

## Baby Chicks

This is the time of year when lots of baby chicks are being born. When baby chicks are born, they hatch from an egg. They poke their way through the shell of the egg and break off the pieces of eggshell until they are finally free.

Can you pretend you are a baby chick that has to poke its way out of an egg shell?

Squat down and get all rolled up in a ball.

Next, start to break the egg shell that is all around you. You can use your foot, because it might be able to break part of the shell. You can use your head, because you have a beak that can help break through the shell. But remember, baby chicks do not have hands, they have wings. You cannot use your hands to break the eggshell.

As you break the eggshell, start to stand up and shake off the pieces of eggshell that you have broken off.

Is it hard to break out of the eggshell and shake off the pieces without using your hands? Do you think it is hard for baby chicks to do things since they do not have hands?

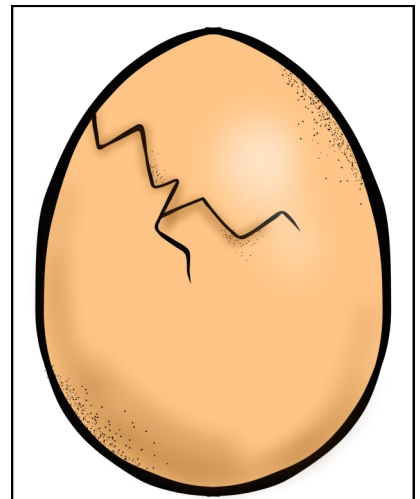
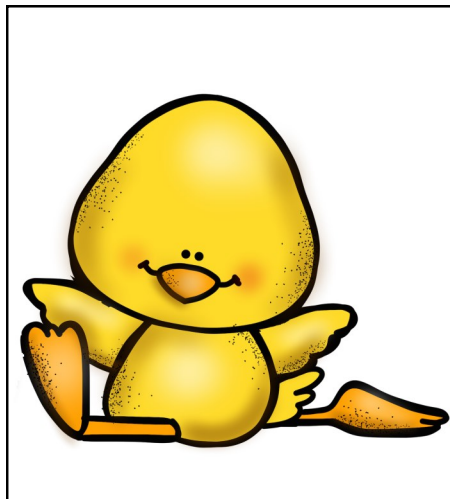
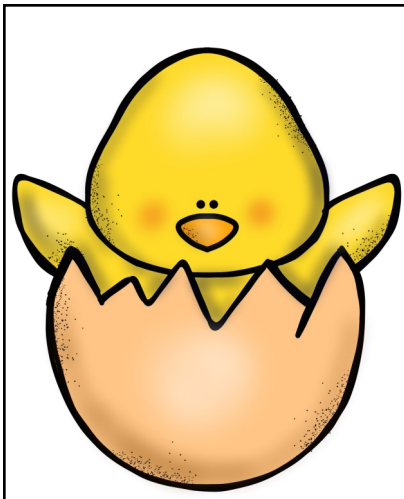
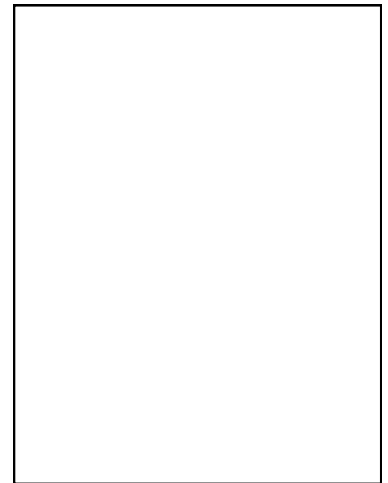
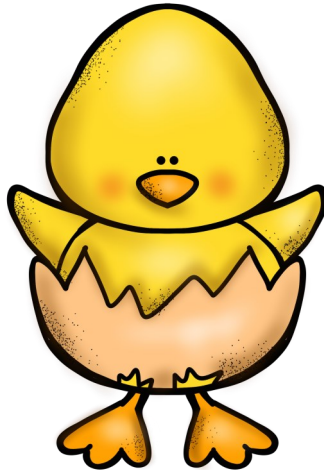
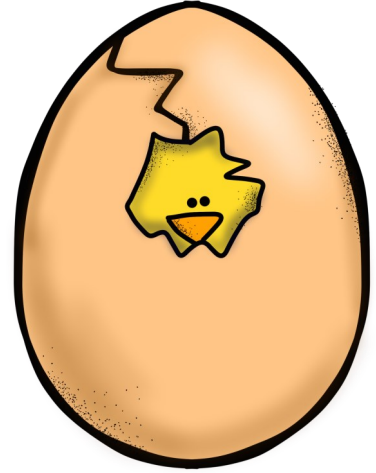
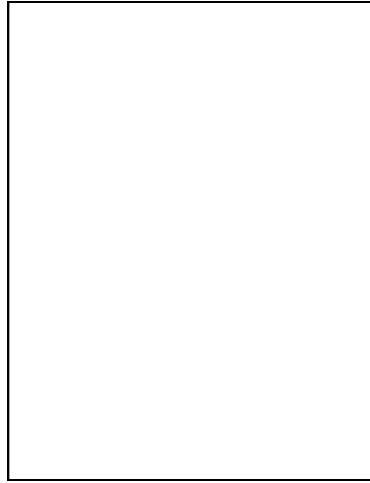
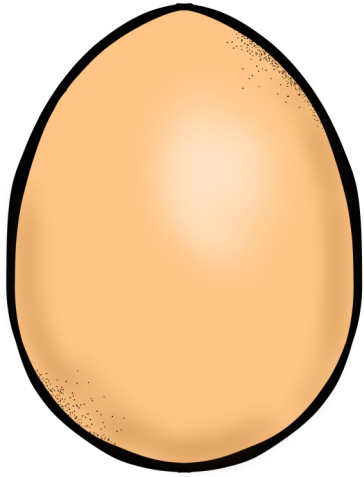
What kinds of things would it be hard for baby chicks to do since they do not have hands?

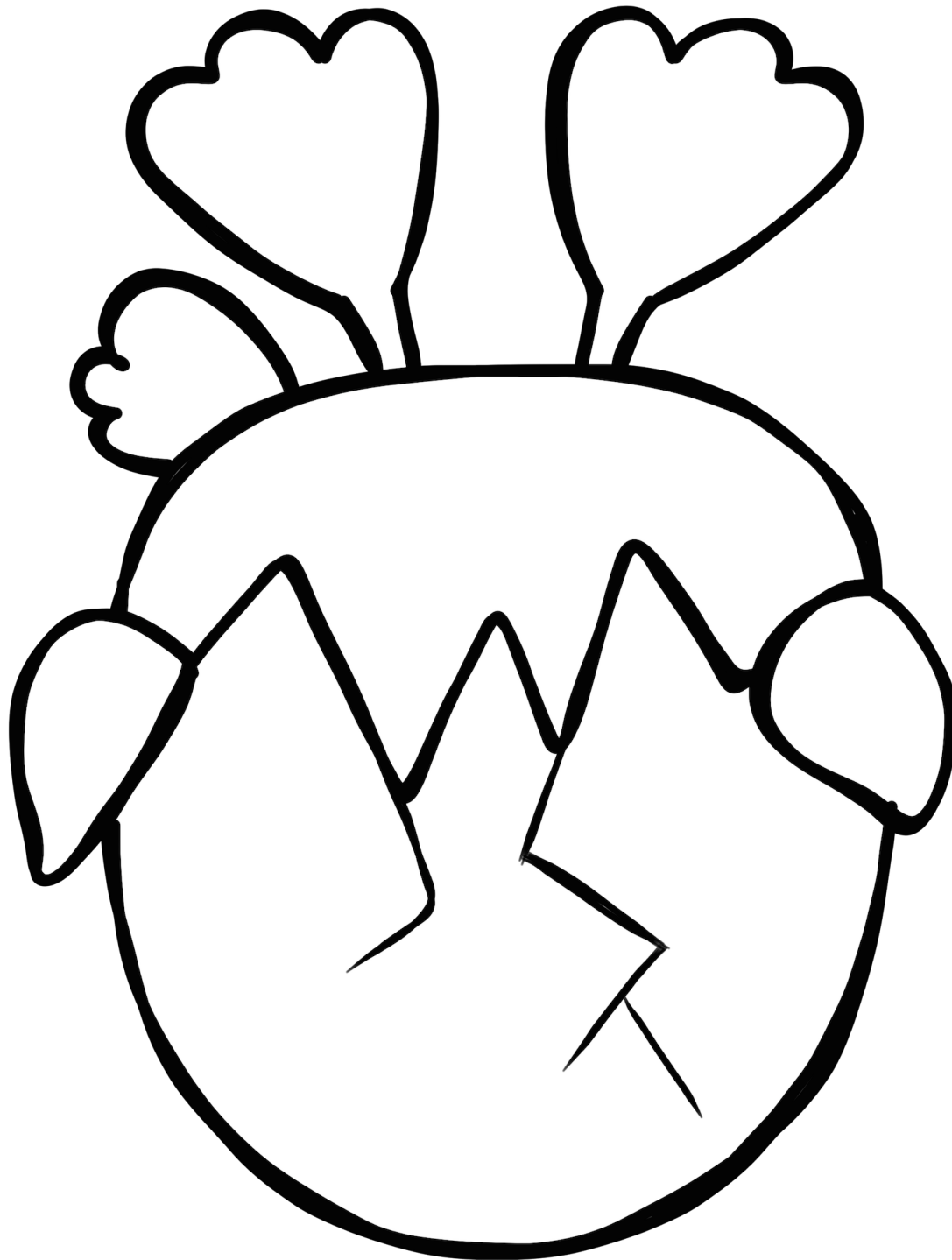
Now, you are free of the eggshell! Walk around to feel what it is like to be able to move as much as you want to. Start to peck at the ground like you are looking for food.

Baby chicks have to work very hard to be born! Maybe it is time to rest now and work on some of the other activities in your book.

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Look at the pictures that show a baby chick breaking out of its shell. There are some pictures missing. Ask a parent to cut out the squares with the pictures in them at the bottom of the page. Then, paste the pictures in the correct places to show how a chick would break out of its shell.





This baby chick is  
mixed up! It is upside  
down in its shell!

## Word Search

Can you find the words in the word search? Look at the list of words at the top of the page. All of these words are in the word search. The letters might go up and down or across, but the words are there. You can use crayons to color in the letters for the words. Sometimes the same letter is used for two different words. You might want to use different colors for different words.

**chick**  
**egg**  
**hatch**

**beak**  
**wings**  
**shell**

**spring**  
**born**  
**sun**

**free**  
**eat**

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