

Pin the Feather¹

Activity Instructions:

Purpose: To get to know bird anatomy.

Directions:

Tell the group:

-*“First we will be going over bird anatomy.”* (If you haven’t already your might want to ask/review why this is a helpful thing to learn about.)

-*“If you already know the names of the parts I am going to point out, please tell me.”*

After introducing the terms and labeling a bird at the front of the room/on the board, tell the group:

“-Next I’ll be giving you blank birds and some “feathers.”

-Your job is to “pin” or stick these labeled feathers to the correct part of the bird.

-If you get stuck, you can look at the labeled sign.”

(If you have other resources out, mention those too!)

When group has completed this “open poster” round, have them try again without using the poster.

You can have your group sing and enact the “Bird Anatomy Song” (see website for sample lyrics) as review, as practice in advance or, for fun, as a “penalty” if they don’t meet some goal you set together.

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