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"Auntie Chris, why do you say that Molly is broody?" asked Sean as they collected the eggs. "That's what we call mother hens when the instinct God has put in them tells them to sit on and incubate eggs." "What does incubate mean?" Sean asked again. "This is how eggs hatch into live chickens. Each egg has to be kept warm for 21 days. It can be done in a mechanical incubator or by the mother hen. Molly turns the eggs over every few hours so the chick doesn't stick to the inside of the shell. When it's time to hatch, the chick begins to crack the shell with a little sharp tooth that God has put onto it's beak. This is called pipping. They are due to hatch in a few days now," explained Auntie Chris.

Two days later when Sean went for the eggs, he checked on Molly in her box and heard cheeping. Then he saw wiggling under Molly's feathers. The chicks were hatching! He rushed inside yelling to the girls,

"Come and see the new chicks! They're amazing!"



Carefully cut the top off a boiled egg. Eat the egg, draw a face on the shell, then fill it with tissue or cotton wool. Put some seeds on the top eg. Alfalfa, radish, or mung beans, and keep them damp with water. Sit the egg in an egg cup or part of an egg carton by a window and wait. When the seeds grow you can eat them. Isn't that amazing!







Listen to God Nehemiah 9:5b - 6

God's people were celebrating and praising God, the creator of everything because they knew what amazing things he had done. What is one amazing thing God has done to make sure chicks hatch safely?



"Mimi I've got a chicken riddle for you," said Melvin.

"Oh,no!" groaned Mimi. "Why did the chicken cross the playground?"

Answer: To get to the other slide!



Talk to God!

God you are amazing and you do amazing things. Thank you for taking so much care to make sure chicks are born safely. Thank you for taking just as much care over us too.