

WHY THE DOVE BUILDS A NEST THE WAY HE DOES

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When the Lord created heaven and earth he sent birds with corn and seeds of different kinds. And then he sent another bird, and he told him [to go tell the other birds], he [the Lord] said, "All you birds gather around. I've come to show you how to build you a house." All the birds, robins, and all the birds came, and they was building houses.

He started the framework, so he just had a few little twigs on the bottom, and there was a dove sitting there. So when he seen that, and the dove said, "I know how! I know how!" So he flew off. Different ones left at different times and so now that why some of them have beautiful nests that hang on trees, and some of them build them real neat, but the dove he left first, and that why you could see his eggs through the nest because he didn't stay to see how it was finished. That's the way some people are today, they don't listen.