

***The Good Egg***  
**Author:** Jory John  
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**Related Books:**

[\*After the Fall \(How Humpty Dumpty Got Back up Again\)\*](#) by Dan Santat

[\*The Bad Seed\*](#) by Jory John and Pete Oswald

[\*An Egg is Quiet\*](#) by Diana Aston; illustrated by Sylvia Long

[\*I Am Enough\*](#) by Grace Byers

*It's Okay to be a Unicorn* by Jason Tharp

*Perfect* by Max Amato

*Perfectly Norman* by Tom Percival

**Related Websites:**

Read-aloud: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBtrGUzVHS8>

Read-aloud: <https://youtu.be/eXwQQqHwajs>

Book Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBdHgiTmGRw>

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**Activities:**

- Read *An Egg is Quiet* and discuss the different animals that hatch from eggs.
- Watch this video on how an egg hatches: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozMPRSZ8Ykk>
- Look at character traits that *The Good Egg* has in the beginning, middle and the end of the story. How did he change?
- The Good Egg learns how to keep himself healthy. He gets out in nature, reads lots, writes, paints and de-stresses with yoga and bubble baths. Brainstorm ways that you can relax and practice self-care. Finish these starters: *When I get angry, I can ...* or *When I am sad, I can ....*
- Sometimes words don't match actions. Look closely at the spread where the Good Egg describes all the good things he does. Do his words match the pictures?
- What if the people around you did annoying things? Write and draw what you might do.
- From Harperkids Storytime Activities:  
<https://b0f646cfbd7462424f7a-f9758a43fb7c33cc8adda0fd36101899.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/activity-guides/AG-9780062866004.pdf>
- From Counselor Keri, School Counseling Activities using *The Good Egg*:  
<https://www.counselorkeri.com/2019/02/16/the-good-egg-activities/>
- How much pressure can an egg take?
  - Supplies
    - Plastic or old newspaper
    - 3 eggs
    - 3 small glasses or containers of the same size (that an egg will sit in, end up)
    - 1 plate
    - Books
  - Directions
    - Place plastic or newspaper over the work area
    - Position glasses or containers equidistant from one another, in a triangular shape
    - Place one egg in each glass or container, end up
    - Place a plate on top of the eggs

- One at a time, stack books on top of the eggs until the egg starts to crack
  - Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9blszbzdEMo>
- Variations--adapt this experiment in different ways. For example, if the eggs were uncooked when you tried it the first time, try hard boiling them and run the experiment again. Is there a difference in the number of books the eggs can hold before they start to crack?
- What else can eggs withstand? Check out these websites to try more experiments using eggs!
  - <https://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/beyondEarth/activities/eggDrop.shtml>
  - [https://www.rigb.org/docs/dissolving\\_eggs\\_infosheet\\_v2\\_0.pdf](https://www.rigb.org/docs/dissolving_eggs_infosheet_v2_0.pdf)
  - <https://science-u.org/experiments/mars-egg-lander.html>
- Egg People Craft
  - Materials:
    - Plastic Easter Eggs
    - Pipe Cleaners (or paper)
    - Googly Eyes or Markers
    - Glue or tape
  - Directions
    - Bend pipe cleaners or fold paper strips to make arms and legs for your egg person.
    - Glue arms and legs onto the back of the egg and let dry.
    - Glue googly eyes or draw eyes onto egg and let dry.
- Good Egg Says... It was difficult for Good Egg when all of the other eggs weren't following the rules. See if your friends or siblings can be better eggs. Play like Simon Says, except instead of saying, "Simon says," say, "Good Egg says."
  - Directions
    - Choose 1 person to be Good Egg.
    - Everyone else line up in a row facing Good Egg.
    - Whenever Good Egg gives a command that begins with the words, "Good Egg says," everyone must follow the command and do whatever Good Egg said to do. (Example: "Good Egg says to stand." Everyone should stand. Anyone who does not stand has to sit out and wait for the next game to begin to play again.)
    - Whenever Good Egg gives a command that does not begin with the words, "Good Egg says," everyone should stand still and not do anything. (Example: "Jump up and down 3 times." If anyone follows the command and jumps, then they have to sit out until the next game.)
    - The winner is the last player left in the game.
  - Hint: The faster the Good Egg can give the commands, the faster people mess up and get out.
- Yarn Eggs Craft: Even good eggs can crack under pressure. In this craft, if you wrap the yarn too tightly, you can see your egg start to bend under the pressure.
  - Materials:
    - Cardboard (cereal box, mac & cheese box, etc.)
    - Yarn (any color(s))
    - Tape
  - Directions
    - Cut an egg shape out of cardboard.
    - Punch a hole near the top of the egg.
    - Loop a piece of yarn through the hole and tie it off so you can hang it like a Christmas tree ornament.

- Tape one end of a very long piece of yarn to the egg.
- Start wrapping the yarn around the egg over and over, round and round, until the whole egg is covered.
- When your egg is covered to your liking, cut the yarn and tuck the end up under some of the rows of yarn around the egg.
- Hang your egg anywhere you like.