Script for Puppet Show @ Seabird Camp

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**Peter the Puffin**

**Eddie the Eagle**

**Courtney the Cormorant**

**Annie the Auklet**

**Peter**: Hi boys and girls, I’m Peter the Puffin! I live in a warm, comfy hole in thecliff, right here in Sand Point! Has anybody talked to a puffin before? (wait for response) No?! Well, that’s alright, because I would like to tell you all what is special about seabirds like me, and I brought a few of my friends here to help me out. Let me introduce them to you!

(Puppets appear as their names come up)

**Courtney:** Howdy and a big how-do-you-do to y’all, my name is Courtney the Cormorant! I live right here in Sand Point too, on top of a big smooth rock just down the street from Peter… well, just down the cliff I mean, silly me!

I love to eat fish, yep, fish are my favorite food. Tiny fish, shiny fish, I eat them all! I just love fish so much I can’t stop talking about them! Did I say I like fish? Oh, wait, yep I did… ha ha!

**Annie:** And my name is Annie the Auklet. I live closer to the water than Peter or Courtney, and I like to eat plankton and krill. Plankton are very small animals that float near the surface. They are so small you can’t even see them with your eyes!

And you know, all three of us have something veeeerry important that we’d like to tell you.

Peter, would you like to tell the boys and girls what it is?

**Peter:** Yes Annie, I would. All three of us are seabirds! Even though we all look and sound different, and live in different houses, we all live near the ocean and eat food that comes from it. We also have bodies that are adapted to living near LOTS of water.

**Courtney:** And even though we are birds just like all our cousins all around the world, we three have a few special things about us that other land birds don’t have.

(Eddie the Eagle puppet swoops in from side of stage but doesn’t say anything yet)

**Annie:** I think I see someone coming who can tell us what it’s like to be a land bird. Hello Eddie!

(Eddie lands and then starts talking)

**Eddie**: Hello everyone, I’m Eddie the Eagle. I fly way up high in the sky above all the other birds. I don’t like the ocean as much as Peter, Courtney and Annie, and so I have different features than they do.

**Peter:** I think we need somebody form the audience to help us out too. Who wants to help us?

(Have the person not behind the puppet stage choose a volunteer, and this person will help dress the volunteer as the puppets mention the different parts)

What’s your name? (child responds)

We will show you all what \_\_\_\_ would look like if (he/she) had the same features as us!

**Courtney:** First of all, all seabirds have a thick layer of small, fluffy feathers called down feathers close to their body that helps keep them warm. It’s like wearing a winter coat – all the time!

(Put the feather coat on the child)

**Eddie:** I don’t have down feathers. I just have big, flat feathers so I can fly high!

**Annie:** All seabirds have sleek, streamlined shapes that help them move quickly through the water. This means that we have short, wide wings that are better for pushing us forward without slowing us down.

(Put the wings on the child)

**Eddie:** My wings are big and long, which means I can soar for hours without flapping them, but I sure wouldn’t want to try swimming with them!

**Peter:** Speaking of swimming, a seabird’s feet are webbed, so we have flaps of skin between our toes that help us move faster through the water. It’s like wearing a pair of flippers at the swimming pool!

(Put the webbed feet on the child over their shoes)

**Eddie:** I don’t have webbed feet, but I use my feet to grab fish and hang on to a perch, so I have separate toes with talons that grip pretty much anything!

**Courtney:** And while we’re talking about getting a grip, our bills have cool adaptations that help us grab anything we want. What do I like to grab?... oh yeah, fish! I love fish! Peter likes grabbing fish too, but he is cool because he can carry lots of fish at the same time to take home to his family. How many fish can you carry at once Peter?

(Put the bill on the child)

**Peter:** I once carried 30 all at once – that was a busy day! My cousin who lives in Greenland, on the opposite side of the world, set the record for 53 fish in one load!

**Eddie:** I have a thick, strong bill that helps me hunt and eat my food. I carry all the fish I need in my stomach!

**Annie:** next topic…