

Book: Eggbert, The Slightly Cracked Egg

Possible Themes: self-esteem, coping

Publisher, Publishing Date and ISBN Number: Putnam Publishing Group, 1994, 0-698-11444-2 Author: Tom Ross Illustrator: Rex Barron Recommended Age of Child: Ages 3-12

Description of Book: A cracked egg, with a talent for painting, goes through some painful experiences before realizing that being cracked is something to be proud of.

Quote from Book: "Finally the rain stopped, and the sun broke through a crack in the clouds."

Lesson Plan Ideas:

Give each child a plastic white egg. On small slips of paper, have child write things that are hard for them or that they are scared of. Provide magic markers and have child draw on and decorate their egg.

Use the egg pattern provided and have the children create another scene for Eggbert. What else could he have disguised himself as?

Outside, or in a protected area, provide large pieces of paper, paint and paintbrushes. Let the children pretend to be Eggbert and paint a giant postcard.

Materials Needed: Plastic eggs, permanent markers, small pieces of paper, writing materials, crayons, markers, paint, easels, large pieces of art paper, paintbrushes, paint smocks, lots of wipes and soap and water. Don't forget the camera to take pictures of the masterpieces.