Craft: TOILET PAPER ROLL BIRD FEEDER

Crafting with toilet and paper towel rolls is a simple and great way to teach children about the many benefits of reusing daily items. (Note: train everyone to save all the toilet and paper towel rolls! Create a box just for cardboard rolls next to your craft supplies.)

We can teach kids (and ourselves!) to recycle and reuse everyday items and to take care of the environment and wildlife. In this case, feeding the birds!

SUPPLIES:

- Peanut butter, sunflower butter, almond butter, or soy butter.
- Craft/Popsicle sticks or spoon
- Bird seed
- Toilet paper or paper towel rolls
- Twine

DIRECTIONS:

1. Using a popsicle stick or spoon cover outside of toilet paper roll with nut/seed butter.
2. Roll the covered toilet paper roll in the bird seed until covered.
3. Thread a piece of twine through the toilet paper roll and knot.
4. Hang where birds can enjoy safely.
**Song: Little Birds**

Way up in the sky  
The little birds fly  
When down in the nest  
The little birds rest  
With a wing on the left  
And a wing on the right  
Those sweet little birdies sleep all through the night  
Shhh  
They're sleeping  
The bright sun comes up  
The dew drops awake  
Good morning, good morning  
The little birds say

**Variation with Hand Gestures**

Way up in the sky, the little birds fly (point up, then flap "wings")  
Way down in the nest, the baby birds rest. (prayer hands, then rest head on them)  
With a wing on the left, and a wing on the right (left arm wing-wiggle, same with right)  
Those tired little birdies sleep all through the night (rest head on hands)  
Shhh! They're sleeping (index fingers to lips)  
The bright sun comes up (big circle with arms)  
The dew falls away (fingers rain down)  
Good morning, good morning,  
The little birds say (Make little talking beaks with hands)
Can you help Ivy reach her bird friends?