

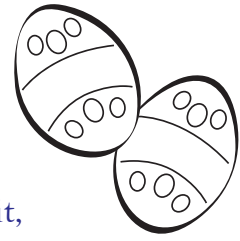
Little Pink Egg

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Once upon a time, there was a little pink egg who was very sad. He lived in a basket in a farmhouse kitchen with 11 other eggs. It was nearly Easter and he didn't want to be painted, decorated or eaten at the children's party. He had heard that chicks, rabbits and lambs have a lot more fun. But he was waiting to hatch into a little chick. Ten more days to go. Easter was in nine days time! He would be too late! He was fed up. What a long time to wait. He wanted to be a chick today! Suddenly he had a wonderful idea, he would try to break his shell. But how?

The next day he saw his friend the rabbit. He told him the problem. "Mmm, Let me think", said the rabbit, "There are nine days before Easter, we can find a way to break your shell."



Why don't you try boxing with me today?"

"That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he boxed with the rabbit, but his shell didn't break. "Oh dear there are only eight more days before Easter!"

On day two the rabbit said, "Why don't you try dancing?" "That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he danced a jig, but his shell still didn't break. "Oh dear there are only seven more days before Easter!"

On day three the rabbit said, "Why don't you try hopping?" "That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he hopped, which was difficult for an egg, but his shell still didn't break. "Oh dear there are only six more days before Easter!"

On day four the rabbit said, "Why don't you try playing football?" "That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he stood in goal and the rabbit kicked the ball, but his shell still didn't break. "Oh dear there are only five more days before Easter!"

On day five the rabbit said, "Why don't you try skiing?" "That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he skied down a hill, but his shell still didn't break. "Oh dear there are only four more days before Easter!"

On day six the rabbit said, "Why don't you try skipping?" "That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he skipped and sang, but his shell still didn't break. "Oh dear there are only three more days before Easter!"

On day seven the rabbit said, "Why don't you try splashing in the water?" "That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he splashed and he sploshed, but his shell still didn't break. "Oh dear there are only two more days before Easter!"

On day eight the rabbit said, "Why don't you try jumping?" "That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he jumped high

in the air and landed on some grass, but his shell still didn't break.
"Oh dear, tomorrow is Easter!"

It was Easter morning, the children were having a party and all the eggs were to be boiled and then decorated. The rabbit said, "Why don't you try skating?" "That's a good idea!" said the egg. So he skated across a tray of ice, he went very fast and suddenly he fell over, Crack! His shell broke in half and out popped a fat, fluffy little chick! "Cheep! Cheep!" said the chick.

On Easter afternoon the chick and the rabbit played and watched all the children eating, painting and decorating the other eggs. By five o'clock they were exhausted. Rabbit invited chick to stay in his burrow. In the warm, dark hole they curled up snugly together and closed their eyes.

As they started to fall asleep, chick thought about all the activities he'd done and how lucky he was, and rabbit thought of the chocolate eggs that he had given to all the children.

