



Pre-K Lesson: All about Eggs

Description: Children will learn all about the variety of animals that come from eggs by listening to stories and doing a fun egg activity.

Theme: Life Cycles

Materials Needed:

- Bird nests or pictures of bird nests - https://kids.kiddle.co/Bird_nest
- Books: [An Egg is Quiet](#) and [What will Hatch?](#) (click for YouTube links)
- Plastic Eggs (like Easter eggs)
- Pictures of animals or small toy animals to put in eggs – for more information on animals that lay eggs check out:
<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/animals-that-lay-eggs-oviparous-animals.html>

Learning Standard: Observe, describe, and compare different kinds of animals and their offspring. Observe a variety of familiar plants and animals to describe how they are alike and how they are different

Set up:

- Print and cut out pictures of animals that come from eggs and put them inside the plastic eggs or put small toy animals (only ones that come from eggs) inside plastic eggs
- Check out <https://www.nwf.org/> and <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/> for more information on the habitats of the egg-laying animals in the lesson – simply type the animal into the search function on the websites

Lesson:

Get them thinking

- Ask – what do you know about birds? What do baby birds come from? How do parent birds keep their eggs safe?

- Show some different birds nests. Ask – what do you notice about these? What shape are they? What are they made of? How do they keep the egg safe?
- After talking about bird eggs, ask – what other animals come from eggs?
- Explain that today we will be scientists to learn more about animals that come from eggs.

Research – Time to Read!

- Read [An Egg is Quiet](#) and [What will Hatch?](#) (click for YouTube links)

Egg Activity

- Set out all the plastic eggs with the animals inside them
- Have your child chose an egg, open it, and say what animal it is
- Talk about where that animal lives and how it gets its food. Ask – do you think this animal lives in water or the land? What does it eat? What kind of home does it have?

Reflection

- Ask your child to name some animals that come from eggs
- Have your child pick a favorite animal that comes from an egg
- Pretend to be that animal – have them crouch down and sit very quietly and still to be an egg, start to wiggle around, hatch out, and pretend to be the baby animal

Extensions

- Have your child draw a picture of some of the animals that come from eggs that they learned about today
- Go outside on a walk and try to find animals that come from eggs – if you're unsure, look it up.
- Talk about why an egg is a safe place for an animal to grow. Compare it to animals that don't come from eggs
- Do the egg activity again, but this time include animals that don't come from eggs. Have your child sort the animals.

Pictures of Animals that Come from Eggs:



Dragonfly



Fish



Turtle



Butterfly



Frog



Toad



Crab



Heron



Ladybug



Robin