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## **“A Special Place”**

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**What** While making a birdhouse together, three siblings learn how God gave us everything we need when He created the world. He wants us to be creators as well, using the gifts He has given us to help those around us.

**Themes:** Kids Ministry, Creation, Creators, Gifts

**Who** Jenna/Johnny  
Marie/Mark  
Alaina/Alex

**When** Present

**Wear  
(Props)** Table  
Stool  
Partially Constructed Birdhouse  
Birdhouse Roof  
Hammer  
Wood Glue  
Sheet of Instructions  
Small Pieces of Wood

**Why** Genesis 1:1-31

**How** This skit is easy to perform, with no special lighting or sound effects. Note that the birdhouse itself could also be made from cardboard, such as using an empty tissue box, and painted to look like a birdhouse. This play could be accompanied by a birdhouse craft or activity to further deliver the themes of the play and scripture.

Actors can be either male or female.

**Time** Approximately 6 minutes

*Jenna is standing behind a table with the roof of a birdhouse in one hand and a sheet of directions in the other.*

**Jenna:** *(reading the instructions, frustrated)* What does this mean, "affix the left batten to the upper joist"? *(puts the instructions down and picks up birdhouse, looks at it)* Which one is the batten? *(looking at roof)* And where is the joist? *(puts down roof and birdhouse and picks up piece of wood)* And what is this supposed to be?

*Her younger sister, Alaina enters, skipping.*

**Alaina:** Are you done making my birdhouse yet, Jenna?

**Jenna:** *(with a sigh, puts down wood and picks up directions and looks at them)* I thought I was, but now I'm stuck. *(Looks up at Alaina)* Alaina, you don't happen to know what a joist is, do you?

**Alaina:** *(excitedly)* Of course I do!

**Jenna:** *(surprised)* You do?

**Alaina:** Yep! *(dancing around, excitedly)* A joist is when you are so happy that the gladness inside of you just comes out like an explosion! *(puts her hand on her heart, then jumps and throws her hands in the air)*

**Jenna:** *(with a smirk)* I don't think I understand. Can you use that in a sentence?

**Alaina:** Sure. *(putting her hands together, solemnly)* The party was so much fun that Sally nearly burst with joist! *(Puts her hand on her heart, then jumps and throws her hands in the air)*

**Jenna:** *(laughing and holding up directions)* Somehow, I don't think that's what they are referring to on step five of these birdhouse directions.

**Alaina:** Let me take a look. *(takes directions from Jenna and pretends to read)* I see the problem right here.

**Jenna:** How is that possible? You can't even read.

**Alaina:** *(picks up birdhouse and points inside)* The joist is right here. The birds will build a nest inside for their family. You will have created a special place for the birds, and they will be filled with joist.

**Jenna:** *(chuckling)* I see what you mean.

*Marie enters.*

**Marie:** How's it going out here?

**Alaina:** Jenna got stuck looking for the joist, but I helped her find it.

**Marie:** *(surprised)* You did?

**Alaina:** Yep. Now I've got some playing to do. Call me when you're done! *(exits, skipping)*

**Marie:** So, Alaina helped you find the joist, huh?

**Jenna:** According to Alaina, I can find all the joist I need right here. *(puts her hands on her heart and shakes her head; she picks up the birdhouse and roof)* But I'm afraid no amount of joist is going to help me get this roof on, Marie. I don't know why I thought I could build this stupid birdhouse. *(puts pieces down and sits down on stool, dejected)*

**Marie:** *(puts her hand on Jenna's shoulder)* I know things seem tough right now, Jenna, but you are a smart girl. I know you can figure this out.

**Jenna:** *(picks up the directions)* But the directions don't make any sense! *(stands up)* I don't want to disappoint Alaina, but I don't think I can finish this birdhouse. *(starts to walk away)*

**Marie:** *(picking up birdhouse)* You can't give up now. Look how far you've come.

**Jenna:** *(looks back)* Not far enough.

**Marie:** *(crosses to Jenna, carrying the birdhouse)* When you started there was only a few pieces of wood, some nails, and glue. Right?

**Jenna:** I guess.

**Marie:** Now you have four walls, a floor, a window— *(touches perch)* even this cute little perch.

**Jenna:** *(touches perch)* It is cute, isn't it?

**Marie:** It's more than cute—it's fantastic. I'm sure the birds will love standing on their little perch looking out at the world.

**Jenna:** The birds aren't going to have a home if I can't figure out how to get the roof on. *(crosses back to stool and sits down, dejected)* I just can't do it, Marie. I guess I'm not as creative as I thought I was.

**Marie:** Now I know that's not true.

**Jenna:** What do you mean?

**Marie:** When I was making the volcano for my science project, who figured out how to make the lava bubble and flow as if it were real?

**Jenna:** *(with head down)* I did.

**Marie:** And when Mom had trouble getting her herb garden to grow, who made her that really cool indoor greenhouse?

**Jenna:** *(looking up)* I did.

**Marie:** And who built Dad that really neat tie rack for Father's Day last year when we couldn't figure out what to get him?

**Jenna:** *(smiling)* I did!

**Marie:** That's right. You did all those things. *(putting her hand on Jenna's shoulder)* You are one of the most creative girls I know, Jenna. You see a problem and you do your best to find a way to fix it. *(picks up birdhouse)* Take this birdhouse, for instance.

**Jenna:** What do you mean?

**Marie:** When Alaina came to you and said there was a mother bird in our yard who needed a home, the first thing you did was plan to build a birdhouse. You knew that mother bird needed a home and you wanted to help create one for her.

**Jenna:** I guess.

**Marie:** When God created the world, he created a place for each and every one of us. He created water for the fish, and land for the people and animals. He created plants for us to eat and air for us to breathe. He gave us all a special place to live, just like you are creating a special place for mother bird and her family to live.

**Jenna:** I'm trying.

**Marie:** God gave us everything we need, and now he wants us to be creators too, and use our gifts and talents to create things to help all the living things of the world. He has given you everything you need inside yourself to finish this birdhouse, Jenna. *(touches Jenna's head)* Right here. *(takes Jenna's hand and places it over Jenna's heart)* And right here.

**Jenna:** You're right! *(stands up and picks up wood glue)* I might not know what a batten or a joist is, but I can finish this birdhouse. *(starts to glue the birdhouse and applies the roof. She holds up the birdhouse)* There! It's finished!

*Alaina enters, skipping.*

**Alaina:** The birdhouse is done! *(crosses to Jenna and hugs her)* Thanks, Jenna. I knew you could do it.

**Jenna:** *(looking at Marie)* I don't think I could have done it without Marie's help.

**Marie:** All you needed was a little reminder of the creator that is inside of you.

**Alaina:** So can we hang it up now?

**Jenna:** We sure can. *(hands Alaina the birdhouse)*

**Alaina:** The birds are going to be filled with so much joy when they see this birdhouse, don't you think?

**Marie:** *(laughing)* I do.

**Jenna:** *(putting her arm around Alaina and smiling)* Creating a special place for Mother Bird and her family fills me with joy too.

*All laugh. End of scene.*