

STORY GUIDE

Chicken Little

Original story by: Unknown

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morals and themes

Adventure, Animals, Determination

general comprehension questions

- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the characters?
- Who is your favorite character and why?
- Which character don't you like and why?
- What are the problems the characters face?
- How do they solve these problems?
- How does the story end?
- What lesson does this story teach you?

discussion questions

- Why do you think Chicken Little thought the sky was falling?
- The animals in the story have silly names like Cocky-locky, Ducky-daddles, and Goosey-poosey. Can you come up with some silly names for other animals like cats or dogs?
- Why do you think that Foxy-woxy wanted Chicken Little and his friends to enter his cave? Do you think the fox got what he deserved?
- Can the sky really fall? What are some things that fall from the sky?
- Even though Chicken Little was wrong that the sky was falling, do you think he did a good thing? How would you describe his quest to find the king?

extension questions

- What other stories does this remind you of?
- How does this story relate to your own life?
- Write an alternate ending for the story.
- Write your own version of what happens next.

research activity

Use the internet or library to research kings and queens.

- Who are some famous kings in history?
- Do any countries still have kings and queens?
- Do kings need to be wise? Why or why not?

notes on this story

"Chicken Little", sometimes called "The Sky is Falling" or "Chicken Licken" was originally an African fable. The phrase, "The sky is falling," has passed into the English language as a common phrase indicating a hysterical or mistaken belief that disaster is imminent. The Speakaboos version of this story highlights Chicken Little's determination to finish his quest, even if it was a misguided one. Children can learn that even failure is ok from this story if you truly believe in one's own self and your mission.