

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Caroline will understand the life cycle of a chicken, including the stages from egg to chick to adult chicken. She will be able to describe each stage and its significance in the life cycle.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and colored pencils or crayons
- Access to a quiet space for reading and drawing
- Basic knowledge of animals and their life cycles (review if necessary)

Activities

- **Drawing the Life Cycle:** Caroline will create a visual representation of the chicken's life cycle. She will draw each stage: the egg, the chick, and the adult chicken. This will help her visualize the process and understand the transitions between stages.
- **Story Time:** Read a short story or passage about chickens and their life cycle. After reading, Caroline can discuss what she learned and share her favorite part of the story.
- **Life Cycle Song:** Caroline can create a simple song or rhyme about the life cycle of a chicken. This will make learning fun and help her remember the stages better.
- **Life Cycle Model:** Using only paper, Caroline can cut out shapes to represent each stage of the chicken's life cycle and arrange them in order. This hands-on activity will reinforce her understanding of the sequence of events.

Talking Points

- "The life cycle of a chicken begins with an egg. Can you tell me what you think happens next?"
- "After about 21 days, if the egg is kept warm, a chick hatches. What do you think a chick looks like?"
- "As the chick grows, it becomes a juvenile chicken, or pullet. What changes do you think happen during this stage?"
- "Finally, the chicken becomes an adult. What are some things adult chickens can do?"
- "Every stage of the life cycle is important. Why do you think each stage matters?"