

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Theme

God watches over His children.

Object

None needed.

Scripture

"What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows."

Matthew 10:29, 31 (NLT)

Are you ever afraid? Do you ever worry? Are you ever discouraged? What are some things that discourage you? (Give the children an opportunity to answer.) Here are some things that might cause worry, fear or discouragement:

Loneliness

Feeling neglected

Feeling that you don't have any friends

Failure in school or other activities

Illness or injury

Criticism from others

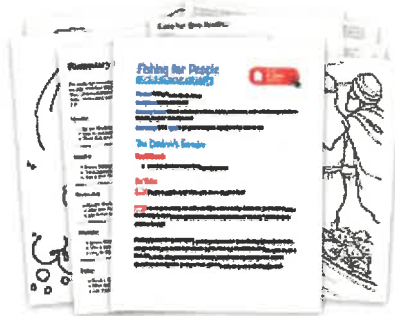
Today I want to tell you a story about a woman named Civilla Martin who wrote a song about overcoming fear, worry, and discouragement. Mrs. Martin and her husband were visiting a couple named Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle who lived in Elmira, New York. Mr. Doolittle was crippled and had to move about a wheelchair. Mrs. Doolittle had been confined to bed for over twenty years. Despite the problems they faced in life, they always seemed to have a cheerful outlook on life. Mr. Martin asked Mrs. Doolittle, "How do you manage to remain so joyful when

you face so many problems?" Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple. "If God has his eye on the sparrow, then I know he is watching over me."

Mrs. Martin was so touched by Mrs. Doolittle's reply that she wrote a poem that was to become the basis for a song that has brought peace and comfort to people for over a hundred years.

"Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart feel lonely, and long for heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches over me. His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me. I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free! His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me." The next day Cilla Martin mailed the poem to Charles Gabriel, a gospel songwriter, who wrote a tune for it. "The rest," as they say, "is history."

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The truth of the message of the song, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" is found in our Bible lesson for today. In Matthew chapter 10, Jesus was teaching his disciples that even though they were going to be facing some difficult times as his followers, they should not be afraid. He said to them, "Two sparrows are sold for one copper coin, but not one single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. So don't be afraid, you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows."

Isn't that amazing? God knows everything that we go through. Nothing that happens to us that he doesn't know about. When we feel lonely and totally abandoned, when it seems that our prayers are unanswered, when everything seems hopeless, God knows and God cares.

Father, we know that your eye is on the sparrow, and we know that you are watching over us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Songsheet

Interactive Group Activities
by Carol Williams & Charles Kirkpatrick

Sermon Title: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:28-31

BIRD STICKER BOOK: Let the children make a small book of bird stickers or magazine pictures of birds and write a part of our lesson on each page, such as GOD CARES FOR YOU, or WE ARE PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT, or NOT A SINGLE SPARROW CAN FALL TO THE GROUND WITHOUT YOUR FATHER KNOWING IT, or WE ARE MORE VALUABLE TO GOD THAN A WHOLE FLOCK OF SPARROWS, and THANK YOU GOD FOR LOVING US WITH SUCH AN UNCOMMON AND EXTRAORDINARY LOVE, etc.

BIRD HUNT: Before class, the teacher can have parts of our Bible verse today, printed on pictures or shapes of birds and hidden around the room. Let children go on a bird hunt, either in the classroom or outdoors. Bring all the "birds" with sections of the Bible verse on them, back to the classroom and place in order on a large blue poster board. Have children learn and memorize today's verse!

BIRD POSTER: Let the children either draw and color OR cut out pictures of birds and make a poster for themselves or altogether for a class poster. Cut out letters of the Bible verse or have children write the Bible verse on another colored bird for their poster.

BIRD HUNT OUTSIDE: Let the children share the binoculars and go on a little bird hunt outside and talk about today's story while children sit on the grass/blanket and watch for birds! Everytime someone sees a bird, the class will all say together.... GOD CARES FOR ME!!

BIRD FEEDER: Let the children spread a pine cone with peanut butter and sprinkle or roll it in bird seed and tie a string around the end for hanging from a tree.

BIRD FEATHER ART: Let the children draw or trace a big bird and then have colorful feathers available for children to glue onto their bird. Title their art with a phrase or Bible verse from today's lesson.

BIRD STICK: Let the children cut out a bird or choose from a group of bird pictures from a magazine to glue on to a small colorful piece of construction paper or neon file card and glue or tape to the top of a craft stick and let children "FLY" their birds around while saying the Bible verse today.

BIRD BUBBLES: Let children blow bubbles outside and remind them that each bubble can stand for all the birds and people that GOD loves and cares for! When each bubble POPS, let the children know that God knows and CARES about everything that happens to us (like every sparrow that falls to the ground and God knows about it).

SUNFLOWER SEED SNACKS: Let children have a small sandwich bag with some sunflower seeds to eat for a snack and remind them that birds eat sunflower seeds and God cares for the birds and how much MORE does He care for US!

Song: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" by Civilla D. Martin & Charles H. Gabriel

[Words and music \(pdf\)](#)

[Piano Accompaniment - MP3](#)

Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" by George F. Root

[Words and music \(pdf\)](#)

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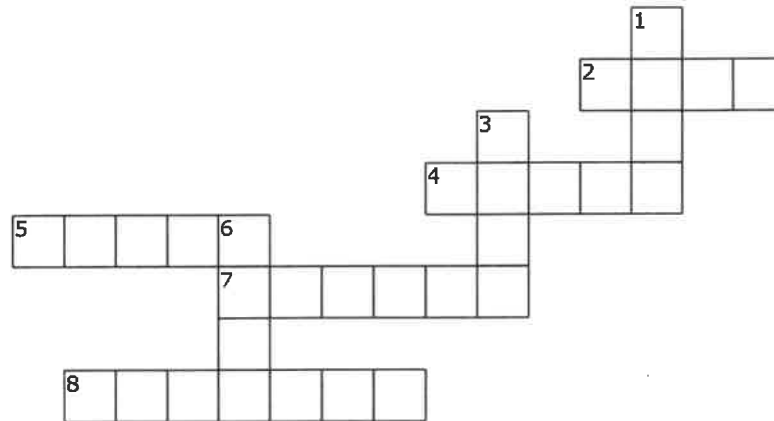
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Birds In Air (Matthew 10:29)

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

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Based on Matthew Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The spiritual part of a person
4. A small copper coin
5. The value of something
7. To be fearful or anxious about something
8. A common, small, gray-brown bird

DOWN

1. The physical part of a person
3. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain
6. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

WORTH	SOUL	SPARROW	HEAD
HAIR	PENNY	AFRAID	BODY

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A. head B. hair C. penny D. soul
- ___ 8. The value of something
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WE ARE PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT

Unscramble each word, then use the marked letters to reveal the secret word.



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Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
apart from the will of your Father.
Matthew 10:29 (NLT)

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HERE ARE SOME CLUES IN CASE YOU NEED HELP!

1. The surface of a piece of land. I dug a hole in the _____.
2. Exchanged something for money. He _____ his bicycle.
3. A copper coin that is of very little value. Matthew 10:29
4. The importance or value of something or someone.
5. Those things growing on the top of your head.

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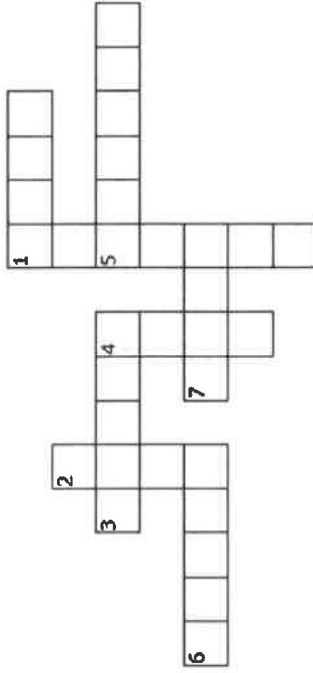
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STUDENT	GROUND	FOLLOW	PENNY	HAIRS
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WORTH	LIFE	HEAD	MASTER	CROSS
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Crossword Puzzle



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Multiple Choice Quiz

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