

# BALD EAGLE



# LAPBOOK

# Bald Eagles Research

## Vocabulary

predator- an animal that lives by killing and eating other animals

prey- an animal hunted or killed by another animal for food

bird of prey- a meat-eating bird (as a hawk) that feeds partly or completely on the animals it hunts

talon- the claw of an animal

raptor- another word used to describe a bird of prey

bill- the jaws of a bird together with their horny covering

eaglet- a baby eagle

migration- to pass from one region or climate to another usually on a regular schedule

brooding- to care for young

other ideas for vocabulary words: carrion, incubation, fledgling, egg tooth, immatures, and sanctuaries

## Our National Symbol Information

The Founding Fathers wanted to choose an animal that was unique to the United States. For six years, the members of Congress disagreed over what the national emblem should be. Finally, in 1782, the bald eagle was chosen because it symbolized strength, courage, freedom, and immortality.

## Nest Book Answers

Where do eagles build their nests? in tall trees or on high cliffs

What is the nest made of? sticks and branches

How many eggs do they lay? The female will lay 2 or 3 white eggs and incubation will last 30 to 45 days.

What is an eagle's nest called? aerie

Note: Eagle's nests are HUGE! They are typically 6 feet in diameter. One of the largest eagle's nest ever found was 12 feet high and 8 1/2 feet across.

## Matchbook Answers

**What does "eagle-eyed" mean?** to have good vision and notice things quickly; eagles have excellent vision-- they can see something as small as a mouse from a mile away!

**Are bald eagles really bald?** No! The bald eagle is not really bald; it actually has white feathers on its head, neck, and tail. Bald is a derivation of *balde*, an Old English word meaning white. The eagle was named for its white feathers instead for a lack of feathers.

**How long can an eagle live?** Bald eagles can live 30-40 years in the wild and longer in captivity.

**How fast can an eagle fly?** The bald eagle can fly 20 to 40 mph in normal flight and can dive at speeds over 100 mph.

#### Diet and Habitat

Habitat- The bald eagle can be found on lakes, rivers, marshes and seacoasts where it can find fish!

Diet- fish, rabbits, carcasses of other dead animals

#### Measuring Up Information

Bald Eagles are about 29 to 42 inches long, can weigh 7 to 15 pounds, and have a wing span of 6 to 8 feet.

#### Eagles in the Bible

There are many mentions of eagles in the Bible. Eagles are found all over the world, and there are several species in Palestine. Sometimes the word “eagle” in the Bible may refer to a Griffin-vulture, translated from the Hebrew word Neshar, meaning, “to tear with the beak”. Eagles catch and eat live food, and no more than two or three eagles ever flock together. If you read of an “eagle” eating carcasses or flying in large groups, it is most likely referring to the Griffin-vulture.

#### Symbolic of God’s Fatherly Love -

The eagle was used at least twice in the Bible as an example of God’s fatherly love.

God, speaking to Moses in Exodus 19:4, said *“Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself.”*

In Deuteronomy 32:11 the Lord is compared to a mother eagle protecting her young. *“As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings;”*

God protects Israel like an eagle teaching its young to fly, with watchful guidance. The phrase *bearth them on her wings* speaks of the eagle soaring over her young, using her powerful wings to protect the little ones from harm.

### **Symbolic of Rome -**

In Deuteronomy 28:49, Moses talks of a nation from afar that was to judge Israel. *“The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;”* The nation that comes from afar is pictured as an eagle. The eagle was the symbol of Rome, and the nation from afar was the Roman Empire, where they spoke Latin.

### **Symbolic of Longevity –**

In the book of Psalms David uses the eagle as a symbol for longevity. It is recorded that an eagle was kept in Vienna for 104 years.

Psalm 103:1-5 –

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

David blesses the holy name of God as he names his blessings. When we find joy and happiness in blessing the name of God, and recount all His benefits to us, our strength is renewed like the eagle’s to that of our youth. When our heart is satisfied with God, we have the power to soar over our daily problems.

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1. Powerful dark brown wings

2. White tail feathers

3. Yellow feet

4. Sharp talons

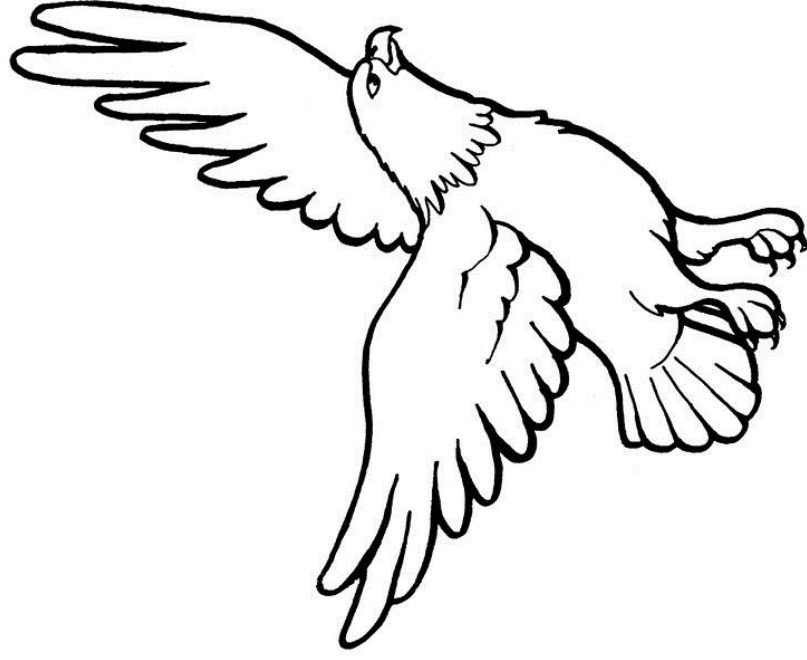
5. White feathers on head

6. Keen eyes (to spot prey)

7. Sharp yellow bill  
(to eat prey)



# Eagle Anatomy



What you see on the previous page is the inside of your book. Cut out as one piece and fold in half. Have your student color the eagle (brown body, brown wings, white head, white tail feathers, etc.).

Let your student write the number next to each part of the eagle or just use the book for discussion. (i.e. "Can you show me the talons?"). A very young student could even draw a line to match the body part to the correct text.

Cut out cover (on this page) and glue to front of the book.



Cut book out as one piece. Fold in half. Open. Fold bottom strip up (fold on the dotted lines) to form a pocket on the inside of the book. Use small dots of glue on the edges (if you use too much, the pockets will be too small).

# Measuring Up





## BALD EAGLE

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Wingspan (from tip to tip) \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_



### ME

Height \_\_\_\_\_

From fingertip to fingertip \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out card. Record information about Bald Eagles. Measure your student and record information. How do they compare?

Store measurement card in one side of the pocketbook.

Get some yarn or string.

Cut one piece the length of an eagle's wingspan. Label with masking tape.

Cut another piece the size of your student's "arm span"—measuring from fingertip to fingertip. Label.

Compare the two pieces.

Store the pieces of yarn in the other side of the pocketbook.

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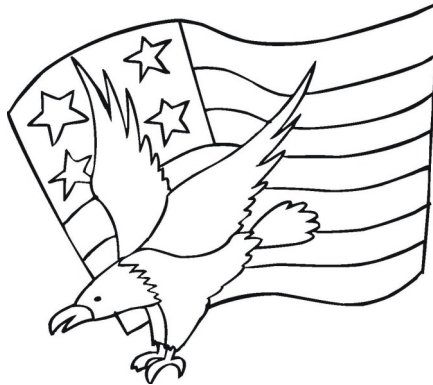
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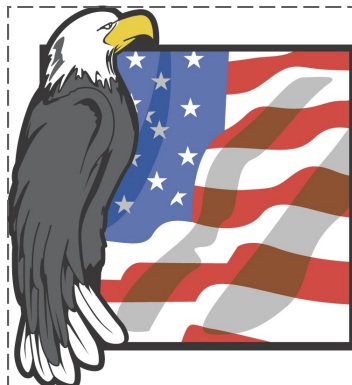
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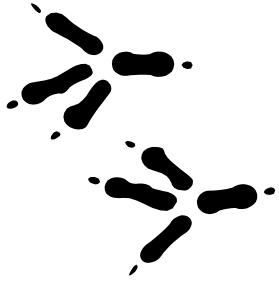




# National Symbol?

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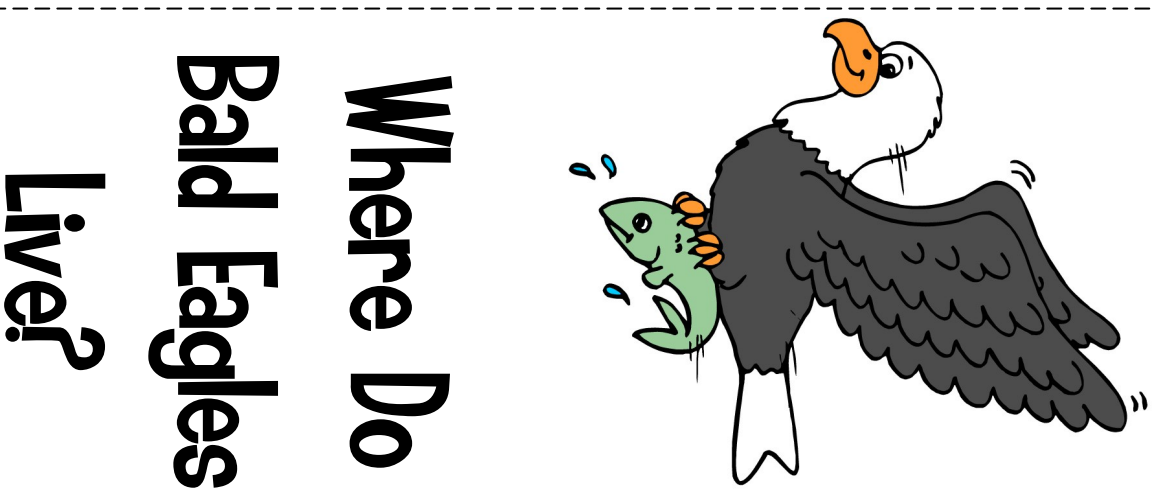
Cut on solid black lines. Fold books matchbook style. Write answers to the questions inside the books.

<p>How fast can an eagle fly?</p>		<p>What does "eagle-eyed" mean?</p>	<p>Are bald eagles really bald?</p>
			



Cut book out as one piece. Fold matchbook style. On the inside of your book, you can let an older student write information about when/why the eagle was chosen as the national symbol. A younger student can write something simple such as, "The national symbol of the U.S. is the eagle.").

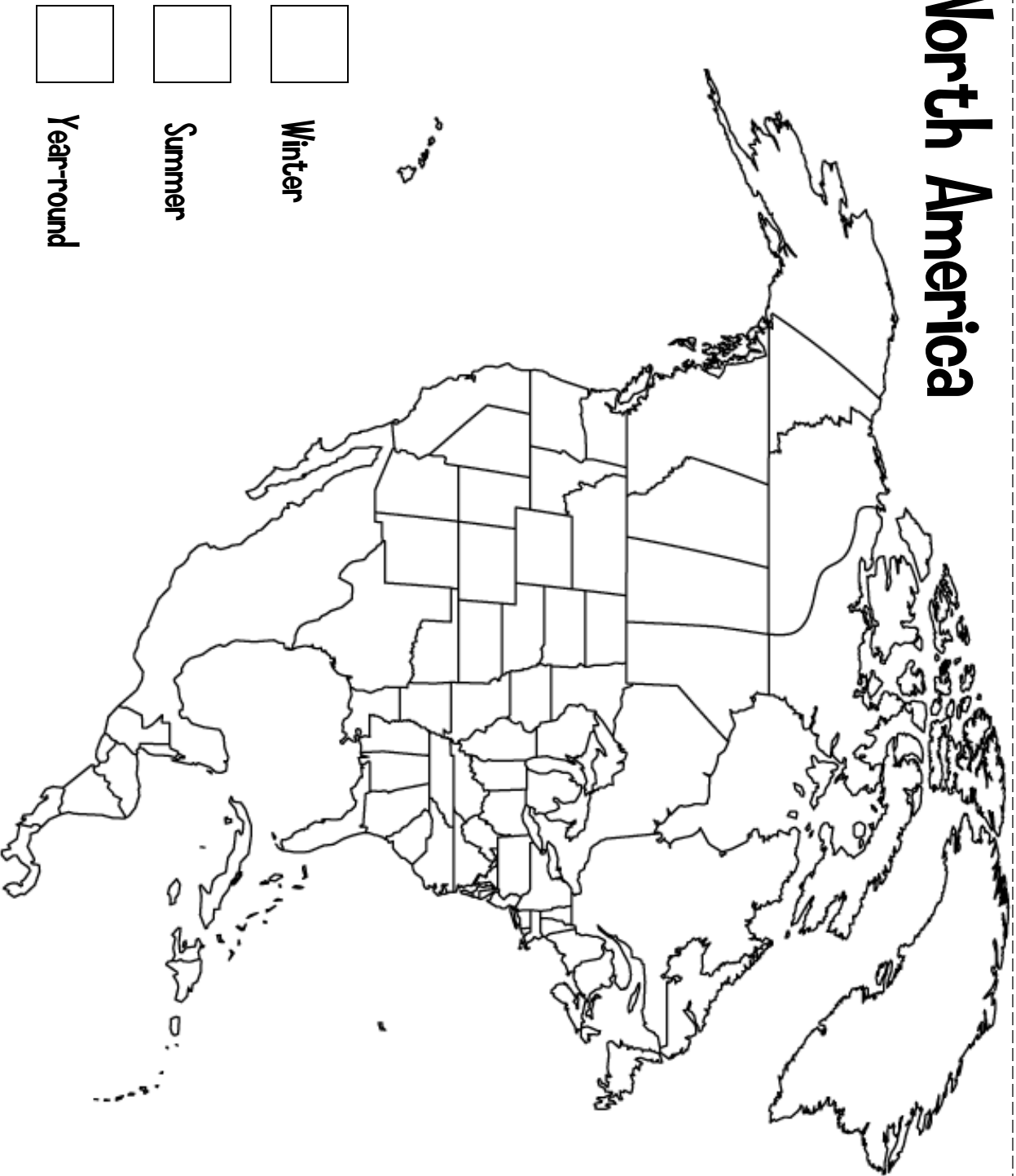
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**Where Do  
Bald Eagles  
Live?**

Cut out book as one piece. Fold in thirds. Cut out map on next page. Paste into book. Let your student color the areas on the map to indicate where bald eagles live.

# North America

☐

Winter

☐

Summer

☐

Year-round

Cut on the solid black lines on this page to cut apart the four small books (do NOT cut on the dotted lines). Once you have them cut apart, fold on the dotted lines to form books. Let your student write the answer to each question inside the book.

Cut out book on next page and fold in half. Glue the four small books into the larger book.

<b>Where does an eagle build its nest?</b>	<b>What is an eagle's nest called?</b>	<b>How many eggs does an eagle lay?</b>	<b>What do they make their nests out of?</b>





# EAGLE'S NEST

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**STATUS**

**EXTINCT**

**ENDANGERED**

**THREATENED**

**Animals that are in  
danger of becoming  
extinct**

**Animals that no  
longer exist**

**Animals that may  
become endangered if  
they are not protected**

Cut book (on previous page) out as one piece. Cut out title piece ("STATUS").

Fold book in half so that the words are on the outside. Cut on dotted lines to form three flaps. Let your student glue the correct definition under each flap.

Presently, eagles are threatened; however, in the past they were on the endangered list.



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brass fastener

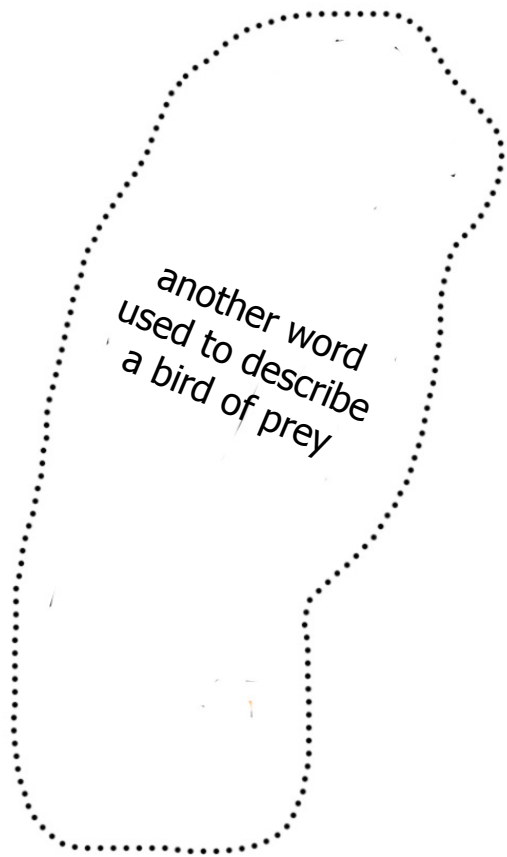
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lives by killing  
and eating other  
animals

an animal hunted  
or killed by  
another animal  
for food

a meat-eating  
bird that feeds  
partly or  
completely on the  
animals it hunts



the claw of an  
animal



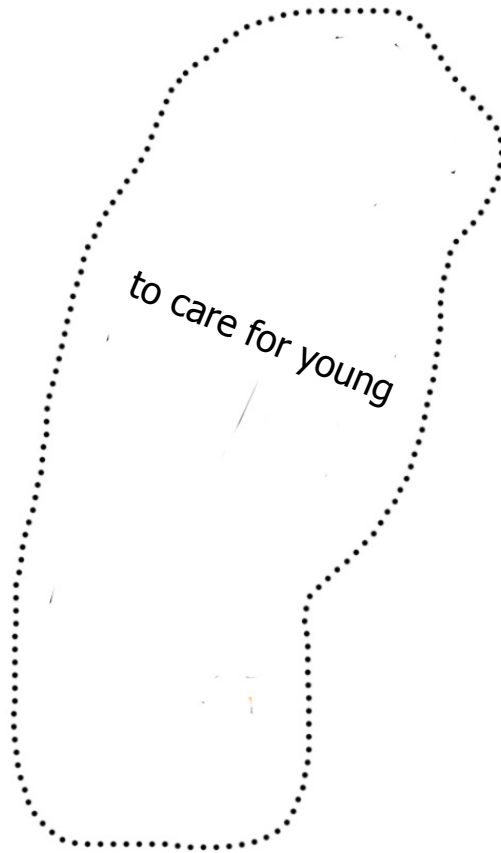
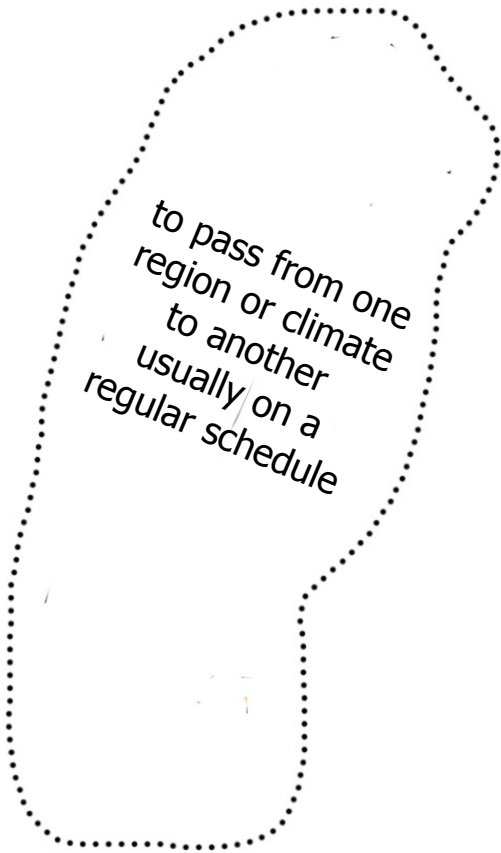
another word  
used to describe  
a bird of prey



the jaws of a bird  
together with  
their horny  
covering



a baby eagle



Cut out pieces on dotted lines. Let your student write the vocabulary word (that goes with the definition) on each piece. Stack with cover on top. Attach with a brass fastener under the talons (where indicated).

One blank piece is provided in case you find another word (or words—you can use it as a pattern) to include in your vocabulary list.



Cut out each feather outline (as many as needed). Stack together and attach at bottom with a brass fastener. Write the title and author of each book you read on a feather.





Fold paper in half on black dotted line. Cut out circle book (not cutting on the fold). Cut out the scripture verse and paste inside.

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Isaiah 40:31 - But they that  
wait upon the Lord shall  
renew their strength; they  
shall mount up with wings as  
eagles; they shall run and  
not be weary; and they  
shall walk and not faint.



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1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

This image shows a full page of primary-ruled paper. It contains ten identical horizontal rows designed for handwriting practice. Each row is defined by three lines: a solid top line, a dashed midline, and a solid bottom line. The rows are evenly spaced and extend across the entire width of the page.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

3 Who forgiveth all thine  
iniquities; who healeth all thy  
diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from  
destruction, who crowneth thee  
with lovingkindness and  
tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth  
with good things, so that thy  
youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Cut out books on solid lines. Accordion fold on dotted lines.  
Option 1: Print only the books you want and glue into lapbook individually.

Option 2: Print out all books and store in pocket.

Option 3: If you don't want to do copywork, cut off that flap and treat book as a simple fold.

## The Eagle and the Beetle



A BEETLE once begged the Eagle to spare a Hare which had run to her for protection. But the Eagle pounced upon her prey, the sweep of her great wings tumbling the Beetle a dozen feet away. Furious at the disrespect shown her, the Beetle flew, to the Eagle's nest and rolled out the eggs. Not one did she spare. The Eagle's grief and anger knew no bounds, but who had done the cruel deed she did not know.

Next year the Eagle built her nest far up on a mountain crag; but the Beetle found it and again destroyed the eggs. In despair the Eagle now implored great Jupiter to let her place her eggs in his lap. There none would dare harm them. But the Beetle buzzed about Jupiter's head, and made him rise to drive her away; and the eggs rolled from his lap.

Now the Beetle told the reason for her action, and Jupiter had to acknowledge the justice of her cause. And they say that ever after, while the Eagle's eggs lie in the nest in spring, the Beetle still sleeps in the ground. For so Jupiter commanded.

*Even the weakest  
may find means  
to avenge a wrong.*

# The Fighting Cocks and the Eagle



ONCE there were two Cocks living in the same farmyard who could not bear the sight of each other. At last one day they flew up to fight it out, beak and claw. They fought until one of them was beaten and crawled off to a corner to hide.

The Cock that had won the battle, flew to the top of the henhouse, and, proudly flapping his wings, crowed with all his might to tell the world about his victory. But an Eagle, circling overhead, heard the boasting chanticleer and, swooping down, carried him off to his nest.

His rival saw the deed, and coming out of his corner, took his place as master of the farmyard.

Pride goes before a

fall.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line.

# *The Eagle and the Kite*

AN EAGLE sat high in the branches of a great Oak. She seemed very sad and drooping for an Eagle. A Kite saw her.

"Why do you look so woe-begone?" asked the Kite.

"I want to get married," replied the Eagle, "and I can't find a mate who can provide for me as I should like."

"Take me," said the Kite; "I am very strong, stronger even than you!"

"Do you really think you can provide for me?" asked the Eagle eagerly.

"Why, of course," replied the Kite. "That would be a very simple matter. I am so strong I can carry away an Ostrich in my talons as if it were a feather!" The Eagle accepted the Kite immediately. But after the wedding, when the Kite flew away to find something to eat for his bride, all he had when he returned was a tiny Mouse.

"Is that the Ostrich you talked about?" said the Eagle in disgust. "To win you I would have said and promised anything," replied the Kite.

*Everything is fair  
in love.*

# *The Serpent and the Eagle*

A SERPENT had succeeded in surprising an Eagle and had wrapped himself around the Eagle's neck. The Eagle could not reach the Serpent, neither with beak nor claws. Far into the sky he soared trying to shake off his enemy. But the Serpent's hold only tightened, and slowly the Eagle sank back to earth, gasping for breath.

A Countryman chanced to see the unequal combat. In pity for the noble Eagle he rushed up and soon had loosened the coiling Serpent and freed the Eagle.

The Serpent was furious. He had no chance to bite the watchful Countryman. Instead he struck at the drinking horn, hanging at the Countryman's belt, and into it let fly the poison of his fangs.

The Countryman now went on toward home. Becoming thirsty on the way, he filled his horn at a spring, and was about to drink. There was a sudden rush of great wings. Sweeping down, the Eagle seized the poisoned horn from out his savior's hands, and flew away with it to hide it where it could never be found.

*An act of kindness  
is well repaid.*



# The Eagle and the Jackdaw



AN EAGLE, swooping down on powerful wings, seized a lamb in her talons and made off with it to her nest. A Jackdaw saw the deed, and his silly head was filled with the idea that he was big and strong enough to do as the Eagle had done. So with much rustling of feathers and a fierce air, he came down swiftly on the back of a large Ram. But when he tried to rise again he found that he could not get away, for his claws were tangled in the wool. And so far was he from carrying, away the Ram, that the Ram hardly noticed he was there.

The Shepherd saw the fluttering jackdaw and at once guessed what had happened. Running up, he caught the bird and clipped its wings. That evening he gave the Jackdaw to his children.

"What a funny bird this is!" they said laughing, "what do you call it, father?"

"That is a jackdaw, my children. But if you should ask him, he would say he is an Eagle."

Do not let your

vanity make you

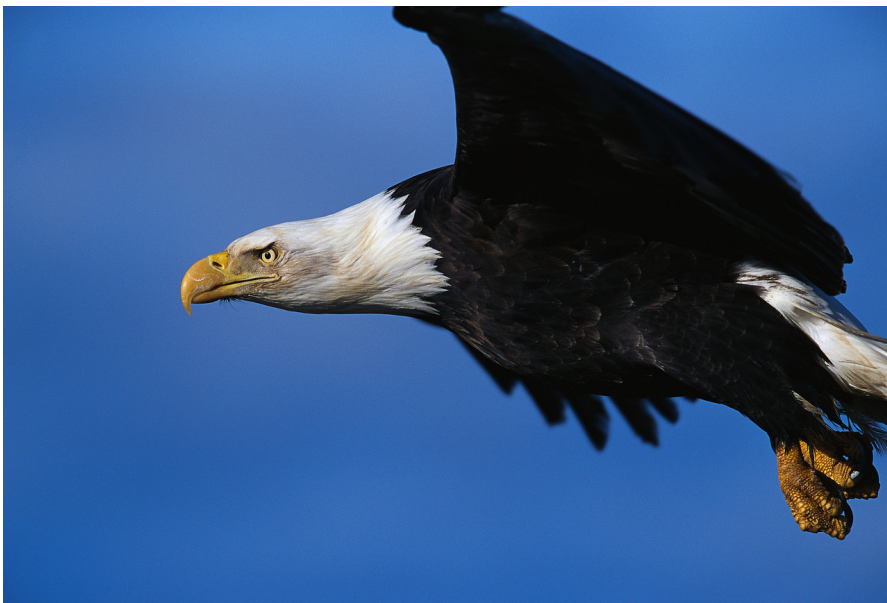
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powers.



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Use to store fable booklets.

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Cut on solid lines. Fold on dotted. Paste picture under the flaps. Describe the eagle's diet and habitat in the spaces provided on the picture.

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