a fun place to read a book.



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