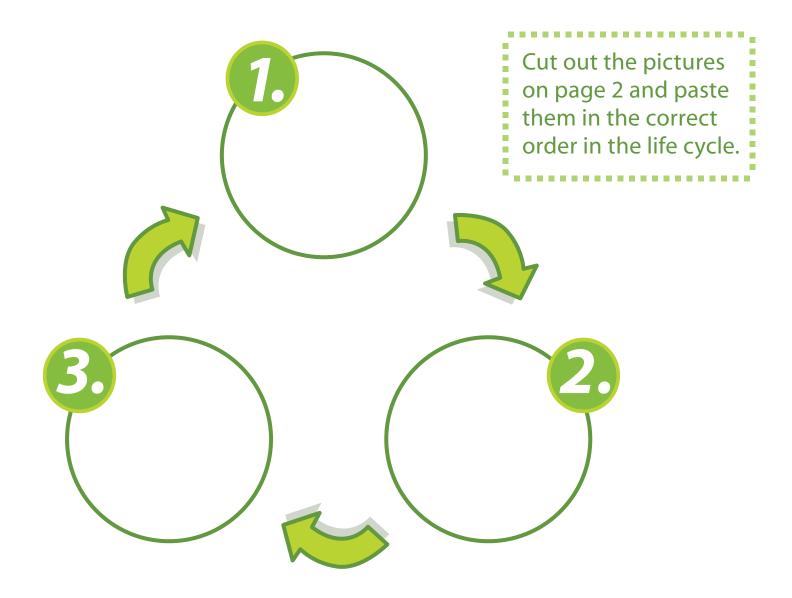
Life Cycle of a Bird

Birds are warm blooded animals. They have feathers and wings, and they can walk on two legs. Birds lay eggs with hard shells. They have ear holes instead of ears, and they have a beak instead of a mouth with teeth. Their feathers and wings allow them to fly, and their tail feathers are used for steering.



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Female birds lay *eggs* in warm places like nests. Birds are born inside hard-shelled eggs. The eggs are kept warm by their parents. This is called *incubation*. When they hatch the baby birds are called *chicks*, and are fuzzy and almost bald. In time they start to develop flight feathers. Soon after learning to *fly* they leave the nest and are ready to live on their own.



