

Chicken Licken

Use these prompts to tell the children the traditional story of **Chicken Licken**.

Remember:

- Use **different voices** for different characters;
- Use your **hands expressively** to maintain the attention of the children, e.g. *when an acorn lands on Chicken Licken, shake your head from side to side and look stunned!*
- Change the **tone** of your voice (get louder and quieter) and the **speed** of your voice (say some things fast and some things slow) to keep the attention of the children.

1. Chicken Licken lived in a farmyard by the woods. He was young and was still learning about the world.
2. One fine autumn day, while he was scratching around under the trees, an acorn fell from a tree and landed on his head.
3. Chicken Licken gasped in horror, because he thought it was a piece of the sky falling down on him. "I must go and tell the King about this!" he said. So, he scurried off through the woods in search of the King.
4. In the woods he found Henny Penny. "The sky is falling down and I'm going to tell the King about it!" said Chicken Licken. "How terrible!" said Henny Penny. "Let me come with you."
5. Further in the woods Chicken Licken and Henny Penny met Cocky Locky. "The sky is falling down and we're going to tell the King about it!" said Chicken Licken. "How terrible!" said Cocky Locky. "Let me come with you."
6. As they came to the duck pond, Chicken Licken, Henny Penny and Cocky Locky met Ducky Lucky. "The sky is falling down and we're going to tell the King about it!" said Chicken Licken. "How terrible!" said Ducky Lucky. "Let me come with you."
7. On the other side of the pond, Chicken Licken, Henny Penny, Cocky Locky and Ducky Lucky met Drakey Lakey. "The sky is falling down and we're going to tell the King about it!" said Chicken Licken. "How terrible!" said Drakey Lakey. "Let me come with you."

8. All of the birds were very foolish and they had no idea where to find the King!
9. Chicken Licken, Henny Penny, Cocky Locky, Ducky Lucky and Drakey Lakey ran across the field and found Goosey Loosey. "The sky is falling down and we're going to tell the King about it!" said Chicken Licken. "How terrible!" said Goosey Loosey. "Let me come with you."
10. A little while later, Chicken Licken, Henny Penny, Cocky Locky, Ducky Lucky, Drakey Lakey and Goosey Loosey all met Gander Lander under the shade of a tree. "The sky is falling down and we're going to tell the King about it!" said Chicken Licken. "How terrible!" said Gander Lander. "Let me come with you."
11. At the edge of the field Chicken Licken, Henny Penny, Cocky Locky, Ducky Lucky, Drakey Lakey, Goosey Loosey and Gander Lander met Turkey Lurkey. "The sky is falling down and we're going to tell the King about it!" said Chicken Licken. "How terrible!" said Turkey Lurkey. "Let me come with you."
12. All the birds argued and argued about where to find the King. They all ran round and round in circles. They were still running around when they met Foxy Loxy. "The sky is falling down and we're going to tell the King about it, but we don't know where to go!" said Chicken Licken. "Follow me!" said Foxy Loxy.
13. Everyone followed Foxy Loxy, into Foxy Loxy's lair. In no time at all, Foxy Loxy had eaten all the birds for his dinner and no one got to tell the King that the sky was falling down.

Alternative ending:

- Everyone followed Foxy Loxy into Foxy Loxy's lair. Just then, Foxy Loxy felt something hit his head. "The sky is falling down!" he said and he ran away and was never seen again. Chicken Licken, Henny Penny, Cocky Locky, Ducky Lucky, Drakey Lakey, Goosey Loosey, Gander Lander and Turkey Lurkey saw it was an acorn and they all laughed and laughed at how silly they had been!

