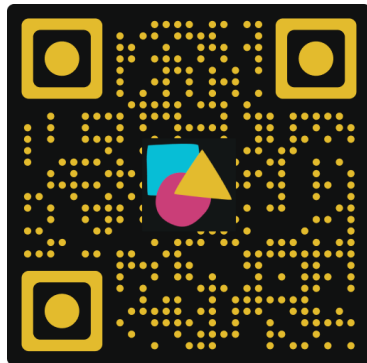




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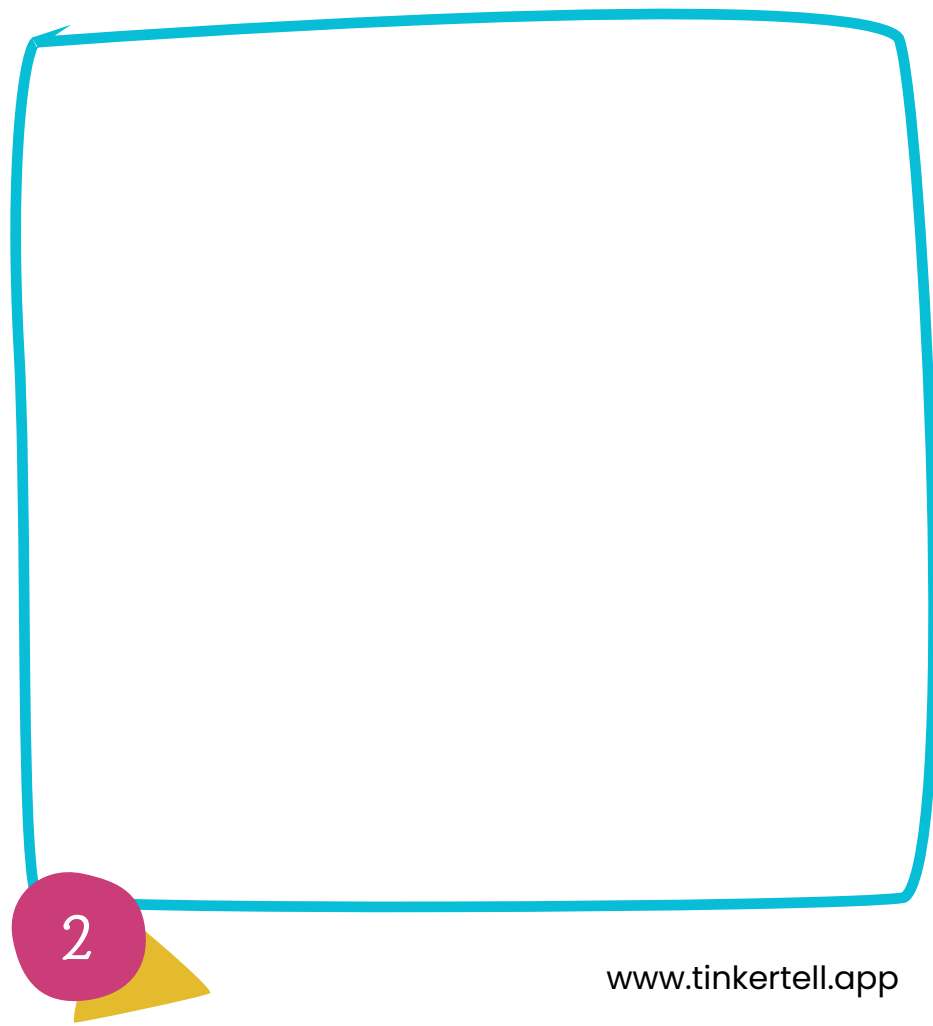
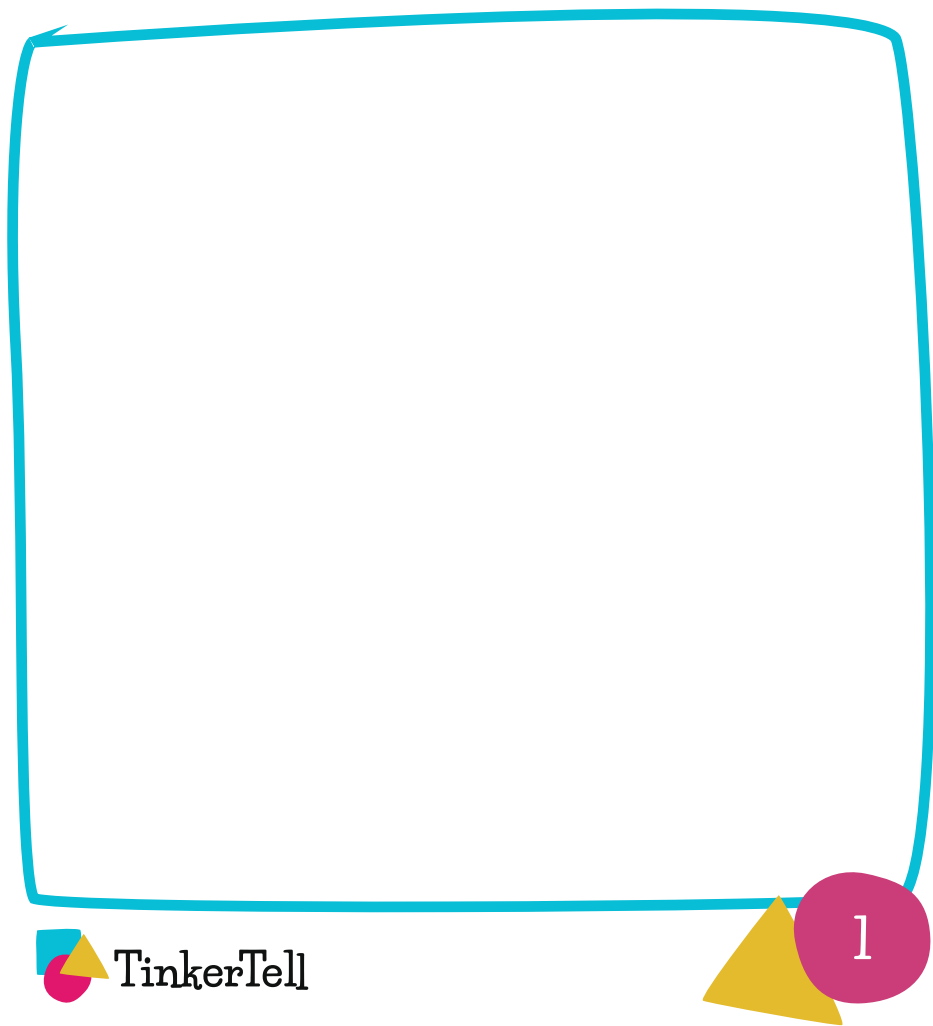


## "Nia's Easter Egg Hunt"

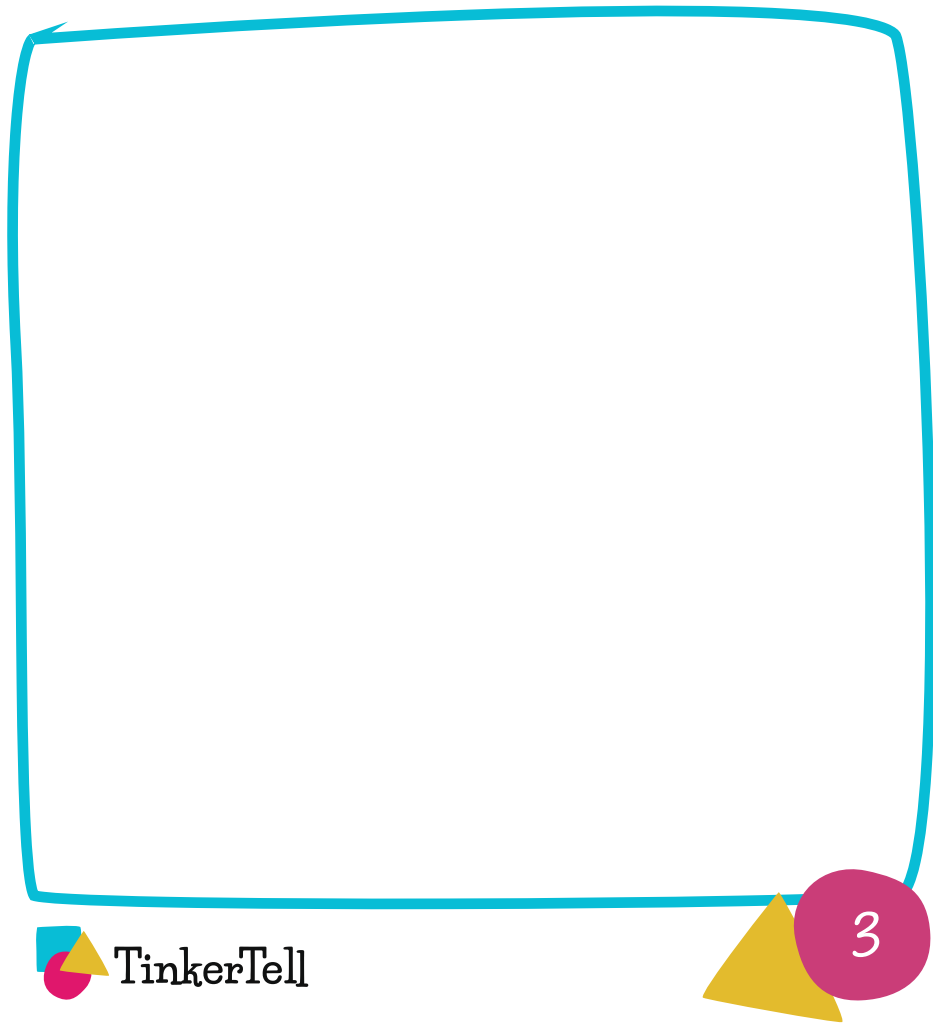


Once upon a time, in a sun-kissed land where chocolate rained from the sky (just kidding! It only rained on Easter), there lived a 10-year-old girl named Nia. Nia loved chocolate more than anyone else in the land, perhaps because her birthday cake every year was always chocolate, and she managed to eat the most pieces.

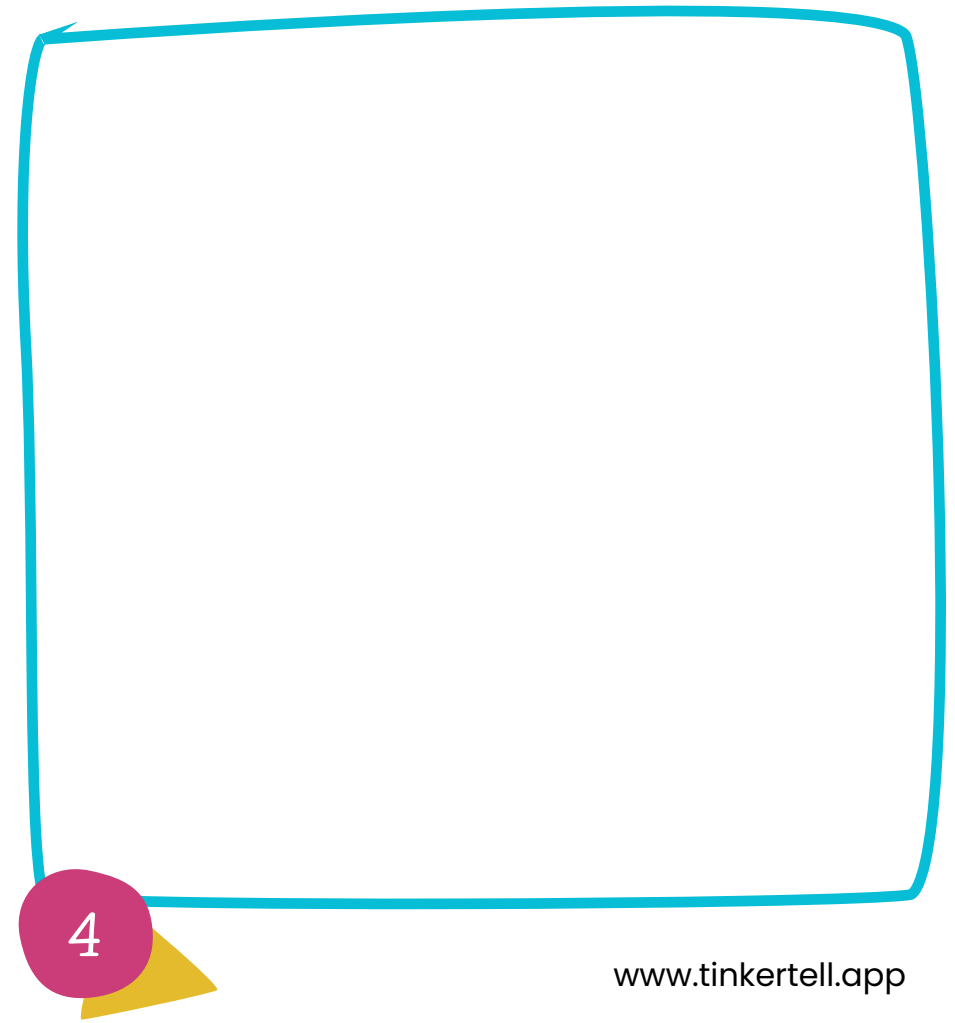
Easter was just around the corner, and Nia was bubbling with anticipation. This was her favorite time of the year, not just because of the delicious chocolate eggs, but because she played the most important role in the Easter festivities: the Easter Egg Hider!



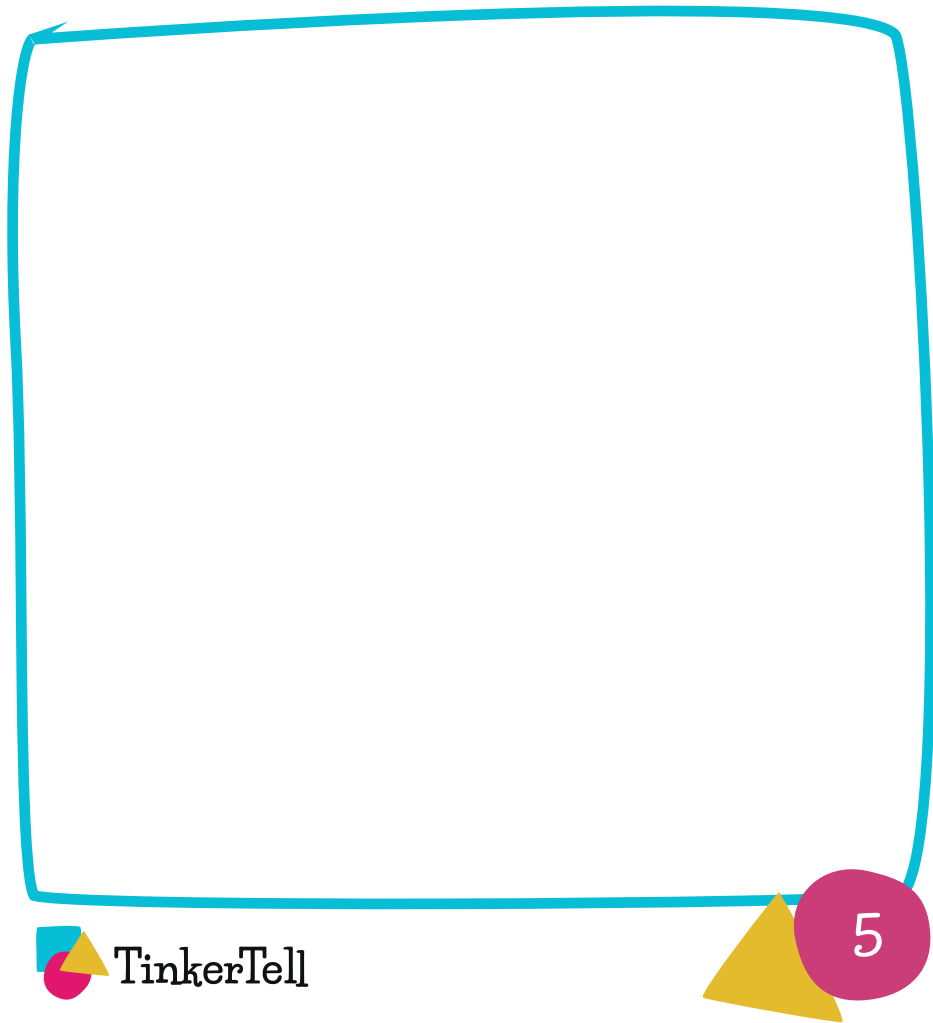
This year was special though. Her two cousins, who were 3 and 5 years old, were coming for the egg hunt. But there was a twist! Her 14-year-old twin sisters wanted to join in the hunt too and, believe it or not, they wanted all the chocolate they could eat.



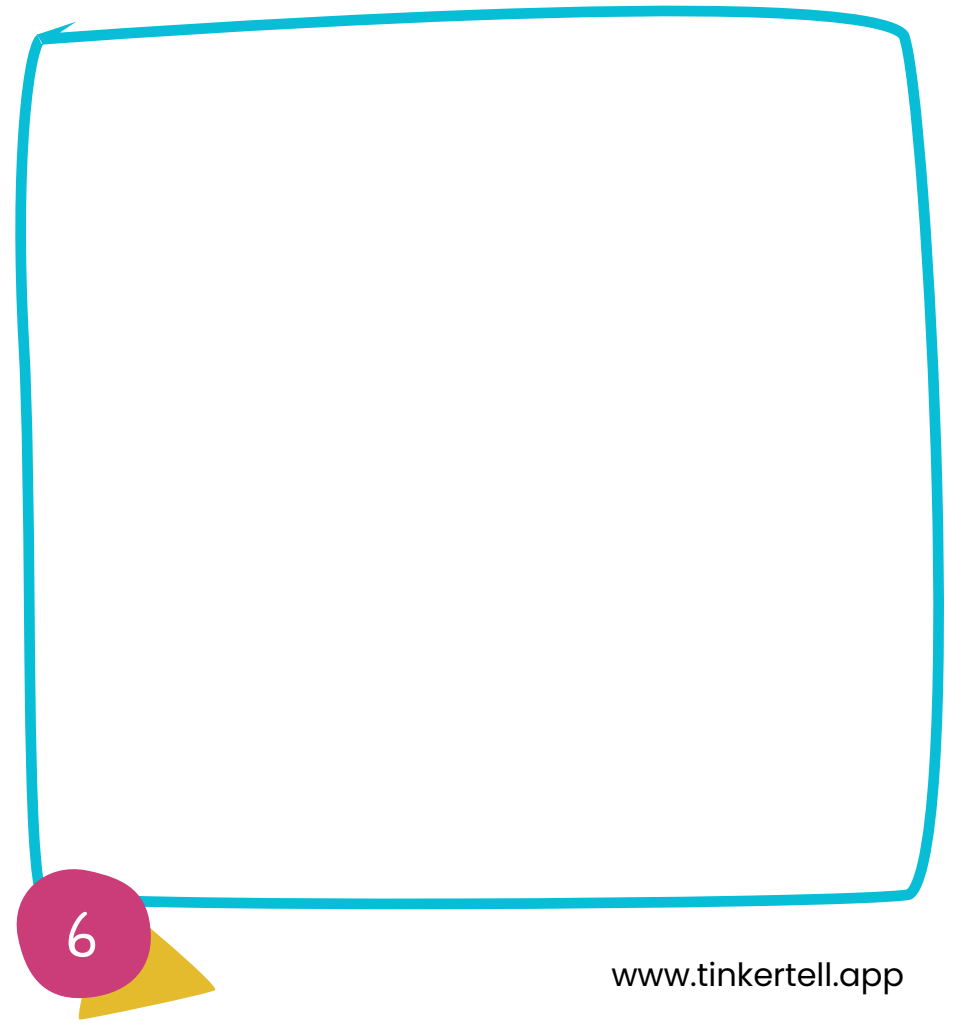
Nia, being the clever girl she was, planned for everyone to have an equal share of the fun...and the chocolate. She hid twelve shiny chocolate eggs at ground level in the grass and by an old tree stump for her little cousins. Then, thinking of her tall sisters, she hid twelve more at eye level – mostly in the branches of an old apple tree.



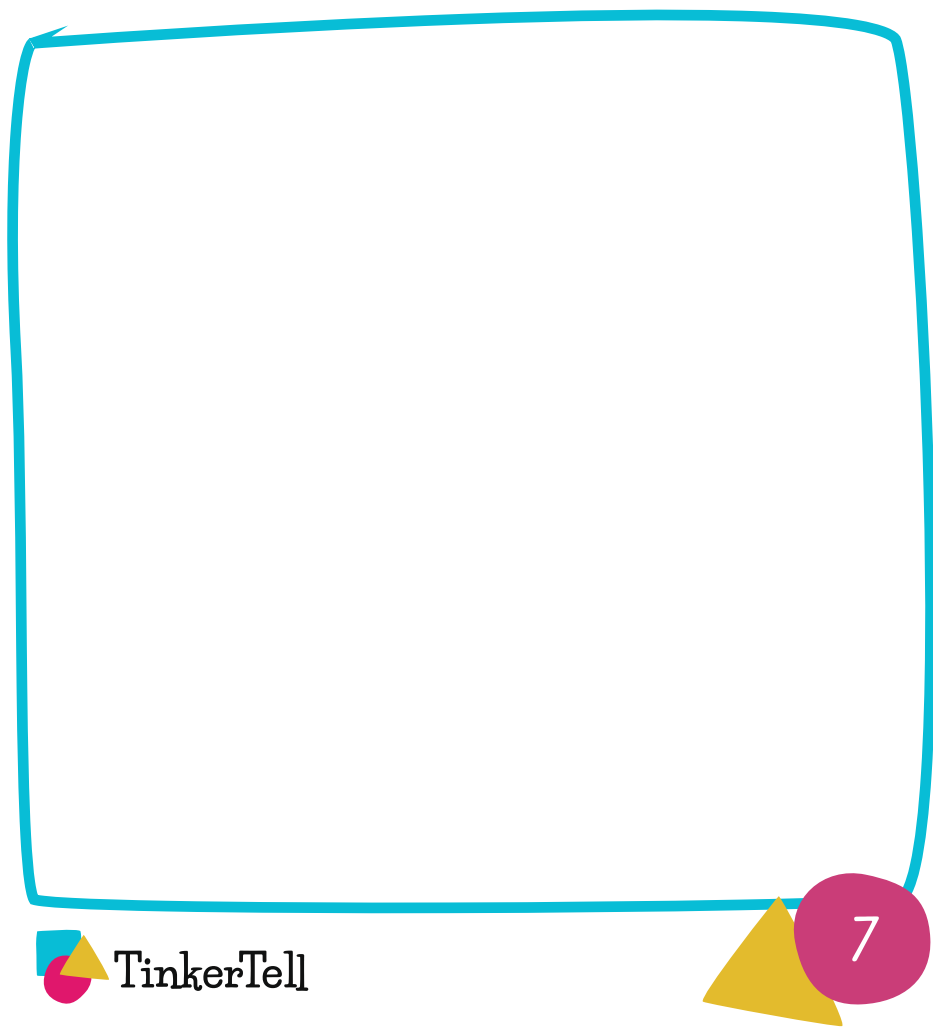
Now, the rule was that every participant would find the same number of eggs, so she made sure that her sisters, being taller, didn't have an advantage. Each egg was carefully placed with love and precision.



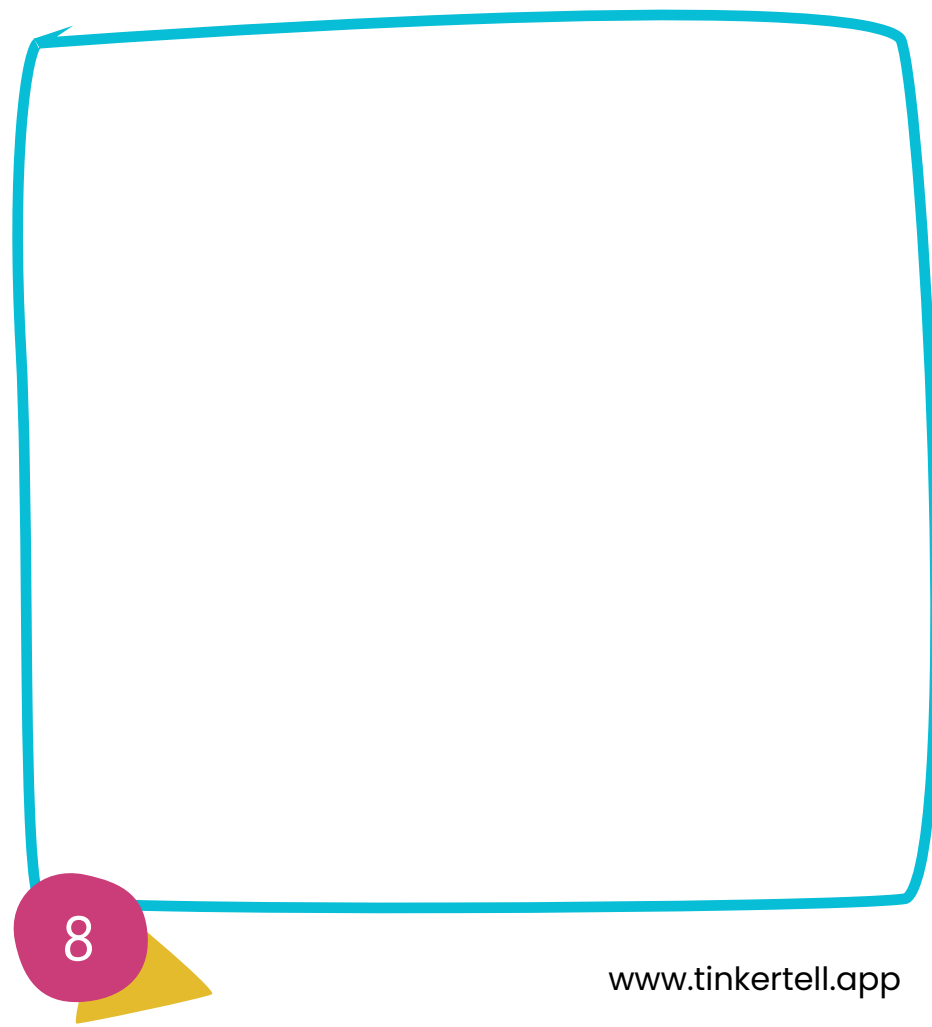
The hunt began and giggles filled the air as her cousins and sisters scuttled about, searching high and low for the hidden treasures. In the end, everyone found exactly six eggs each.



Once the excitement of the hunt settled down, a lovely surprise unfolded. Each one of her family members – the little cousins and the big sisters – decided to give one of their eggs to Nia as a thank you for her effort.



So, before they all gave one egg to Nia, each of the two cousins and the two sisters had six. Nia had worked so hard to ensure everyone had a half dozen eggs. Now, Nia recieved an egg from her cousins, her twin sisters, plus one from her Mom! How many eggs did Nia have in the end? How many eggs did each of her cousins and sisters have?



Not only did Nia get her share of the beloved chocolate eggs, but she also received the sweetest gift of all, the gift of appreciation for her kindness and selflessness.

