



The Good Eggs Travel the World

Chapter 9: Italy (May)

Reggie awoke to the captain's voice as the plane was landing in Italy. They were all very excited to be there, especially since the Eggs found out Peggy was going to meet them in Rome. Benedict, however, found out he had to leave after his time in Italy, which made him very sad, but he decided to make the best of it and not tell his friends until it was time for him to go. The time spent in Italy was filled with culture and food! The Eggs visited the Coliseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the beautiful city of Venice, which was a near disaster as Benedict fell into the water! Luckily, he was saved by the gondolier.

Overview:

Lesson:

Chapter Nine introduces the Eggs to the country of Italy.

Country: Italy

Continent: Europe

Prominent Language: Italian

Capital: Rome

Sites and Experiences:

- Coliseum – the largest amphitheater in the world
- Leaning Tower of Pisa – freestanding bell tower that leans to one side
- Piazza dei Miracoli – the Piazza of Miracles!
- Venice – streets of water
- Trevi Fountain – throwing a coin into the fountain guarantees a return trip to Rome

Words, Phrases and Sayings Learned:

- *Bella* = Beautiful
- *Zio* = Uncle
- *Zia* = Aunt
- *Ciao* = Hello and goodbye
- *Come sta?* = How are you?
- *Grazie* = Thank you
- *Gondola* = Narrow, flat-bottomed boat
- *Ragazzo* = Boy
- *O sole mio, my bella amore* = My sunshine, my beautiful love

Customs Learned:

- Kiss on both cheeks when saying hello and goodbye
- Meals are large with many courses
- History plays an important role in the culture

Foods Eaten:

- *Antipasti Salad* = Salami, cheese, bread, olives
- *Minestrone Soup* = Tomato based soup with vegetables
- *Spaghetti and meatballs!*
- *Spedini* = Seasoned meat rolled up and placed on a stick
- *Tiramisu* = Layered sponge cake with powdered chocolate and mascarpone cheese
- *Gelato* = Italian ice cream
- *Pizza! (can't forget that!)*

Activity:

Class Research:

GROUP 1: Research the history of the Coliseum. Find out what kind of “sea battles” took place there.

GROUP 2: Research the reason the Leaning Tower of Pisa leans!

GROUP 3: Research and find out interesting facts about the city of Venice and its streets of water.

GROUP 4: Research the construction of the Trevi Fountain.

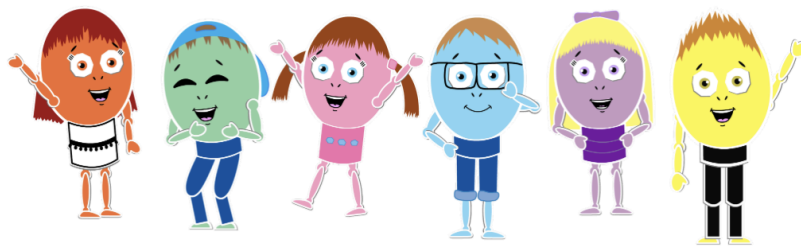
Materials:

- Poster board, markers, crayons

Get your poster board ready and divide it into four sections. Have each group depict their research onto the poster board. Hang it next to your Israel poster. Mama Mia – what a trip you are having!

Additional activity:

Make pizza together with your family! Visit your nearest Italian bakery and buy a pizza dough ball. Stretch it out (throw it in the air) and get creative by using your favorite toppings. Enjoy your meal!



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