

# Chicken Little's Song: Prepare for Flooding

(Tune: Wheels on the Bus)

The rain from the storm is falling down, falling down, falling down.  
The rain from the storm is falling down, all around the town.

To prepare for flooding, make a plan, make a plan, make a plan.  
To prepare for flooding, make a plan; ask your mom and dad.

Runoff on the ground is flowing fast, flowing fast, flowing fast.  
Runoff on the ground is flowing fast, all around the town.

Don't walk in the water; it's dangerous, dangerous, dangerous.  
Don't walk in the water; it's dangerous, everywhere in town.

The weather report says, "Flooding now, flooding now, flooding now!"  
The weather report says, "Flooding now, all around the town."

Hurry to a place that's high and dry, high and dry, high and dry.  
Hurry to a place that's high and dry, a safe place in town.

Don't drive through the water; you'll float away, float away, float away.  
Don't drive through the water; you'll float away, far from the town.



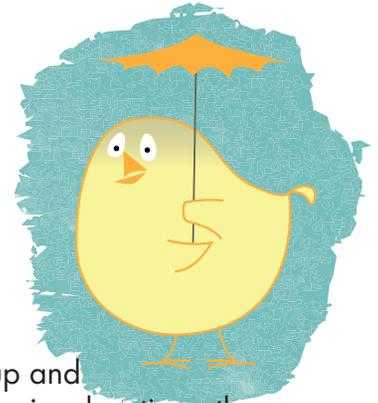
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Reader's Theater

# Chicken Little's Flood Advice



**PREVIEW:** Chicken Little has grown up and learned flood safety in school. Now he is educating others.

**GENRE:** humor, poetry

**CULTURE:** American

**THEME:** flood safety

**READERS:** 19

**READER AGES:** 8-12

**LENGTH:** 8 minutes

**ROLES:** Narrators, Teacher, Chicken Little, Henny Penny, Water Inspector, Foxy Loxy, Cocky Locky, Ducky Lucky, Turkey Lurkey, Goosey Loosey

## **VOCABULARY AS THEY APPEAR IN THE STORY...**

**Weather:** meteorological conditions like temperature and wind and clouds

**Water Inspector:** a water official who checks to ensure water users meet certain regulations and standards

**Escape:** to get away

**Supplies:** goods

**Batteries:** a device that produces electricity

**Scissors:** a cutting tool that has two pivoting blades

**Tweezers:** small pinchers

**Gutters:** a channel along the eaves or on the roof that carries rainwater away

**Debris:** scattered items or pieces of trash

**Floodwaters:** water that overflows its banks

**Prepared:** ready or equipped

**Earthquake:** shaking at the surface of the earth caused by movement of a fault

**Safety:** state of certainty that adverse effects will not be caused under defined conditions

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By Kathy Machado

**Narrator 1:** When Chicken Little went to school,

**Narrator 2:** He learned that "panic" wasn't cool.

**Teacher:** Have a plan,

**Narrator 3:** His teacher said.

**Teacher:** Everyone should use their head!

**Narrator 4:** Chicken Little, first in line,

**Narrator 5:** Told Henny Penny,

**Chicken Little:** I am fine! The sky's not falling; this I know.

Because my teacher told me so!

**Narrator 6:** One day a water inspector was their guest.

**Narrator 7:** He had advice; they were impressed!

**Water Inspector:** The sky's not falling; don't you fear;

it's just another storm that's near.

**Narrator 8:** The teacher asked,

**Teacher:** What did you learn? Tell me one thing; take a turn...

**Narrator 9:** Chicken Little listened well.

**Narrator 10:** He and his friends had much to tell.

**Chicken Little:** With your family make a plan so when disaster's close at hand,

you know then what you must do to be safe; it's up to you!

**Henny Penny:** Plan and practice your escape; post the plan; use some tape.

**Cocky Locky:** Pick two places you can meet, one outside on the street; and

one not far, your plan's complete

**Ducky Lucky:** Put together some supplies, what you need so no one cries.

**Turkey Lurkey:** Band-aids, water, comfort food,

batteries, clocks you should include,

**Goosey Loosey:** Scissors, tweezers, juice and soup,

toys and books for every group.

**Chicken Little:** Go on line and find a list; check it twice for things you missed.

**Henny Penny:** Teach 9-1-1 to one and all; when and how to make the call.

**Cocky Locky:** Keep storm drains clean and gutters clear;

debris is such a flooding fear.

**Ducky Lucky:** Volunteer to clean a creek; a clean creek is what we seek.

**Turkey Lurkey:** Through floodwaters please don't walk.

It isn't safe; it's not just talk.

**Chicken Little:** Water that's six inches deep soon will sweep you off your feet.

**Goosey Loosey:** Never drive through water's flow. Turn around and then you go.



**Teacher:** A foot of water can lift your car; two feet deep will sweep it far.

**Water Inspector:** If your car stalls as waters rise,

get out quick; it's no surprise.

Flooding is dangerous, that's a fact;

so always think before you act!

**Narrator 1:** Now Chicken Little is on TV

**Narrator 2:** With good advice for you and me.

**Narrator 3:** Chicken Little isn't scared.

**Narrator 4:** That's because he is prepared.

**Narrator 5:** He isn't frightened when it rains.

**Narrator 6:** He and his friends now don't complain.

**Narrator 7:** When earthquake, fire or floods are near,

**Narrator 8:** And they are common every year,

**Narrator 9:** They find high ground and off they go.

**Narrator 10:** A meeting place that's safe, they know.

**Narrator 1:** Soon, Foxy Loxy said,

**Foxy Loxy:** OK! My friends, OK! To avoid the flood, come this way!

**Narrator 2:** Henny Penny shook her head.

**Henny Penny:** That's not what the teacher said?

**Narrator 3:** Cocky Locky said,

**Cocky Locky:** I don't think that is the way.

**Narrator 4:** Ducky Lucky said,

**Ducky Lucky:** Don't follow him, not today!

**Narrator 5:** Said Turkey Lurkey,

**Turkey Lurkey:** How do you know?

**Narrator 6:** Said Goosey Loosey,

**Goosey Loosey:** Chicken Little told us so.

**Narrator 7:** Henny Penny, Cocky Locky,

**Narrator 8:** Ducky Lucky, Turkey Lurkey and Goosey Loosey...

**Narrator 9:** Now they know. Remember, Chicken Little told them so!

**Narrator 10:** So learn the lessons they've been taught.

**Chicken Little:** In bad weather, don't be caught.

Make a plan; get your supplies.

Do it now before creeks rise.

"Safety" is the word I've stressed!

**ALL:** Chicken Little said it best.

