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Establishing a caring attitude early

He is the center of his world. At times he believes his thoughts are the thoughts of all, that an object not in his sight doesn't exist, and that the world should operate the way his eyes perceive it. He is a child.

We need to help our children come out of this egocentric leaning. We need to guide their minds away from themselves and toward others. By establishing early a caring attitude, they will gradually focus less on themselves and

more on the feelings of others.

Little by little, a picture of their own traits and a clearer picture of themselves will emerge.

Start with a concern for the birds in your yard. Soon their regular source of food will disappear. As the days become cooler and the frost kills many of the insects and plants they depend on, a real need develops for supplemental food supplies. You and your youngster can help these birds.

Cut off the top and bottom from a can of coffee, lemonade or other similar-sized can. If the edges seem sharp, cover them with masking tape.

Take two equal sized aluminum pie pans, slightly larger than the circumference of the coffee can. For greatest stability, use pie pans that are not too much larger than the can and pans that are round rather than rectangular. Punch a small hole in the exact middle of each pie pan.

Using heavy twine or string, thread it through the first pie pan, next through the can, and finally through the second pie pan. The pie pans have now formed a top to keep the seeds dry, and a bottom tray to hold the seeds. The can serves as a storage place for the seeds. Knot the string under the second pan.

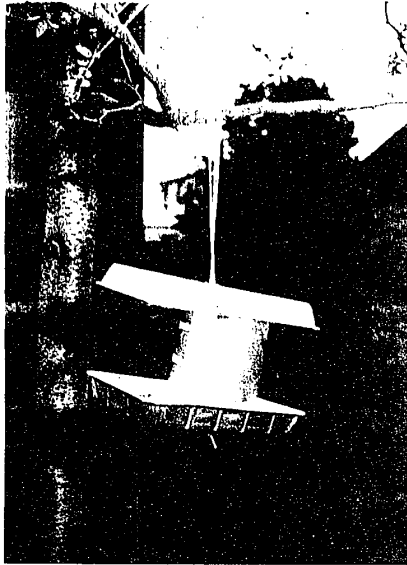
By filling the can with bird seed and tying the string to a tree branch, an attractive feeder is created. Try to hang the feeder among many branches so the birds have a place to land.

The birds will depend on your supplemental food. Don't forget to fill the feeder on a regular basis.

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Concerns for birds can help your child learn to care for others. (Photo by Pat Bordman)

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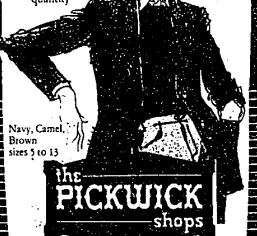
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