



# Easter Activity Book for Young Kids

This Easter, dive into an exciting board game and 21 activity pages perfect for young children.

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Easter is a fun holiday for children, complete with treat-filled baskets and special crafts. The symbols of the holiday are equally fun: adorable baby chicks, chocolate bunnies, lovely spring flowers and, of course, the Easter bunny. While your child is enjoying your family's holiday traditions, consider engaging him or her in an exciting board game or some fun and educational activities.

This Easter activity e-book includes Bunny+Egg, a captivating board game requiring strong addition skills, and 21 exciting worksheets.

Bunny+Egg will challenge your child to use his playing piece to hop around the backyard game board, collecting Easter eggs as he goes. The catch is that each player can only keep the eggs he or she finds if the player is able to successfully complete the basic addition problem that accompanies each set of eggs. At the end of the game, the player who collects the most eggs is the winner!

The 21 worksheets include a variety of pre-reading, handwriting, listening, visual discrimination and math activities. Plus, on the bottom of each worksheet there is an additional suggestion for a fun Easter-related activity you can do with your child to continue the holiday-themed learning.

Whether your child loves board games or is learning to write the letters of the alphabet, this Easter activity e-book contains something for everyone.

## About School Sparks

[www.schoolsparks.com](http://www.schoolsparks.com) is a free website with tips and resources to help your child start school prepared to succeed. There are hundreds of **kindergarten worksheets**, and new worksheets are added weekly. The website also offers information on the 8 developmental areas that are critical to success in school, including tips for helping your child develop necessary skills in each area. To assess your child's readiness to begin school, there is a **kindergarten readiness test**. At the conclusion of the assessment, you will receive customized feedback about your child's existing skills in each of the 8 developmental areas, plus activity suggestions to help your child accelerate skill development. Lastly, a weekly **blog** covers various topics related to early childhood education, like "Tips For Teaching Your Child The Proper Pencil Grip" and "Teaching Children To Count."

**Renee Abramovitz** retired from teaching in 2008 to become, as she likes to say, a "full-time grandma." Renee worked in preschool and kindergarten classrooms during her entire teaching career and is passionate about helping young children succeed in school. Although retired, she enjoys continuing to work with young children on school readiness activities and believes that when children start school with a solid foundation of skills, they are poised to begin a lasting cycle of academic success. Renee has three grown children and four young grandchildren. She and her husband recently celebrated 40 years of marriage and live in Columbus, Ohio.



# BUNNY + EGG

## AN EASTER EGG HUNT GAME

### SETTING UP

Hide two randomly selected eggs under each of the nest, the doghouse and the beehive. Place the remaining fourteen eggs on any fourteen empty yellow circles, spreading them across the board. Finally, place a bunny for each player on the red circle at the bottom left.

### PLAYING BY TAKING TURNS

On each turn, a player can choose to "hop" one or two spots, following the lines connecting the circles. If your bunny lands on a circle containing an egg, you can collect the egg by correctly adding the number on your bunny to the number on the egg and saying aloud the answer. If the circle has two eggs, you must correctly add the number on your bunny to the number on each egg you want to collect.

### WINNING THE GAME

The players take turns and collect eggs until there are no more eggs left on the board. The player with the greatest number of eggs wins.

### TIP FOR YOUNGER PLAYERS

When first playing this game, consider giving a younger child one of the bunnies with the numbers 1 or 2 on it, as those numbers will be easier to add to the numbers on the eggs. As your child gets comfortable with the game, you can increase the number on the bunny he uses.

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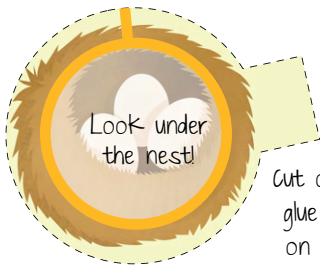


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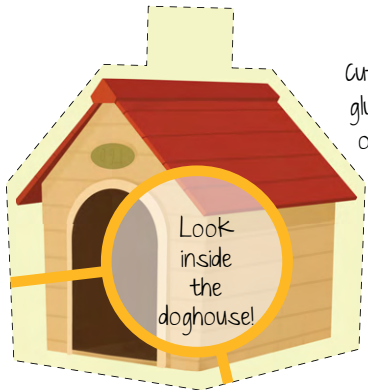
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PIECES TO GLUE  
TO GAME BOARD



Cut out and  
glue to #1  
on board.



Cut out and  
glue to #2  
on board.



Cut out and  
glue to #3  
on board.

GAME PIECES  
TO CUT OUT



## HOLIDAY THEMES

**Tracing outlines:** Direct your child to draw a solid outline around the picture by tracing over the dashed line with a pencil or crayon. Ask him to try completing the outline without lifting the pencil or crayon.



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**Tip for parents:** After your child completes this page, give him a pair of scissors and challenge him to cut out the chocolate bunny. Then he can write his name on the back and give it to someone for Easter.

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# HOLIDAY THEMES

**Learning Easter words:** Direct your child to look at each picture and then practice writing the correct word by tracing the letters. Ask him to hold the pencil firmly between his thumb and index finger, resting it on his middle finger.



Easter Easter

bunny bunny



basket basket

candy candy



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**Tip for parents:** Place tracing paper (or plain white paper) over Easter pictures on wrapping paper or cards and ask your child to trace the outlines of the pictures.

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chick chick

grass grass



eggs eggs

family family



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**Tip for parents:** Write the word Easter at the top of a sheet of paper and then point to one of the letters in the word and challenge your child to write it on the paper. Then point to another letter and let him try again.

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**Easter sight words:** Cut between the lines to make eight separate flashcards for your child. Consider printing this page on cardstock to increase the durability of the flashcards.

Easter

EASTER

April

EASTER

bunny

EASTER

rabbit

EASTER

basket

EASTER

hunt

EASTER

candy

EASTER

chocolate

EASTER



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gifts

EASTER

flowers

EASTER

Spring

EASTER

Sunday

EASTER

eggs

EASTER

dye

EASTER

decorate

EASTER

grass

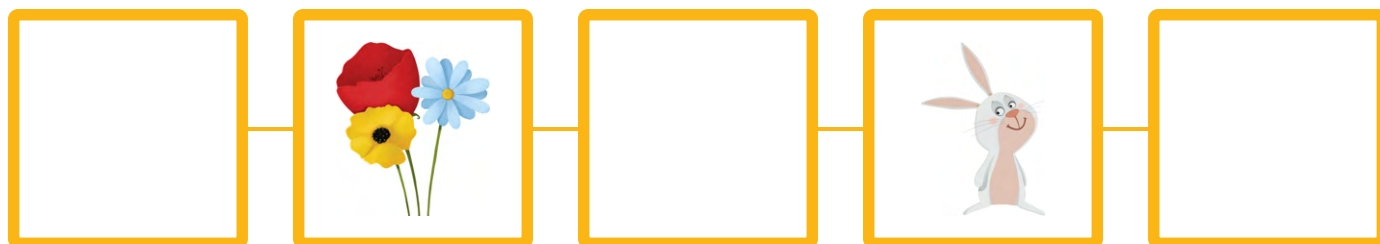
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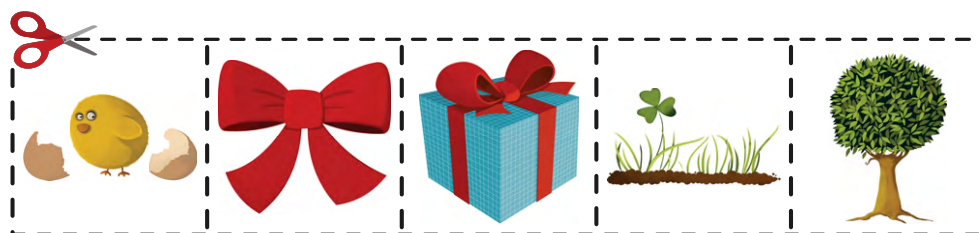
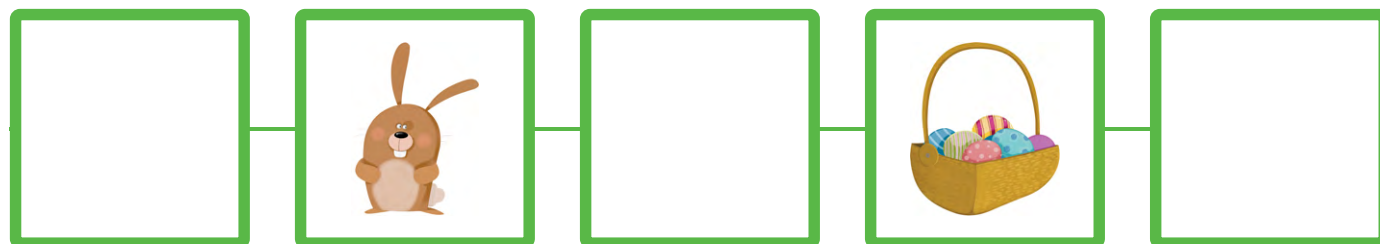
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**Understanding directional words:** Cut apart the pictures at the bottom of the page. Then read aloud the directions and ask your child to paste each picture in the correct space.

- 1 Paste the chick between the flowers and the bunny.
- 2 Paste the bow to the right of the bunny.



- 1 Paste the present to the left of rabbit.
- 2 Paste the grass to the right of the Easter basket.



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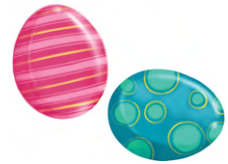
**Tip for parents:** Let your child help you create an Easter basket by following your oral directions for each step of the process. Should the pretend grass go in first or the toys?

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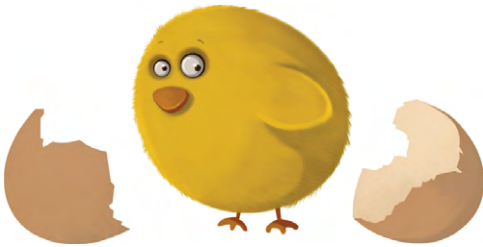
**Identifying identical pictures:** In each row, circle the picture that is different from the other pictures. Encourage your child to pay careful attention to small details in the pictures, such as color, shape, or orientation.



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**Listening to clues:** Read aloud one clue at a time, encouraging your child to listen carefully, to cross out pictures as he can eliminate them, and to circle the appropriate picture when he knows the answer.

- 1 It is an animal.
- 2 It has 2 big ears.
- 3 It is made of chocolate.



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**Tip for parents:** Give your child some Easter cards and, using verbal clues, direct him to cut out the pictures on the cards. For example, you could ask him to cut out the "large animal with two feet" or the "chewy candy."

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**Identifying syllables:** Say aloud the name of each picture. Then repeat the name of each picture, clapping once on each syllable. Circle the corresponding number of clapping hands.

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**Tip for parents:** Show your child pictures (or say the names) of relatives who are celebrating the holiday with your family. Ask your child to say aloud each name as he claps on each syllable.

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**Tip for parents:** After reading an Easter story to your child, ask him to randomly point to words in the book. After you read each word, ask your child to repeat it and clap for each syllable.

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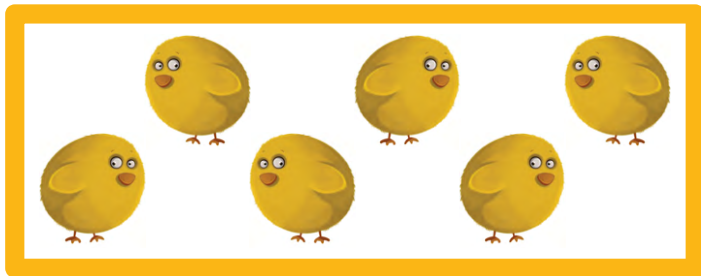
**Easter counting:** Count the items on each row and circle the corresponding number. Ask your child to use one-to-one correspondence, touching each picture while counting.



5      6      7



3      4      5



4      5      6



7      8      9

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**Tip for parents:** When walking in a shopping area, give your child a penny each time he spots the word Easter and then ask him to count his pennies when you get home.

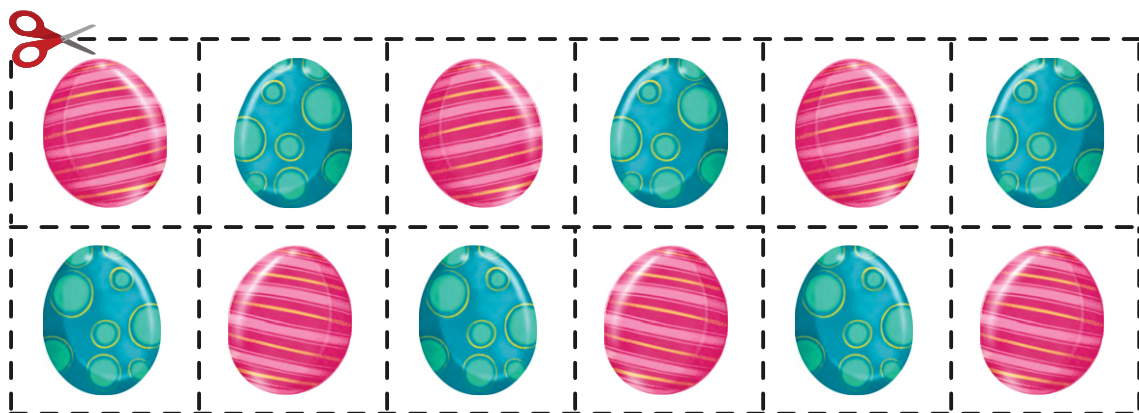
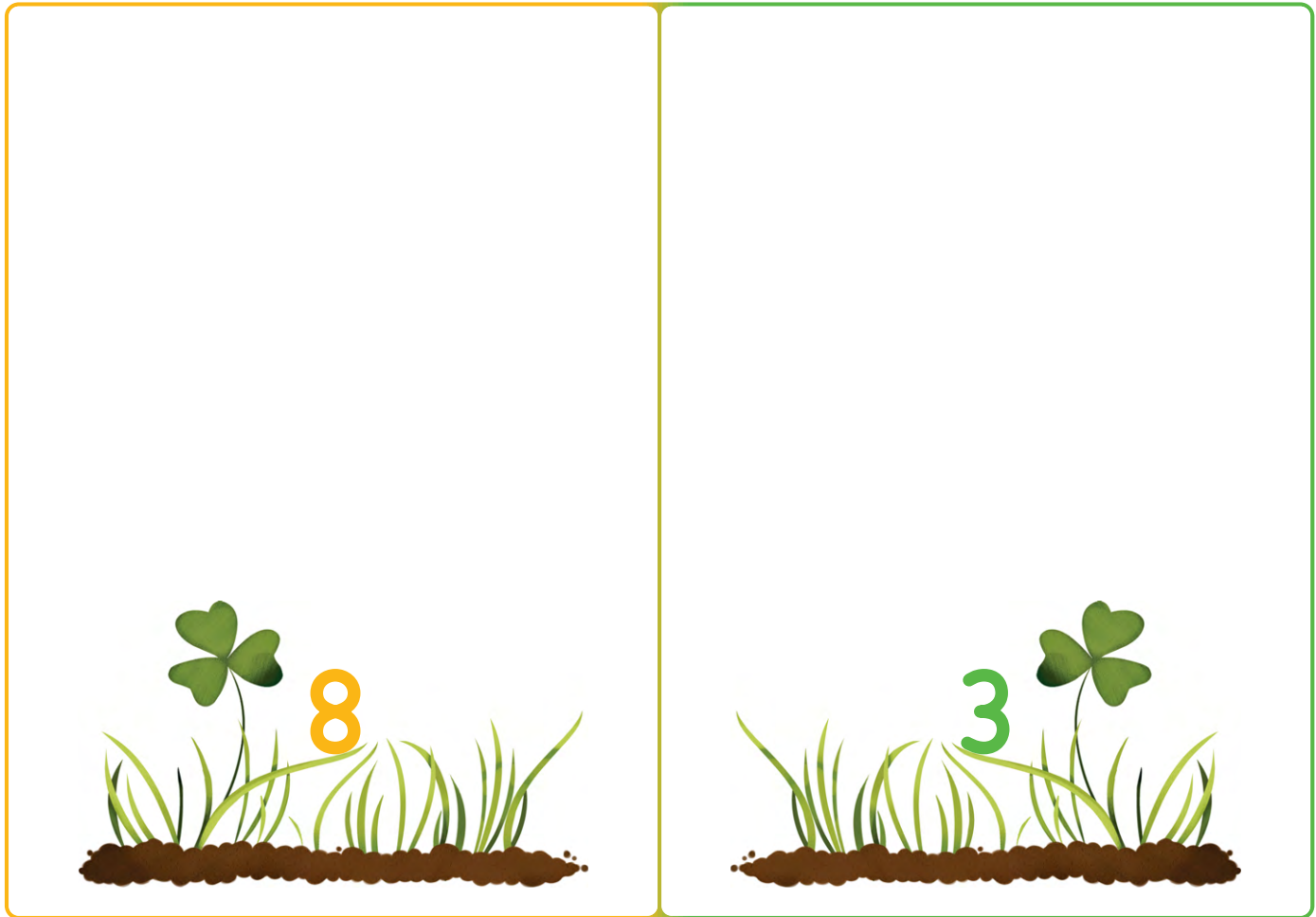
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**Counting eggs:** Cut out the Easter eggs at the bottom of the page. Then direct your child to identify the numbers on the plots of grass and paste the corresponding number of Easter eggs on the plots.



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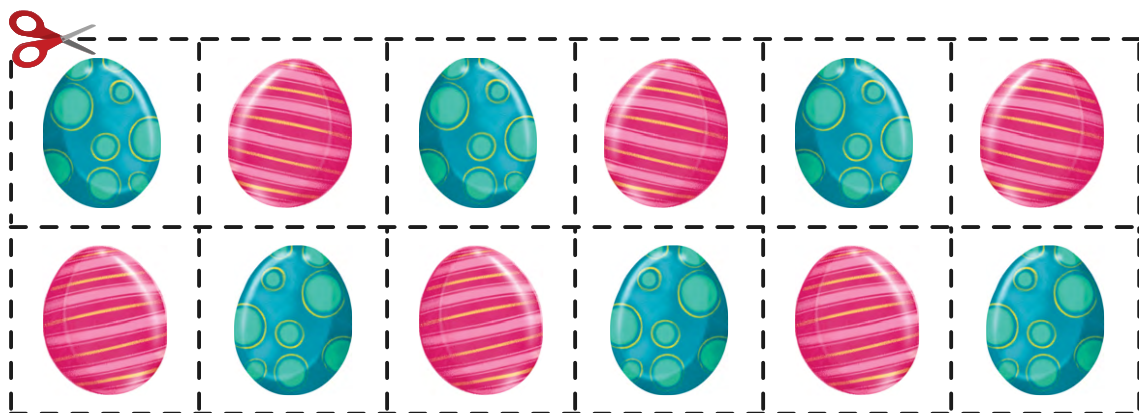
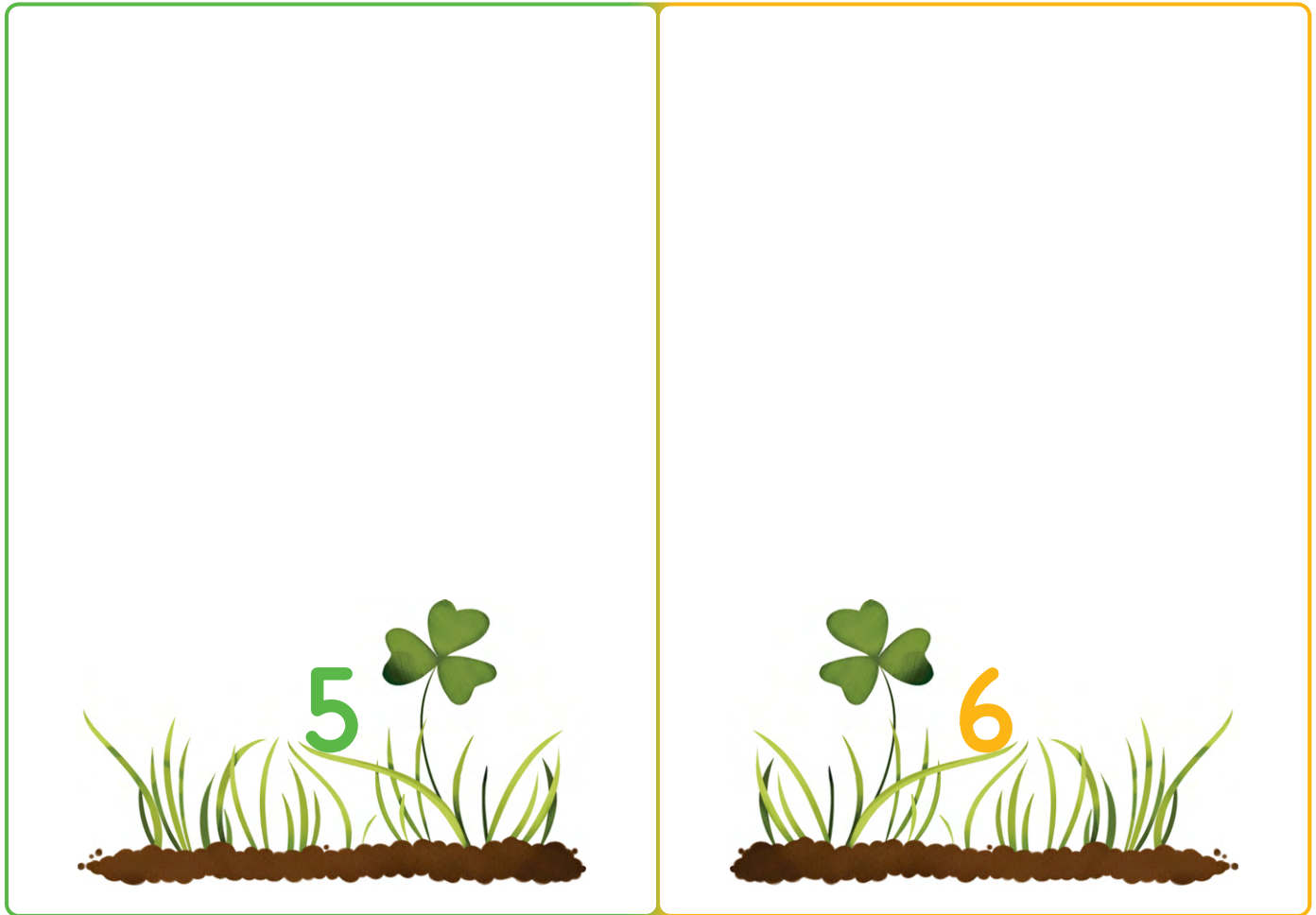
**Tip for parents:** Show your child two Easter cards featuring chicks or bunnies. The cards can be ones you received or ones you find online or at a store. Ask him to count the animals on each card and tell you which card has more.

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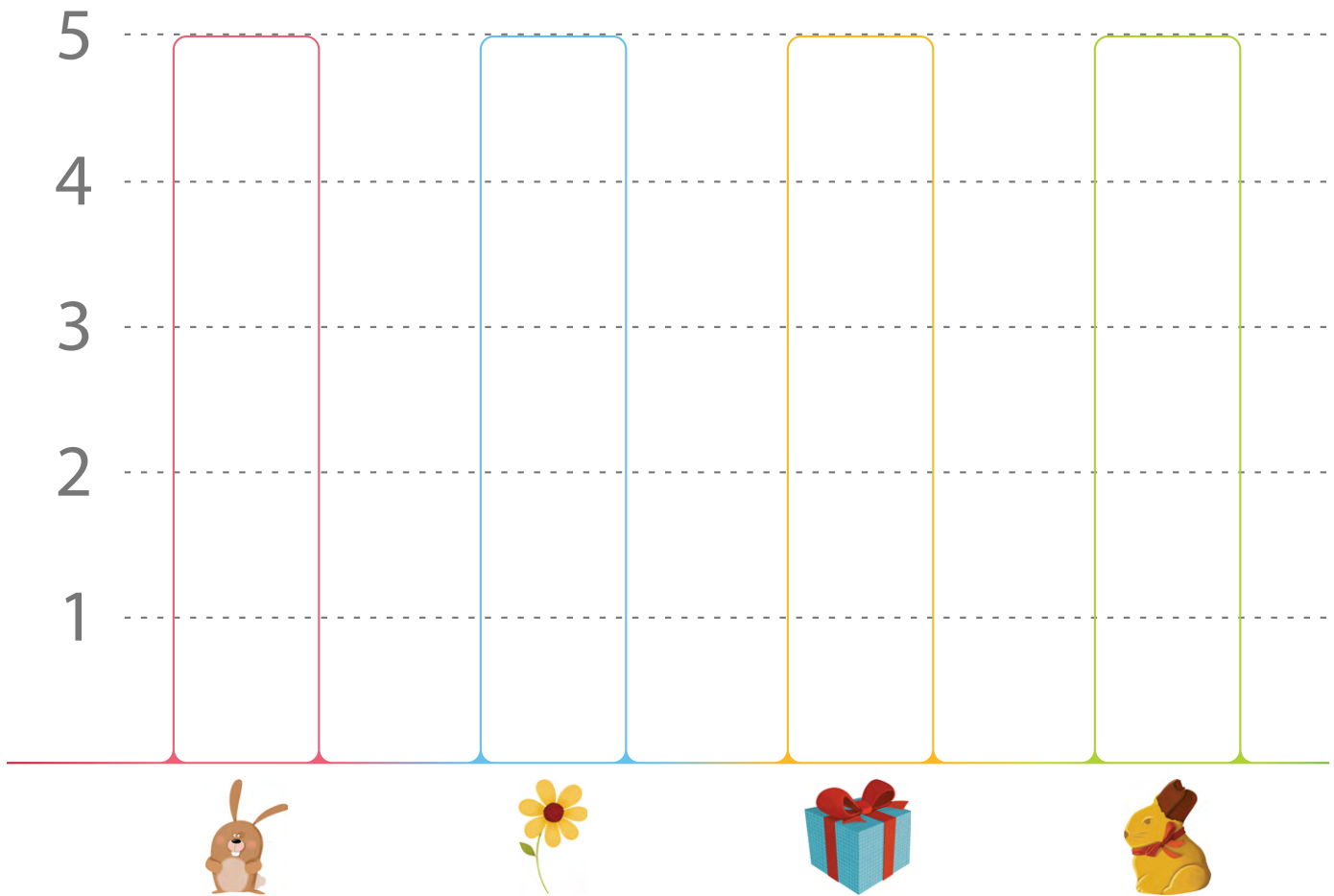
**Tip for parents:** As your child collects Easter eggs, challenge him to yell out how many he has collected so far by adding one more to his total each time he finds a new egg.

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**Easter bar graph:** Have your child count each set of items in the box and complete the bar graph by coloring in that number of squares. Ask him to use the words "more" and "less" to compare.

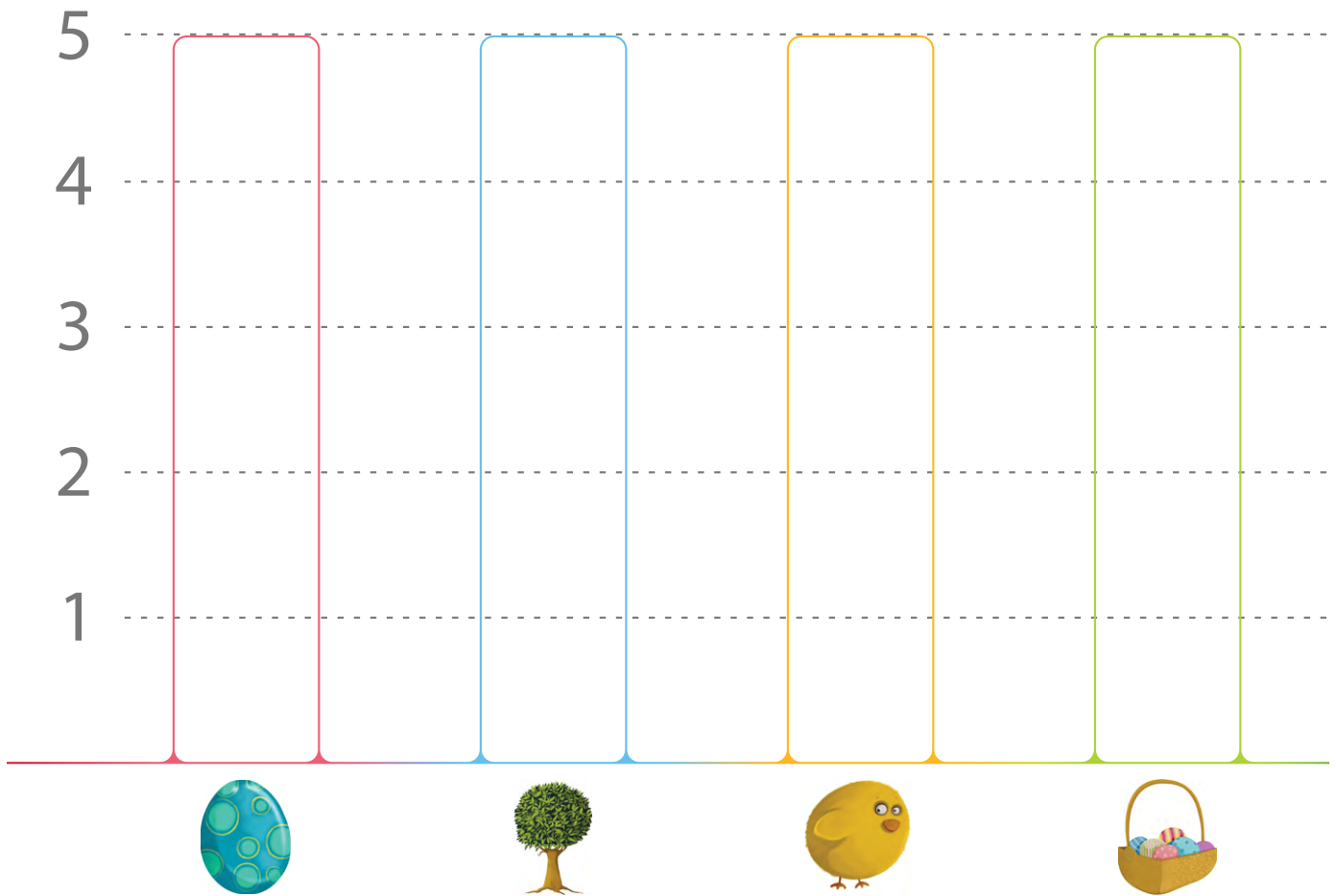


There are \_\_\_\_\_ presents than rabbits.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ flowers than chocolate bunnies.  
The number of rabbits is \_\_\_\_\_ the number of flowers.



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There are \_\_\_\_\_ chicks than eggs.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ baskets than trees.

The number of eggs is \_\_\_\_\_ the number of baskets.

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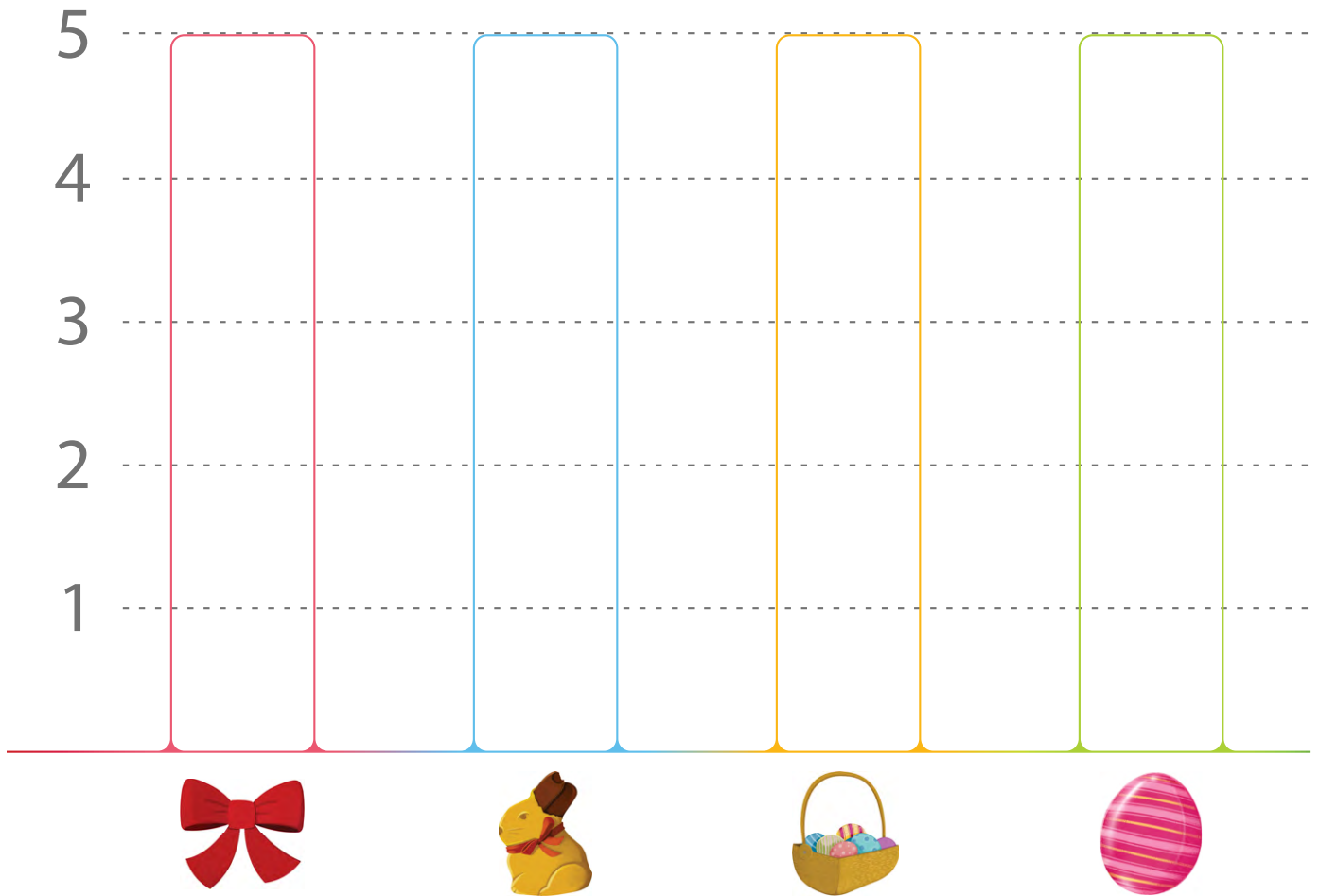
**Tip for parents:** Ask your child to survey each person at the dinner table to find out his or her favorite holiday food. Let your child record the answers on a blank bar graph page.

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**Easter pictograph:** Cut the pictures below and ask your child to paste each in the right place on the grid to create a pictograph. Encourage him to use the words "more" and "less" to compare.



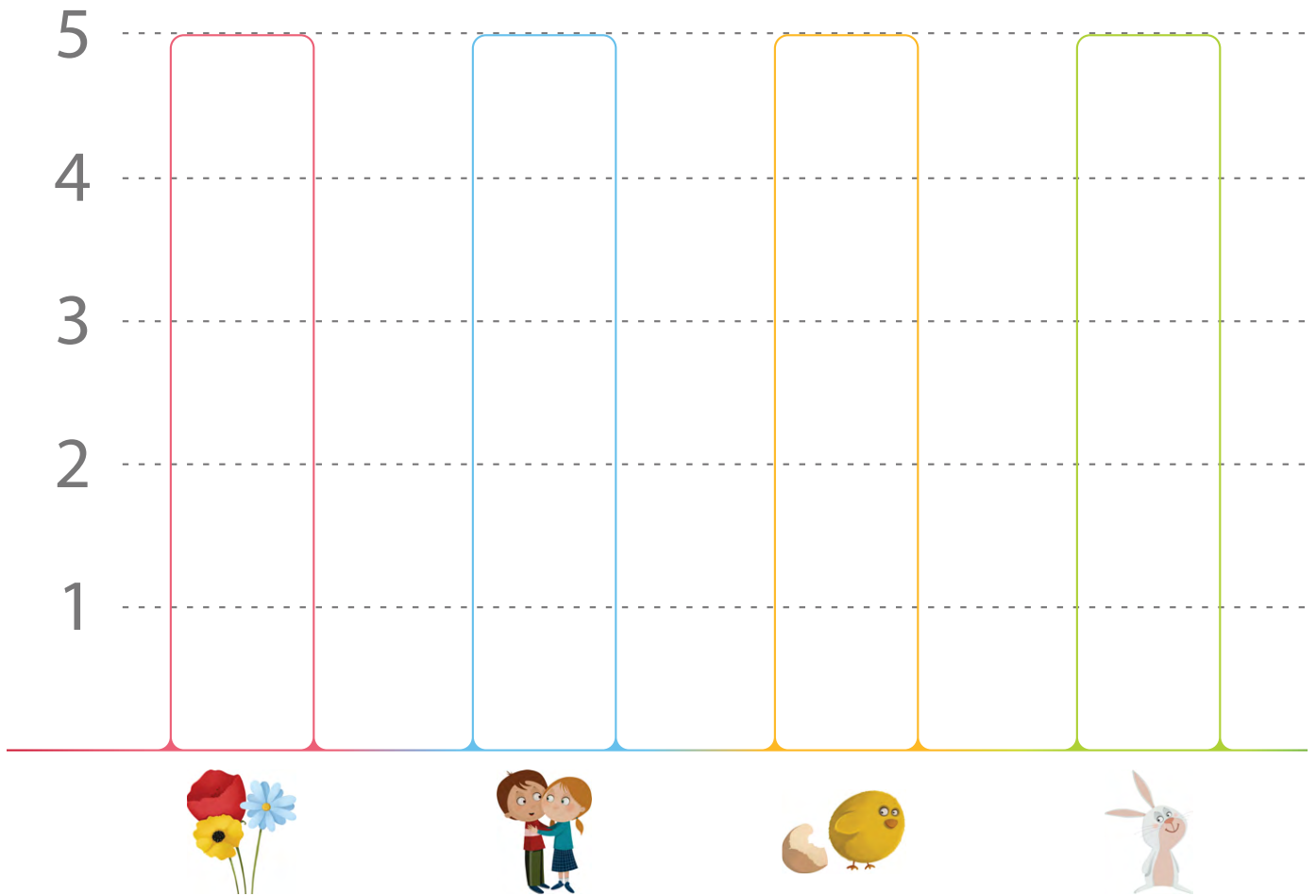
There are \_\_\_\_\_ bows than Easter eggs.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ Easter baskets than chocolate bunnies.

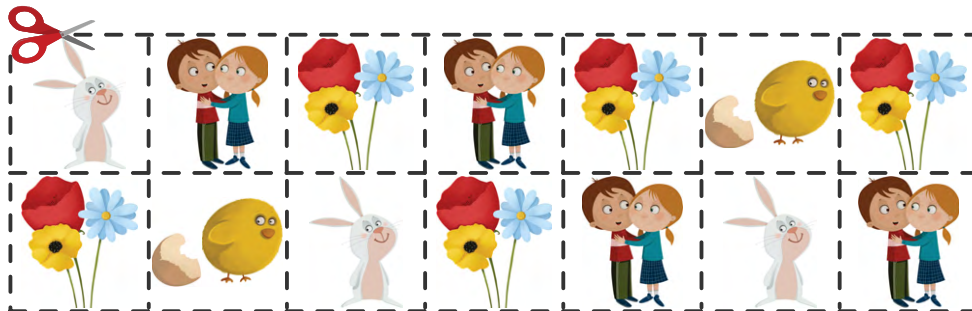


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There are \_\_\_\_\_ bunnies than flower bouquets.



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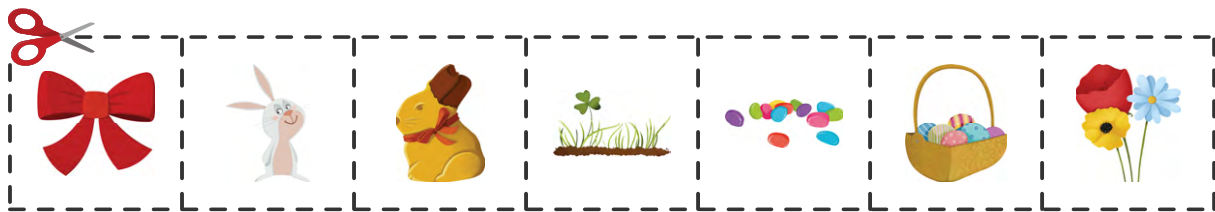
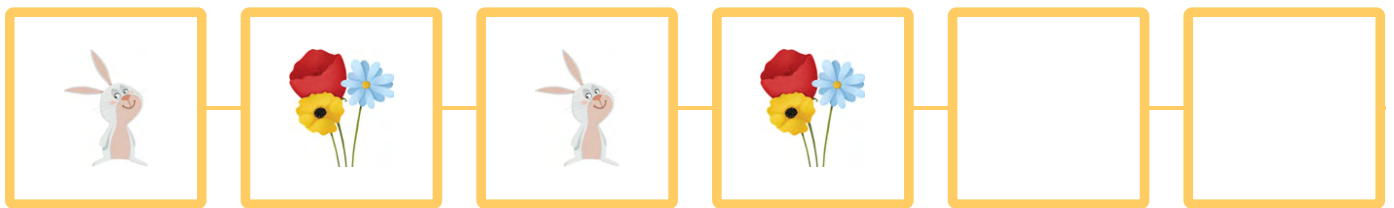
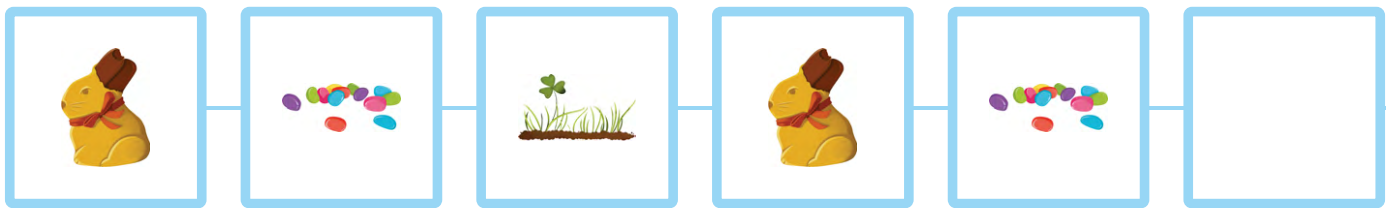
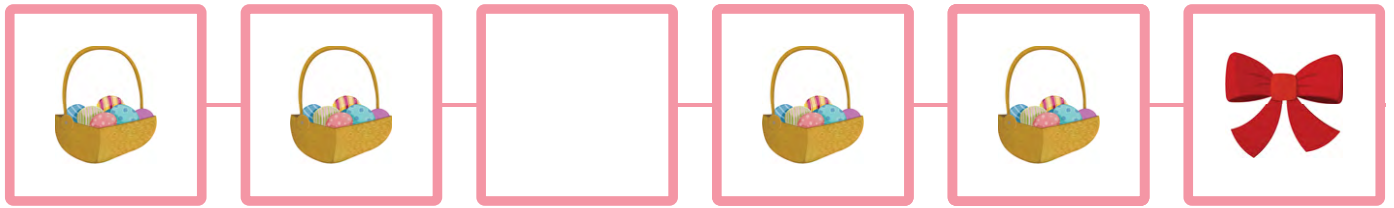
**Tip for parents:** Ask your child to create a bar graph by asking friends and family members what their favorite Easter candy is. The choices could be marshmallow chicks, chocolate eggs or jelly beans.

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**Completing Easter patterns:** Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page. Then direct your child to complete each pattern by pasting the correct picture in each blank space.



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**Tip for parents:** Ask your child to make a pattern using various colors of jelly beans. Remind him that his pattern must repeat at least twice.

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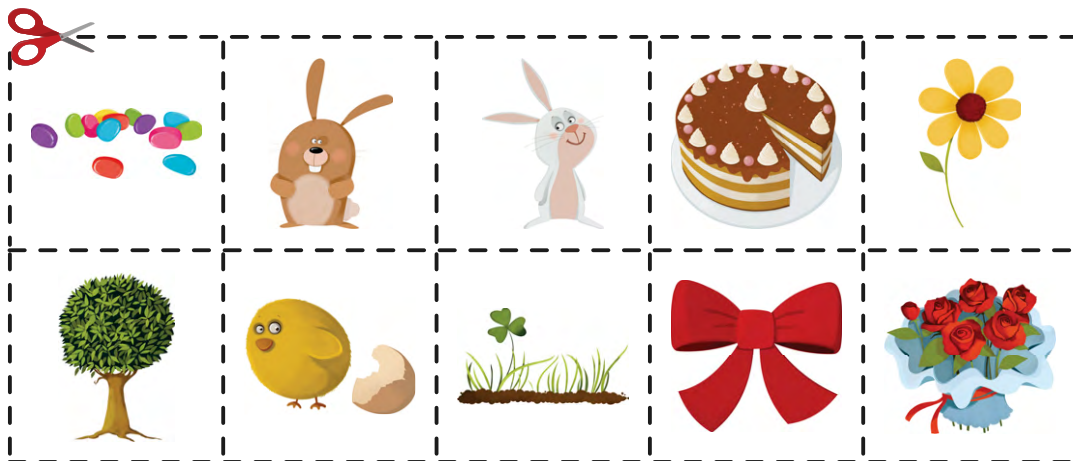
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**Sorting into groups and classifying:** Ask your child to sort the pictures into two groups and classify each group. He may sort by color, shape, or other theme and need not use all pictures.



All of these pictures \_\_\_\_\_.

All of these pictures \_\_\_\_\_.





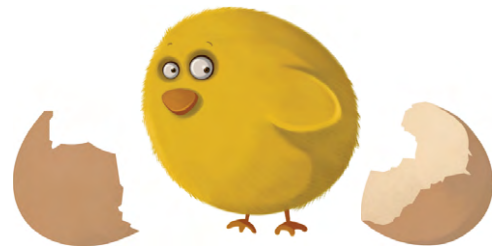
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**Learning ordinal numbers:** Read aloud each one-sentence instruction and direct your child to circle the corresponding picture in the row. Remind your child to always count from left to right.

Circle the third group of flowers.



Draw a line under the the second animal.



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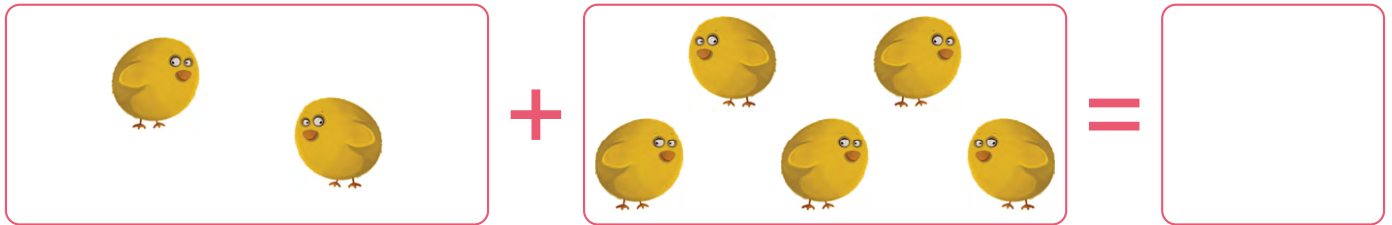
**Tip for parents:** Ask your child to count the number of eggs (or candy pieces) in his basket using ordinal numbers and then ask him which one (using the ordinal number) is his favorite.

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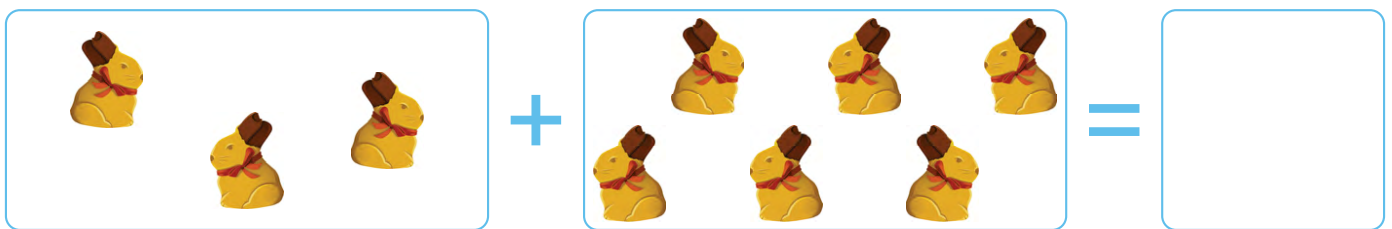
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**Beginning addition with pictures:** Add together the two groups of items and write the total in the space provided. Then rewrite the entire math equation on the line under the pictures.



A math problem showing two groups of yellow chicks. The first group has 2 chicks, and the second group has 5 chicks. A plus sign is between the groups, and an equals sign is followed by an empty box for the answer.

$$2 + 5 = \square$$


A math problem showing two groups of chocolate bunnies. The first group has 3 bunnies, and the second group has 6 bunnies. A plus sign is between the groups, and an equals sign is followed by an empty box for the answer.

$$3 + 6 = \square$$


A math problem showing two groups of baskets filled with colorful eggs. The first group has 4 baskets, and the second group has 5 baskets. A plus sign is between the groups, and an equals sign is followed by an empty box for the answer.

$$4 + 5 = \square$$


A math problem showing two groups of green trees. The first group has 1 tree, and the second group has 3 trees. A plus sign is between the groups, and an equals sign is followed by an empty box for the answer.

$$1 + 3 = \square$$

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**Tip for parents:** Give your child two small piles of jelly beans and ask him to count each pile and then count the total amount. Let him eat one jelly bean and then ask him to recount his total number.

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