

Chicken Little

Narrator: Chicken Little was a scrawny little chicken. He didn't have many friends, because he was too shy to try to make friends. He dreamed of doing great things in the world, but he didn't know what to do. He daydreamed a lot, thinking up situations in which he was a hero, somehow saving all of the birds he admired from afar, like Ducky-Lucky, Goosey-Loosey, Turkey-Lurkey, and, especially, Henny-Penny! What could he do?

Then one day, as Chicken Little was coming home from school and thinking great thoughts, he stopped to rest in the shade of an oak tree. While he was sitting there, a large acorn dropped from a branch and hit him on the head. As he picked up the acorn, he fell into one of his daydreams. Pretending that he was hurt, he staggered around the tree, holding his head, and shouting....

Chicken Little: The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

Nar: He was having great fun, caught up in his daydream, when suddenly Ducky-Lucky was there.

Ducky-Lucky: Chicken Little! Did you say "The sky is falling?"

Nar: Well, Chicken Little didn't want to admit that he was just daydreaming of being a hero, so he was tempted to lie to Ducky-Lucky! Immediately a voice in his head said a Bible verse he had learned in Sunday School.

(Voice, offstage, booming): Psalm 119:163A I hate and abhor lying....

Nar: Chicken Little stopped for just for just a second, but he REALLY wanted to impress Ducky-Lucky, so he answered....

CL: YES! I was just sitting here, and a big chunk of the sky fell and hit me on the head!

DL: We must go and tell the others, so they can get to shelter! Come on!

Nar: Now, Chicken Little just COULDN'T tell Ducky-Lucky that he was just play pretending, and besides, NOW he could get some attention! So he didn't really think....he just followed Ducky-Lucky.

CL and DL: The sky is falling! (at first DL shouts it alone, then CL joins him. Goosey-Loosey walks toward them...)

GL: What are you two shouting about?

DL: Chicken Little here was sitting under the tree, and a piece of the sky fell and hit him on the head. We must warn the others!

GL: (Looking at CL) Is that so?

Nar: Chicken Little was embarrassed. Here were two of his heroes and he couldn't admit to them that he was just playing. Anyway, it was nice being the center of attention. As he thought, he heard the voice in his head again

(Voice,offstage,booming): Proverbs 6:16,17 These six things doth the Lord hate, yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue....

Nar: Chicken Little again ignored the voice. This time it took LESS effort to say the lie!

CL: Oh, yes! A big chunk of the sky fell and hit me on the head!

GL: Quickly then! We must warn the others!(All three start down the road)

GL,DL,and CL: (shouting)The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

Nar: They started off down the road, and who should they meet, but Turkey-Lurkey!

TL: What are you three shouting about?

GL: Chicken Little here was sitting under the tree...

DL: ...and a piece of the sky

CL: ...fell and hit me on the head!

Nar: I must report that this time the voice in Chicken Little's head was faint and far away. He barely heard it as it said....

(Voice, offstage, quiet) Psalm 31:18A Let the lying lips be put to silence.....

TL: Oh, that sounds bad! We must warn the others!

Nar: So all four started down the road...

All: The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

Nar: And who should they meet but Henny-Penny. Chicken Little was struck with admiration. She was so beautiful! And she was looking at HIM!

HP: What are you guys shouting about?

TL: Chicken Little here was sitting under the tree...

GL: ...and a big chunk of the sky

DL: ...hit him on the head! We are warning everybody!

HP: (Looking at CL admiringly) What a brave thing to do! (Taking CL's arm) Come, we must warn the others!

Nar: The group rushed down the road, shouting...

All: The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

Nar: And who should they meet but Foxy-Loxy! Now Foxy-Loxy was a sly fellow. HE didn't believe that the sky was falling. HE just thought they were all silly birds.....but what delicious birds! So he decided to play along.

FL: The sky is falling? Oh, that is terrible! You need a place to be safe. (Thinking) I know just the place! Follow me!

Nar: And Foxy-Loxy led the birds to his den.

FL: Here, you will be safe here. I will go warn the other animals. Stay here!

All: Thank you!

Nar: Foxy-Loxy hurried out, made a fire, and put a big pot on it.

FL: First I'll boil the turkey, then I'll bake the goose, then I'll stew the duck...the little chickens, I'll eat right away! (Singing)

**Turkey and gravy, what a treat!
Roast the duckling, then I'll eat!
Stuff the goose with celery dressing,
Southern fried chicken, what a blessing!**

Nar: In the meantime, the birds in the den were quiet. Chicken Little's conscience was bothering him. The voice in his head had come back and it was saying loudly...

(Voice, off stage, loudly) 1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins....

Nar: He had lied...and now he and all of the birds he admired were really scared that the sky WAS falling. Finally he couldn't stand it any longer.

CL: Hey, fellows (stammering)...I've been thinking...

DL and TL: Oh, you have a way to save the world?

**CL: Uh, well...uh... (standing up bravely)...The sky isn't falling! I was sitting under the tree, and a big acorn dropped on my head, and I was just playing and then everybody got excited...and....I
....(dropping his head and a small voice)..I lied. I am so sorry. Now you are all scared, and Foxy-Loxy has us cooped up in his den. I**

know we are not in danger from the sky falling. I think we are in danger from Foxy-Loxy! He is so sneaky! He likes to EAT birds! Just listen to him out there!

FL: (Stirring pot and singing)

Roast and baste,
Stew and grill,
Won't be long,
Till I eat my fill.
Turkey in the oven,
Ducky on the grill,
Fry up the chicken,
Yes, I will!

Nar: All of the other birds looked at one another. All of a sudden, they realized that what Chicken Little was saying was true. They were in danger, not from the sky, but from Foxy Loxy! What should they do?

ALL: (together) We need to escape!

CL: I know you probably think I'm pretty stupid right now, but I have an idea. If we work together, we can escape from Foxy-Loxy. We can hide in the corners and when Foxy-Loxy comes in, we can bop him over the head and run for home!

All: That's a great idea!

Nar: So they all hid in dark corners of the den. They could hear Foxy-Loxy coming, muttering what he was going to do with each of them.

FL: Yes, I'll eat the little chickens first. Then I'll boil the turkey, bake the duck, and stew the goose. Oh, I am getting so hungry. There is nothing better than BIRD to eat! (Singing and doing a little dance)

Roast him nice and brown in the oven hot,
Broil them and baste them, it makes a lot.
I'll invite my family, they can help me eat,

All the BIRD they can hold, what a treat!

Nar: But as Foxy-Loxy entered his den, he was run over by Turkey-Lurkey, then bopped over the head by Goosy-Loosey with a skillet, then punched in the jaw by Ducky-Lucky, and kicked by Chicken Little and Henny-Penny as they all rushed out of the den. They all ran for home.

The next day, Chicken Little met all of the birds on the way home from school. He was sitting under the tree again, but he wasn't day dreaming this time. He was thinking how much trouble his lies had caused. He stood up to meet them, ashamed.

GL: We have been thinking...

DL: ...you shouldn't have lied to us....

TL:we could have been EATEN!

HP:...but you were so BRAVE! (Looking at Chicken Little with admiration)

TL: Chicken Little, we forgive you...

DL:...yes, but you must never...

All:... lie to anyone again!

CL: I WON'T!

Nar: And he took Henny-Penny's arm, and Chicken Little and his FRIENDS walked off together.

Entire Cast sings: "Stretchin' the Truth" from Misterslippi River Race (by Ron Hamilton, available from Majesty Music, 733 Wade Hampton Blvd, Greenville, South Carolina, 29609)

Note: Optional or additional songs are...

“Don’t exaggerate” The Kashmir Kid

“Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out”, Armadillo Armigas

“T-R-U-T-H, The Legend of Stickyfoot

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