



The Ark

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Flap, Glide and Soar Like a Pigeon

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For this worksheet, you will need all the powers of your wildest imagination...
Stretch your arms out as long as you can, begin to move them up and down and close your eyes. Your arms have turned into long, feathered wings! You can fly!

Engineer your own wings and draw yourself as a bird

Wing examples:



Flap fast, dart, disappear quick
fast lift off.

Bird: Robin



Swoop, Soar
circle high

Bird: Eagle



Cruise,
glide, soar

Bird: Seagull



Zoom fast, agile,
chase

Bird: Falcon

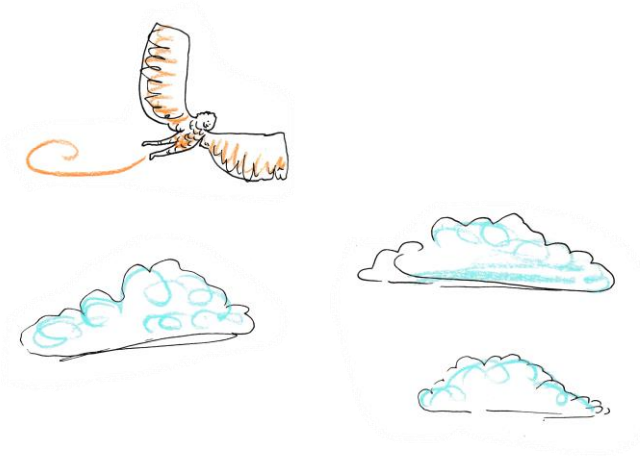
Think about what kind of wings you want to help you imagine the kinds of flying adventures you will have.

Bird wings come in different shapes and sizes. Some are good for short distances and great speed, others are best for gliding smoothly over long distances on the wind currents.

Try to make your drawing big on the page.

Once you've drawn yourself as a bird, now decorate your wings. You could use scrap paper, old magazine scraps with glue, paint, markers and pencils to do this. Why not cut out your bird and hang it up with string once you're finished!

Investigate from the sky



With your new wings, imagine you can hop outside and fly up, high above your home and your neighbourhood. You fly over the roofs, the roads, the traffic and the gardens, and watch people and animals from above.

Draw a bird's eye view map of your area.

What's happening down there as you fly by?

Does your neighbourhood look very different from high up?

Include in your drawing the ordinary or extraordinary things you discover.

Life amongst the birds

Now that you are half bird, you can choose the birds you would like to be friends with. Draw a story of your life with the birds you've decided to get to know.

Seagulls are loud and brave and live on rooftops or at sea.

City pigeons are quiet and love to hang out together on window ledges, watching the world pass by. Blackbirds, thrushes and the wrens live in the trees and sing beautiful songs. Swans are calm and live an elegant life on beautiful lakes, rivers and canals. Spend some time watching the different birds around you and try to imagine what life would be like living with them. You might like to do some research online or in books.



We would love to see your winged creations and artworks. If you would like to share them with us, please ask a grown-up to send them to us by email at thearkdublin@gmail.com.

If you'd like to learn how to create your own winged puppet, check out our **Flap, Glide and Soar like a Pigeon** Video Workshop with Duffy Mooney-Sheppard.

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