

Chicken Little

Read Chicken Little.

Ask: What was Chicken Little worried about?

Was the sky falling for real?

Was she *really* worried or just pretending?

She was really worried about something that was not really happening. Her eyes and her ears and her head told her the *wrong* thing. And she was running scared and telling everyone else about it and getting them all worked up, too.

Why do you think she was going to tell the King? *She wanted him to FIX it.*

How could the King fix something that wasn't broken? *He can't FIX it, but he could tell her the truth, then she could believe it... or not believe it.*

Sometimes we get worked up about stuff. Maybe we feel like the sky is falling. Maybe you don't have enough money to buy a toy, or you are frustrated with yourself and your impatience, or you are angry with someone for treating you wrong, or you are disappointed because you didn't get to go somewhere or do something you were hoping to do. So we get worked up. We think it's a really big deal. We feel like the sky is falling. We run tell others, and we are ready to go tell God about it, too. "*Look at this, God!! It's not fair. Can't you fix it?*" On the way, along comes the fox with a "shortcut." Maybe it's a way to get even with the person you are angry with. Maybe it's a *bandaid* that makes you feel better for a little bit (sleep it off, eat a bowl of icecream), maybe it's an excuse... but then things start to get dark- like Chicken Little in the cave. Now you can't see anything and the "shortcut" is really a detour. That means, instead of getting closer, you got off the path. This is NOT where you belong- in a fox's cave. This is not your home. You are a chicken- get back to the barn!! So you turn your eyes toward home, toward the safety of the barn, and you run back. There we are taken care of and are safe.

His Truth is not seen with our eyes, or heard with our ears, or felt with our heads. We cannot judge what is real by our senses. Things in the earth SEEM real, FEEL real, but they are not according to the Truth in Christ. They are not according to His view. He does not see as we see. He does not see a falling sky. He sees us safe within His Son. So when we turn to Him, He causes us to see as He sees, and then we see that we do not belong in the earth!! Yes, we walk on the earth. But it is not our home. We are Christ's; we are seated in heavenly places in Christ.

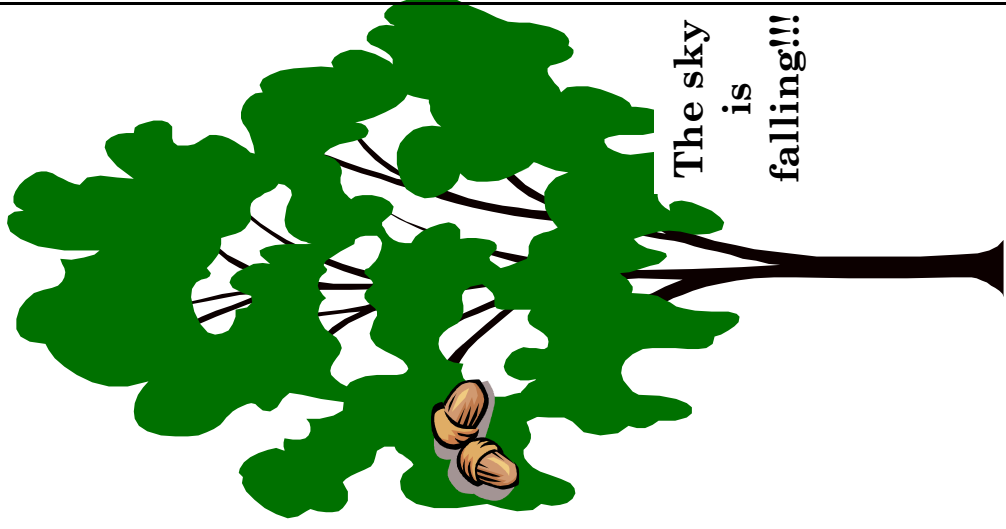
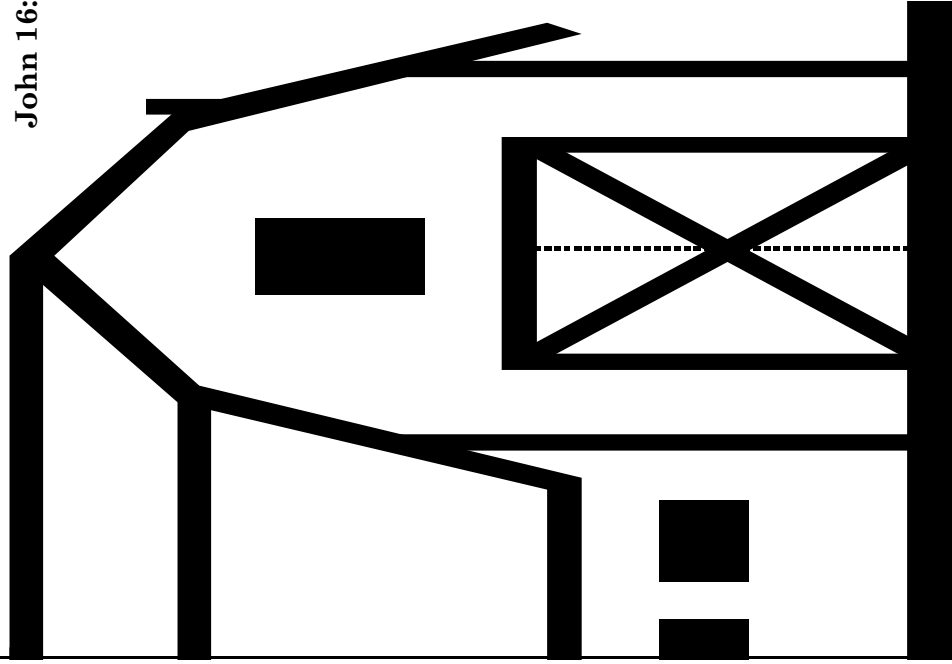
So when earthly things try to steal our peace, we need to turn and "run to the barn." That means that we need to turn in our hearts to the Lord, and find our peace and rest in Him. The sky might really be falling, but God isn't trying to fix it. Remember the King wasn't going to fix it in the story. All he can do is tell Chicken Little the Truth, and God's Truth says that He has made a whole New Creation for us to live in. He IS a shelter for all who would find themselves hidden in Him.

Craft/ Activity:

Make a copy of the "barn" for each child. Cut the barn doors on the dotted line. Give each child a chick. Slide the chick into the barn slit so that the chick can run in and out of the barn.

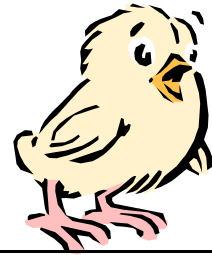
These things I have spoken to you,
that **in Me** you may have peace.

John 16:33

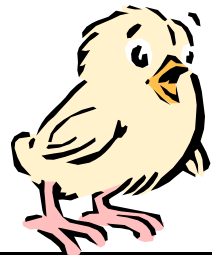


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