



## Add-on Stories

(This activity is a good way to build language and thinking skills.)

### What you need:

- Large piece of cardboard — about 2 feet by 3 feet — covered with colored paper or a felt board for telling stories, if you have one
- Animal pictures
- Cut-outs of trees, flowers, sun, moon, rain drops, clouds, or any other scenery props for your story

- Masking tape or Velcro to attach pieces to board

### What to do:

- Place a simple scene on the board with one of the animal figures and some of the scenery props such as a tree, a flower, a house, etc.
- Begin a story with one or two sentences. For example, if you have a picture of a dog, a house, and the sun in the sky on the board, you could begin the story by saying, “One sunny morning Spot the dog wanted to play. He decided to ask his friend...”

- Ask the children to continue the story. They can take turns, each adding a new sentence or two.

- Put another picture and some more props on the board from time to time to help give the children some ideas of how to continue the story.
- Continue with the children taking turns until one of them comes to a good ending of the story or you can add an ending of your own.
- Write down what they say so you can all enjoy the story again later.

You can do this activity over and over using new pictures.

### Variation:

Have the children sit in a circle. Begin a story with one short sentence. Going around the circle, have each child repeat what was already said and add one other sentence. Keep going around the circle to see how long the children can remember what was said. This is a good memory game!



## TEN FLUFFY CHICKS FINGER PLAY

Five eggs plus five eggs  
(Hold up two hands)

That makes ten.

Sitting on top is Mother Hen.  
(Fold one hand over the other)

Peep peep peep, peep peep peep;  
(Clap hands)

What do I see?  
(Hold up ten fingers)

Ten fluffy chicks,

As yellow as can be.

## COTTON BALL CHICKS

### What you need:

- Yellow cotton balls or pom poms
- White glue
- Egg carton
- Orange and black construction paper

### What to do:

- Cut egg cups from egg carton
- Glue two cotton balls together, then glue bottom to egg carton cup
- Cut beaks and eyes from construction paper and glue to make a face on the top cotton ball

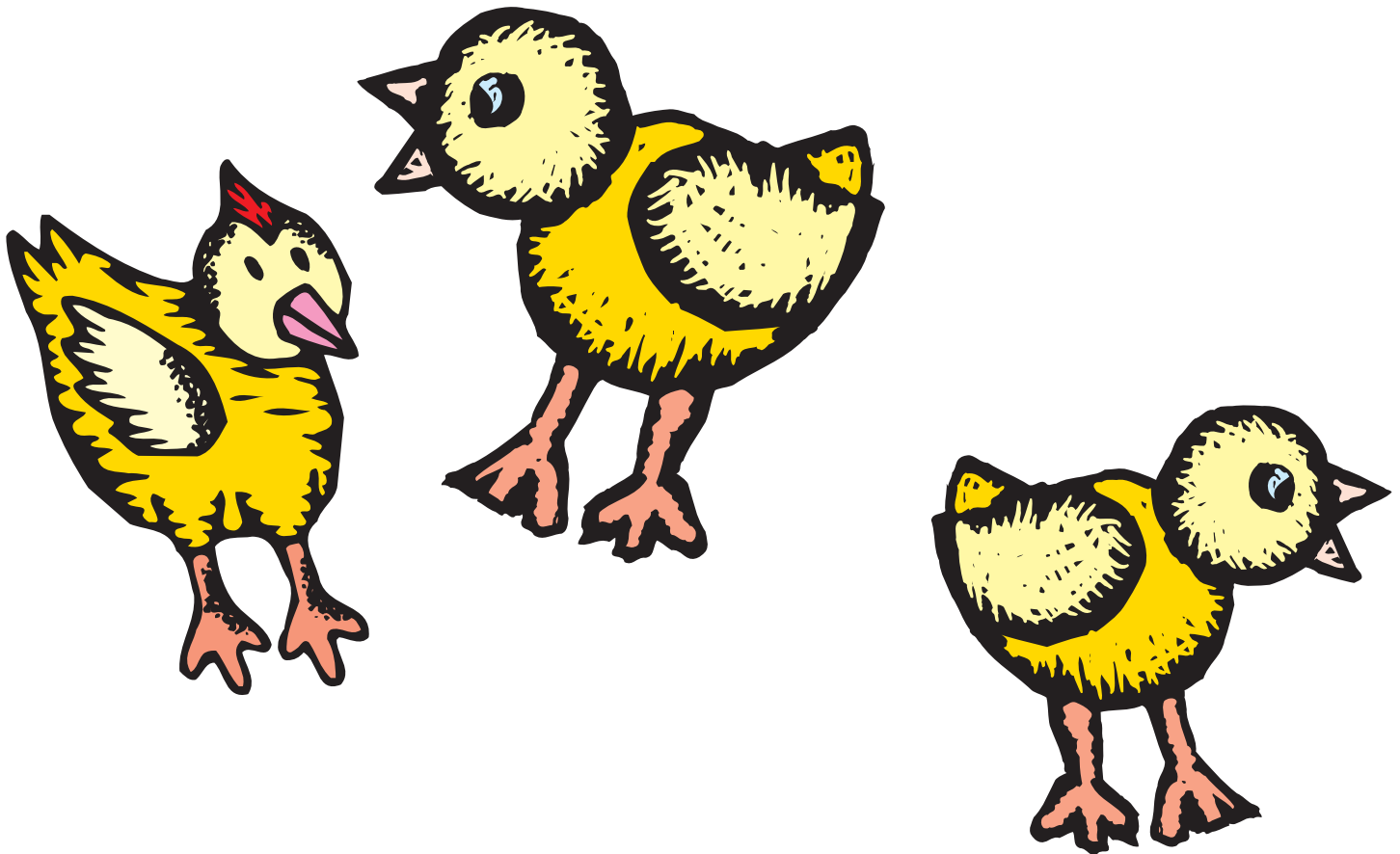
## EGGSHELL COLLAGE

### What you need:

- Egg shells — washed and dried
- Food coloring
- White glue
- Paper or cardboard

### What to do:

- Crush egg shells, then color them with food coloring, using several colors
- Allow time for the egg shells to dry
- Glue egg shells to paper or cardboard in various patterns to make a collage



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