

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



THURSDAY

GOD'S ANIMAL

This week's animal is the Peacock! Pull up the ["God's Animal - The Peacock"](#) page (sample below), and read about the peacock and the different ways God takes care of them.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- ["God's Animal - The Peacock"](#) document (sample below)



THE PEACOCK

A peacock is a kind of bird, so it hatches from an egg as a baby. Baby peacocks are called "peachicks." Peachicks all look the same when they first hatch, but as they get older, they start to grow their feathers. The boys, called peacocks, grow bright, pretty colored tail-feathers. The girls, called peahens, are brown and do not have long tail feathers like the boys. When a peacock is fully grown, its tail feathers are about 6 feet tall. That's taller than lots of grown ups! Even though peacocks are really big, they are still able to fly like other birds. Peacocks live in jungles and rainforests, and they like to hide in the trees. Peacocks love to make friends and be around other peacocks. They even live in groups called musters.

If a peacock feels threatened or afraid, it can spread out its tail feathers to make itself look bigger. The top of each feather has a design on it that makes it look like an eye, so when the peacock spreads its feathers out, it can look to other animals like there are a lot of eyes watching them, and it can scare away animals that might hurt the peacock. This is one way peacocks defend themselves. The Bible says that God takes care of the birds. God gave peacocks their beautiful feathers to help protect them and to help clothe them. God takes care of us too. He protects us and He provides things for us like clothes!