



# Playgroup SA

## *Playgroup Weekly Session Planner*

*Pets - Birds*

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# CRAFT ACTIVITY

Birds make great Pets for families, especially those living in smaller homes, they add life and personality to many families. There are many different types of birds that people keep as pets, some include Chickens, Cockatiels, Parakeets, Galahs and Pigeons.

**Craft activity:** My pet bird

**Children will need:** Coloured paper or card, coloured paper cut in to thin strips, coloured feathers, eye stickers, glue and scissors.

**Instructions:** Cut the coloured paper or card into large circles using the template supplied. Fold in half. Decorate the bird using the coloured feathers and thin strips of coloured paper. Cut small beak shape out of the coloured paper and glue on, add eye stickers.

**COVID Safe suggestions:** COVID Safe suggestions: Set up individual craft stations, for social distancing, wipe over items used and table before setting up for the next child. Or make up a craft pack for the children to take home.

**Extension ideas:** Make a nest for the bird out of brown card/paper – cut out the shape, draw lines to make it look like straw or glue some feathers, straw or sticks on to the card/paper and then glue your bird on to the nest. Cut some egg shapes out and add them to the nest also.

**Fact:** Birds communicate using songs and calls. They are very social animals. Some birds can be taught to “talk”



**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected and contribute to their world.

# OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

If you have an outdoor area, or a little park nearby – walk and have the children look in the trees and around them to see if they can see any birds, and if so are they different or the same? Are they colourful? What colours do they have on the feathers? Ask the Children to share what they see.

# GROUP TIME IDEAS

Have the children stand in a circle on the matt, play the Chicken Dance Song and show the children the moves. Have some fun dancing around being chickens.



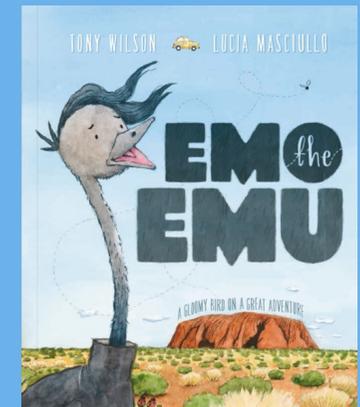
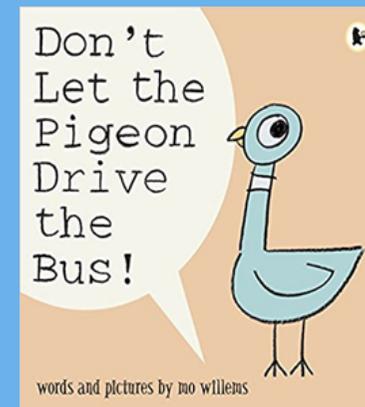
Garry the Galah. Do you know anyone with a pet Galah?



# BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems

Emo the Emu by Tony Wilson & Lucia Masciullo.



# Circle Template

