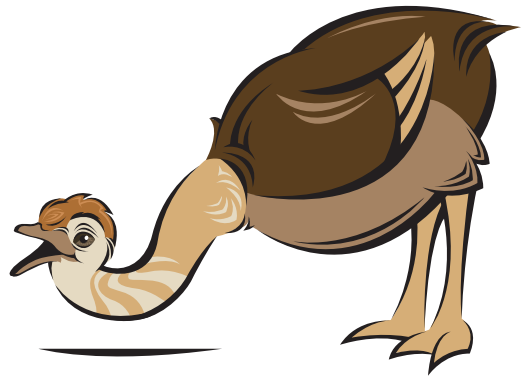


# Family Activities



## OSCAR OSTRICH FACES THE FUTURE

TRY THESE ACTIVITIES AFTER READING  
THE FABLE WITH YOUR CHILD:

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**DISCUSS THE MONEY MORAL**, “If you set and reach financial goals, your needs will be met in the future.” Talk to your child about possible future needs and setting goals to meet these needs.

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**BRAINSTORM IDEAS** with your child on ways to earn money to reach their goals. Make a list and choose three earning opportunities to try in the near future. After completing these, evaluate and discuss which ideas were successful money-making opportunities.

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**ASK YOUR CHILD TO WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF OSCAR’S FABLE**, telling how he saves to finally reach his financial goals. Story ideas could include Oscar’s feather sale, Oscar’s birthday celebration, or Oscar’s run in the annual ostrich race.

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**CREATE A BIRD PUZZLE** for your child to assemble, using the large Jay Eagle picture included on the next page. Print and cut into jigsaw pieces for your child to put together. Discuss the bird’s characteristics, including size, color, and markings.

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**LISTEN AND LEARN ABOUT BIRD SOUNDS** with your child. Use the bird guide at <http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide> to listen to bird songs and calls. After hearing several birds online, play a game to see if your child can identify a bird through listening to his call.

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**VISIT YOUR LOCAL ZOO** to observe all bird species, especially the ostrich (if it is on display). Ask your child to look for similarities and differences among the birds, and to observe traits the birds show. For example, which birds act brave or shy? Which ones seem smart, relaxed or curious?

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**READ ABOUT “THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT”** at <http://birds.audubon.org>. Participate in this February event with your child by counting the different birds in your backyard for a 15 minute period. Use the website educational materials to report your count online. Compare your count with other bird watchers across the country.

