



Bellwether
FARM

Giving Catalog

— JUST FOR KIDS —



Fill in the Blanks

Without letting them see the sentences, ask a friend to give you words to fill in the blanks. For example, activity could be an action word like run, swim, or fly. When they have given you words for all the blanks, read them the funny sentence they have created about their visit to Bellwether Farm. Share the silly story with other friends. You can make your own word games about Bellwether Farm.

When I visit Bellwether Farm, I am going to _____.
(activity)

At summer camp, we will cook _____ over the camp
(food)

fire. I can't wait to _____ in the _____. I am
(activity) (place)

most looking forward to nature walks in the _____
(place)

where we learn about _____ and _____.
(animals) (plants)

It will be fun to see _____ driving the tractor.
(person)

Bellwether Farm is _____!
(adjective)

When I was a little kid, my family lived on a small farm in New England. The only animals we had were dogs and a turtle. I attended a local elementary school that held a fundraising fair every fall. There were games and food and a service auction (3 hours of leaf raking, etc.), as well as donated items for sale. When I was in 3rd Grade, one of the items for sale was a pair of chickens, a rooster and a hen, for \$3. I collected all the change I had and still did not have enough to buy them, but nobody else was interested, so at the end of the fair, I became their proud owner. It was my small contribution to our family's farm. I could be a farmer. Then I told my parents. (Fortunately, they came to love fresh eggs, as those two grew into two dozen.)

With this catalog, you, too, can become a farmer, without getting in trouble with your parents! The gift of a bee or a plant or a farm tool for Bellwether Farm, our church camp and farm, is one way to begin getting involved and help make it a place for all of us to grow.

I look forward to seeing you at Bellwether, farmer!

Bishop Mark

Fill the Coop!

Fast Facts:

- In the first year of her life, a hen can lay an egg every day.
- Different breeds lay different colored eggs. Some can even be light green!
- Chickens don't just lay eggs: they provide meat, fertilizer, feathers, pest-control and... entertainment for humans!
- They are omnivores, which means they eat grains, plants, bugs... pretty much anything they can get their beaks on.
- A chicken living in a barnyard with lots of different things to eat lays healthier eggs versus a hen living in a cage that eats mostly corn.

What You Can Do At Home:

- Try buying eggs from a farmer's market or someone in the neighborhood who has hens.
- Sample a brown egg from the Farmer's Market. Does it taste different?

Your money will go towards making a happy, healthy, cage-free home for the future Bellwether flock. Thank you, or as the chickens would say... bwak bwak BA-KAAAK

Chicken Feed

\$5

Chicken

\$25



Create a Buzz!

Fast Facts:

- 1 in 3 bites of food is possible because of bees (due to pollination)!
- Bees dance to communicate to each other where to find food.
- Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil—pots of perfectly good honey have been found in the tombs of ancient Egyptians!
- Not just a sweet treat, honey can also be used to treat burns or kill bacteria.
- In North America, there are 4 THOUSAND species of native bees! From ones smaller than your pinky fingernail, to giant bumblebees.



What You Can Do At Home:

- Plant a flower garden to make a bee-haven.
- Try not to use pesticides, which kill good insects like bees.



The Bishop's hives at Bellwether Farm will be home-base for bee colonies that will provide delicious honey and help pollinate the crops and wild plants. How sweet of you to help these tiny, hard-working insects!

- A Bee for the Bishop
- Beekeeping Supplies

5¢
\$7

Get Wild! (Wildflowers and Butterflies)

Fast Facts:

- Ohio is home to more than 40 types of butterfly and more than 70 types of moth of every size and color!
- The beautiful orange Monarch butterfly needs Milkweed to survive: As baby caterpillars, Milkweed leaves are the only food they can eat... and it gives them superpowers! Eating Milkweed makes Monarchs poisonous to other creatures that might want to eat them.
- Butterflies don't have mouths like we do—instead, they have a strawlike mouth called a proboscis and use it to drink sugary nectar from the flowers they visit.



What You Can Do At Home:

- Pick a patch of flowers to monitor: what pollinators visit?
- Let some plants that provide shelter and nectar grow tall.

By making a place for plants that butterflies need to survive, we make sure that aren't just planting food on the farm for ourselves, but also for the care of God's wild creatures.

<input type="checkbox"/> Patch of Wildflowers	\$3
<input type="checkbox"/> Milkweed	\$5
<input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Bush	\$20

Plant the Fields!

Fast Facts:

- Carrots aren't just orange... there are yellow, purple, red, and white carrots too! Orange happen to be the most common because they were cultivated in the Netherlands, and orange was the official royal color of the Dutch.
- When strawberries are grown without chemicals, they have more vitamin C than oranges do.
- Asparagus and rhubarb are examples of perennial vegetables, which means they grow in their place year after year, getting bigger and spreading out their roots. Annual vegetable plants die and have to be re-planted each year.

What You Can Do At Home:

- Start your own backyard or container garden.
- Try a new vegetable or fruit from a farm stand or farmer's market.



Your seeds will fill the rows and beds with plants that will go towards feeding all of us—campers, neighbors, adults, kids, hungry people from near and far... and probably the occasional hungry groundhog.

□ Vegetable Seeds

\$1

Trees Are Alive!

Fast Facts:

- Trees talk. They use their roots and the stringy fungus that connects them like an underground internet to send nutrients and signals.
- The American Chestnut Tree—a giant canopy tree that grows an edible nut—is very rare in forests today because of a disease that spread through America in early 1900. But there is one that lives in the forest at Bellwether Farm!
- Besides giving animals (including humans!) fresh air to breathe, trees hold soil in place, make shade, filter out pollution, and provide food and shelter, and much more.



What You Can Do At Home:

- See how many different leaves and seeds you can collect and find out what kind of trees they come from.
- Consider planting a fruit tree where you live.

What's cool about this gift is that it can keep giving... for 100 years or more! By sponsoring a tree, you help plant, water, and buy the tools (from mulch to pruners!) to keep Bellwether's canopy healthy. May the forest be with you.

Sponsor a Forest Tree

\$15

Sponsor a Fruit Tree

\$25

Flying High! (Bugs, Birds, and Bats)

Fast Facts:

- Bluebirds nest in holes (like hollow places in trees), but also need open spaces - like Bellwether Farm - to fly and catch insects. Bluebirds also love birdhouses on the edge of fields.
- Picture an animal that has no feathers but can fly. It can “see” with its enormous ears in total darkness. They eat half their weight in food every night. These incredible creatures may seem mythical, but it is none other than the Little Brown Bat!
- There are more types of arthropods on earth than all other types of animal combined! Arthropods include insects, spiders, and more...so, simply put, BUGS!!

What You Can Do At Home:

- When you hear a bird-song, use your eyes and ears to try to find the singer.
- Allow beneficial insects into your outdoor space like praying mantis or lady beetles.

Your camp is already teeming with life. Once campers start coming, we want to make sure our bat, bird, and bug neighbors still feel welcome: your gift will help build a bat or birdhouse—or buy bug-study tools to help campers get to know our tiniest neighbors.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Magnifying Glass | \$2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bug House | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird or Bat House | \$25 |



Dig It! (Tools of the Trade)

Fast Facts:

- In the 1800s, some tractors were powered by steam-engines, like trains were!
- A trowel is a simple hand tool that has many uses: building brick walls, excavating archeological digs, or gardening. Which type do you think will be most useful on a farm?
- Shovels are a useful and fun tool on a farm that don't require gas or oil to work—just someone ready to dig! The deepest hole dug with shovels is a well in England which is as deep as the Empire State Building is tall!

What You Can Do At Home:

- Identify garden tools at your home. Do you know what they do?
- Talk with a farmer at the Farmer's Market and ask him/her what tools they use to harvest their vegetables.



Let's get dirty! Dig deep and roll up your sleeves—farm work can be a lot of fun, but difficult without the right tools. These tools are especially needed for the Bellwether Farm to run smoothly.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Maintain the Tractor | \$2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trowel | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel or Pitchfork | \$20 |

COLOR THIS IN!



ITEMS	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
FILL THE COOP!			
Chicken Feed	\$5		
Chicken	\$25		
CREATE A BUZZ!			
A Bee for the Bishop	5¢		
Beekeeping Supplies	\$7		
GET WILD! (WILDFLOWERS & BUTTERFLIES)			
Patch of Wildflowers	\$3		
Milkweed	\$5		
Butterfly Bush	\$20		
PLANT THE FIELDS!			
Vegetable Seeds	\$1		
TREES ARE ALIVE!			
Sponsor a Forest Tree	\$15		
Sponsor a Fruit Tree	\$25		
FLYING HIGH! (BUGS, BIRDS & BATS)			
Magnifying Glass	\$2		
Bug House	\$5		
Bird or Bat House	\$25		
DIG IT! (TOOLS OF THE TRADE)			
Help Maintain the Tractor	\$2		
Trowel	\$5		
Shovel or Pitchfork	\$20		

GRAND TOTAL _____

PLEASE COMPLETE PAYMENT INFORMATION 

Complete information below. Detach and mail this form with your contribution.

Child's Name (print): _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parish & City: _____

This gift is:

In honor of In memory of In thanksgiving for: _____

Please notify (Name): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Check enclosed (payable to: The Diocese of Ohio)

Send me an invoice

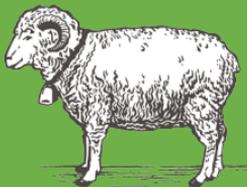
Charge my credit card

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please do not mail cash.



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