

Edith Eagle Puppet Skit
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Edith: [Have an eagle puppet soar up and then down as these first words are spoken.] Zoom! There. I caught it! Now to fix it for dinner.

Interviewer: What are you doing, Edith Eagle?

Edith: Oh, I just caught this rodent for my supper. He was running pretty fast, but I was faster.

Interviewer: Faster than a rodent? How fast can you fly, Edith?

Edith: Golden eagles can fly up to 200 miles per hour. I can fly almost that fast. God the Creator made me strong and fast.

Interviewer: What are you doing to that rodent?

Edith: I need to put it to death with my talons, and then—

Interviewer: Excuse me. Sorry to interrupt. Did you say talons? What are talons?

Edith: They are these claws at the end of my strong muscular legs. Like all raptors, eagles kill their prey with their powerful talons.

Interviewer: Oh. I thought you used your strong, hooked beak for that.

Edith: Well, no. Again, like all raptors, we eagles use our large hooked beaks for tearing off pieces of meat to eat. I'm a carnivore—a meat-only eater—you know.

Interviewer: So what meat do you like to eat?

Edith: There's fish, rabbits, ground squirrels, mice, sometimes slow-flying birds, reptiles, foxes, and even deer. I heard that a bald eagle once carried a 15-pound mule deer fawn while flying! Usually we carry only about 4 pounds max.

Interviewer: Amazing! But shall we get off the topic of food?

Edith: I'll be happy to get off that topic because—well, because—don't tell anybody, okay? [Whispers] I am bigger than my husband.

Interviewer: You are?

Edith: Yes. We female eagles are always larger than the males.

Interviewer: Interesting.

Edith: If you want to know something interesting, let's talk about my fantastic eyesight.

Interviewer: Oh, yes! Tell us, Edith.

Edith: First, my eyes are roughly the same size as a human's, but God made my eyesight 4 to 8 times stronger than yours. I can spot a rabbit about 2 miles away.

Interviewer: Two miles! That's is fantastic eyesight!

Edith: Yes, but guess what. My eyes hardly move in the eye socket. You know how an owl can quickly rotate its head three quarters of a circle?

Interviewer: Yes?

Edith: So can I.

Interviewer: That's interesting. Moving your head like that must be helpful for finding your prey. But tell me

about your nest.

Edith: Glad to. We eagles like to build our nests—by the way, they are called eyries [EER-ees]—way up high in tall trees or on high cliffs. Both my husband and I worked on our eyrie. He is a very helpful fellow. I have to tell you he even helps incubate the eggs in our eyrie during the 35 days before they hatch into eaglets. My husband and I mate for life, you know.

Interviewer: Great. Say, Edith. Our kids learned today about God’s care for Israel. God compared Himself to an eagle that hovers over its nest and protects its young. In the same way, God Himself spreads his symbolic wings over his people, sheltering them under his protection.

Edith: It’s pretty cool to have God use us eagles as a symbol of His care. We eagles have to care for our eaglets a pretty long time—about three months after they hatch while they grow and then fledge.

Interviewer: Excuse me, again, Edith. What does *fledge* mean?

Edith: When a bird has enough feathers and strength to fly for the first time, it fledges—it flies. My “baby,” which has grown to be almost as big as I am when he first flies, is called a fledgling.

Interviewer: That means he is independent then and leaves the nest, right?

Edith: Oh, no. My eaglet may fledge, but he still depends on us parents to feed him for another one to three months while he improves his flying skills and learns to hunt.

Interviewer: That’s another comparison we could use for us humans: we always must depend on our God. Unlike eagles, we never outgrow our need for Him. I am so glad we got to visit today, Edith. You have taught me how great our Lord is in His creation of you and in His care of us all.

Isaiah 40:28: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

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