

## TREASURE CHEST KIT #8: OUR WORLD

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
BOOK	Alison's Zinnia	ANITA LOBEL
BOOK	Amos Camps Out	SUSAN SELIGSON and HOWIE SCHNEIDER
BOOK	Birds: A First Discovery Book	GALLIMARD JEUNESSE
BOOK	Come To The Meadow	ANNA GROSSNICKLE HINES
BOOK	Counting Wildflowers	BRUCE McMILLAN
BOOK	A Day At Damp Camp	GEORGE ELLA LYON
BOOK	Do Not Disturb	NANCY TAFURI
BOOK	Have You Seen Trees?	JOANNE OPPENHEIM
BOOK	Let's Go Camping With Mr. Sillypants	M. K. BROWN
BOOK	Little Robin Redbreast	SHARI HALPERN
BOOK	Miss Rumphius	BARBARA COONEY
BOOK	Nature Hide And Seek: Rivers And Lakes	JOHN NORRIS WOOD
BOOK	Nature Spy	SHELLEY ROTNER and KEN KREISLER
BOOK	Northern Lullaby	NANCY WHITE CARLSTROM
BOOK	Our Yard Is Full Of Birds	ANNE ROCKWELL
BOOK	Say Something	MARY STOLZ
BOOK	Scrabble Creek	PATRICIA WITTMANN
BOOK	Stellaluna	JANELL CANNON
BOOK	A Tree Is Nice J	ANICE MAY UDRY
BOOK	Urban Roosts: Where Birds Nest In The City	BARBARA BASH
BOARD BOOK	A Child's Good Night Book	MARGARET WISE BROWN
BIG BOOK	Feathers For Lunch	LOIS EHLERT
RESOURCE BOOK	Earthways	CAROL PETRASH
BOOK & TAPE	Arthur Goes To Camp	MARC BROWN
CASSETTE	Two Hands Hold The Earth	SARAH PIRTLE
VHS	Happy Campers With Miss Shirley And Friends	
PUPPET	Raven Puppet	
EXTRA ITEMS	Wildflower Field Guide & Press For Kids	CAROL ANNE CAMPBELL

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## ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

**Set up a bird feeder** at your child care center. Decorate a tree for birds. Place sliced oranges in the tree. String cheerios and hang from the branches. Have children keep track of the birds they see. They can classify and count birds of different colors.

**Read** *Stellaluna* and *Our Yard Is Full Of Birds*. Then compare and contrast birds and bats. Make a chart with your observations. Decorate it with pictures.

**View the video** then make some of the crafts suggested. The video tells how to make field glasses out of toilet paper rolls and back packs out of brown grocery bags. Then take a hike around your child care center.

**Have a pretend campfire.** Sing campfire songs. Bring in sleeping bags and pretend to sleep around the campfire.

**Take a look at nature close up.** Lay a hula hoop in the yard. Let children count bugs, worms, rocks, flowers and anything else they find in the hula hoop.

### Here Is The World

Here is our world, our big round world.

*(Spread arms)*

Here are the mountains high.

*(Stretch arms up)*

Here is a fish that swims in the sea.

*(Move hand back and forth)*

Here are the birds that fly.

*(Motion of flying)*

Here is the sun, the bright, warm sun.

*(Make circle with arms)*

Here are the leaves that fall.

*(Let raised hands fall gently)*

Here is our world, our big, round world.

See the wonder of it all!

*(Spread arms)*

### All Kinds of Birds

*(Hold up one finger for each bird)*

One pelican dips his bill and catches a fish.

Two peacocks strut and their tail feathers swish.

Three penguins waddle from side to side.

Four owls hoot and blink their eyes.

Five woodpeckers sound rat-a-tat-tats.

Six turkeys gobble and bob like that.

Seven ducks swim and say quack, quack, quack.

Eight chickens cluck and go scratch, scratch, scratch.

Nine ostriches hide their heads in the sand.

Ten sea gulls screech as they soar over land.

Birds in the water.

*(Make wave motions with arm)*

Birds in the air.

*(Flap arms)*

Birds and more birds everywhere!

*(Hold arms out wide)*

### If I Were A Bird

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song

*(Twine thumbs together and move hands like wings)*

And fly about the whole day long.

And when the night comes, go to rest,

Way up high in my cozy nest.

*(Cup hands together to form nest)*

**Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:**

- *My Spring Robin* by Anne Rockwell. While searching for the robin whose song she recalls from last summer, a little girl discovers several signs of spring.
- *Nature Walk* by Douglas Florian. The wonders of the forest are explored in this simple rhyme.
- *What Is A Bird?* by Ron Hirschi. Exceptionally clear color photographs combine with informational and poetic text to explore the world of Birds. Also try *Where Do Birds Live* by the same author.
- *A Year Of Birds* by Ashley Wolff. Provides a look at birds throughout the seasons.