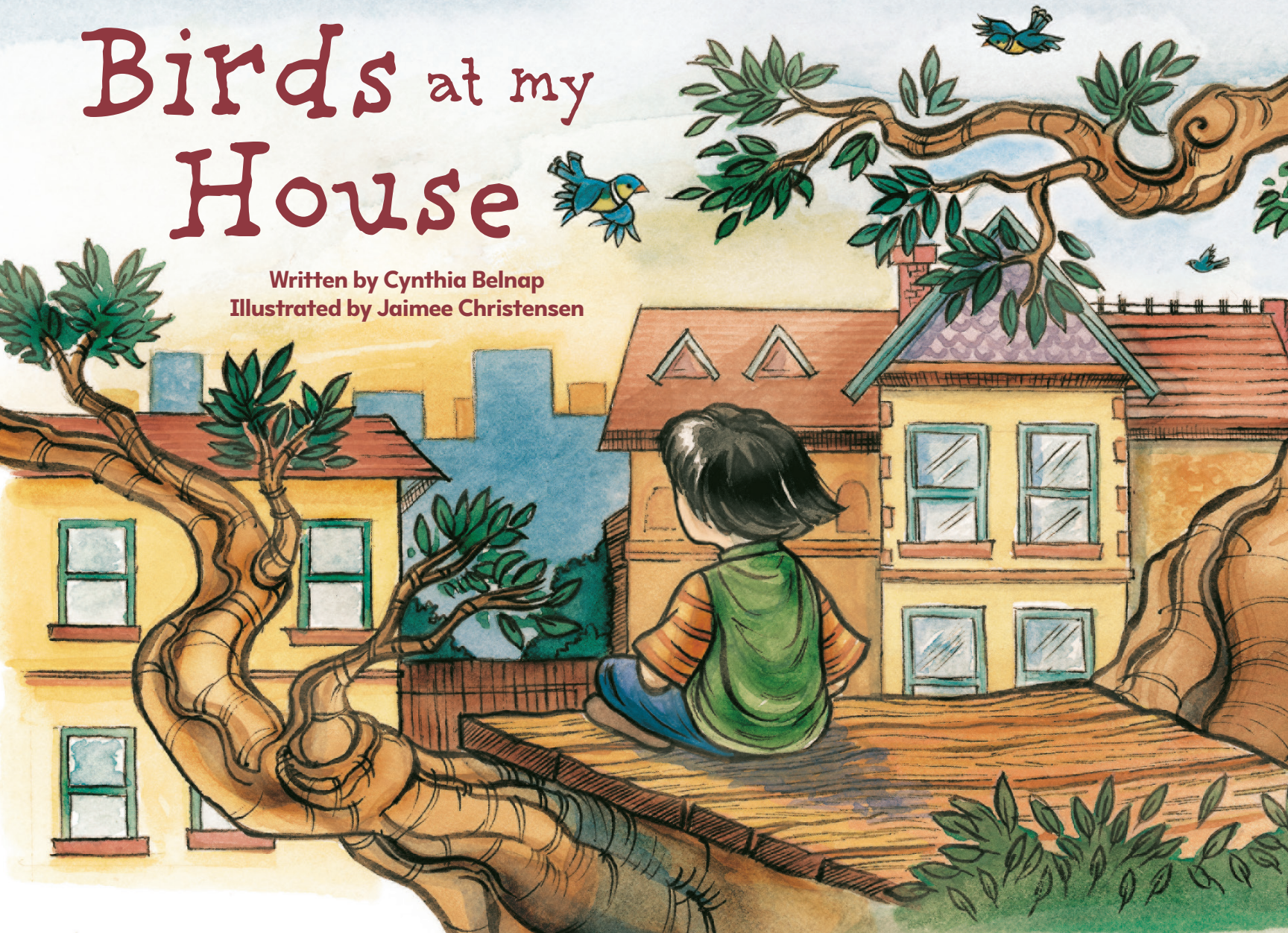


# Birds at my House

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I like to sit each day and watch the birds in the sky.  
The big ones, small ones, bright ones—I can see them all fly by.



I wish that they would see my house and stop to spend the day.  
I asked my mom, “How can I get the birds to come and stay?”



She said the birds might fly down if they saw something to eat. And maybe they would come here if we made a special treat.



We got a book on how to make a feeder for the birds.  
I worked and rolled and measured while my mother read the words.



A half a cup of peanut butter, a one-pound bag of seed, a pinecone, and two feet of string is all that I will need.

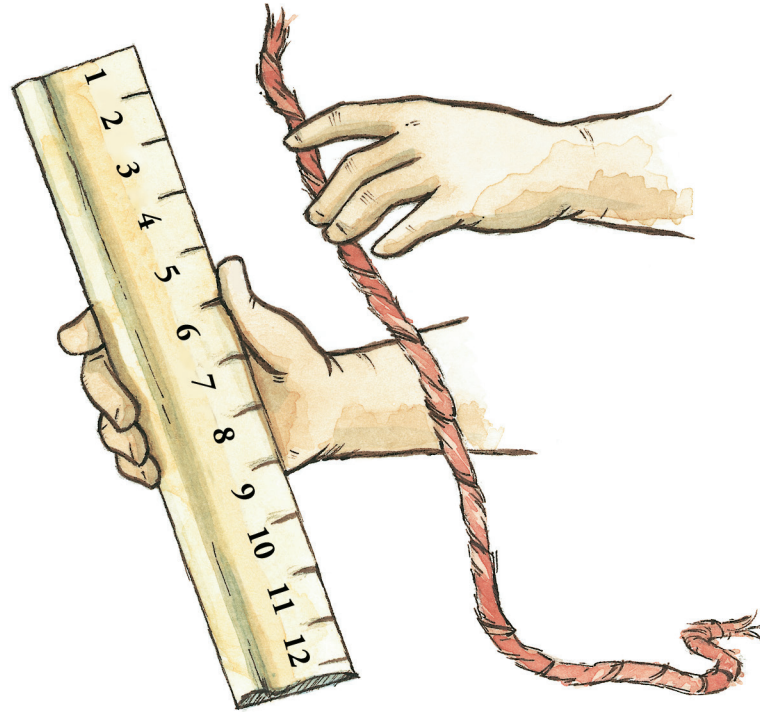


I found our little measuring scoop and filled it to the top—just one-half cup. I smoothed it off. Then it was time to stop.



I poured the seed into the scale and watched the needle swing. Just one pound—that's enough. Now I need some string.





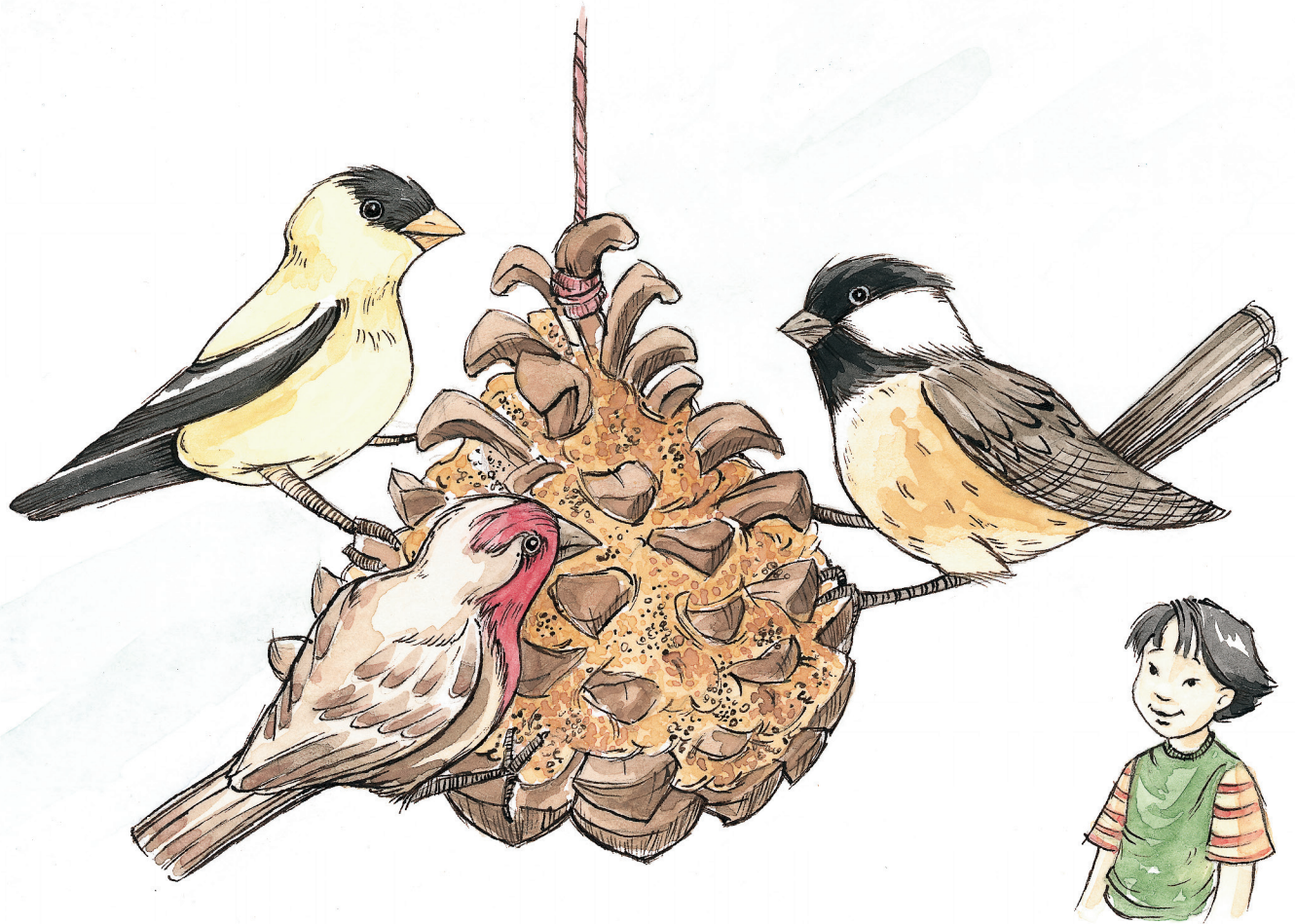
The ruler on my desk made a perfect measuring tool.  
12 inches in each foot of string is what I learned in school.



And when the feeder was all done, we hung it from our tree.  
Mom put it on a limb up high for all the birds to see.



I sat and watched and waited as some birds came flying by.  
They turned and flew right to my house to give my treat a try.



I'll have to make more feeders now, and I know just the way.  
So every bird will stop and eat at my house every day!

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