

CHICKEN L-L-LITTLE

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A variation on the Chicken Little story, where a pompous rooster with a nice voice who says nothing leads the other animals to their doom.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Although inspired by current events (with a little help from Trey Parker, Matt Stone, and William Shakespeare) this script is in no way intended to be a statement about any political candidate or party and should not be used as such. I merely wish to pose a question we should all ask in regards to politicians, pastors, teachers, and anyone who claims to speak with authority. What's more important: the words that are spoken, or the manner in which they are spoken?

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 6

TOPIC: Wisdom

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 2 Peter 2:1-3

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Christmas

CHARACTERS:

CHICKEN LITTLE - a stuttering chick

PATTY, POLLY, PEGGY - hens

REX ROOSTER - an eloquent speaker

The NARRATOR

PROPS: A broken ceiling tile

COSTUMES: Chicken masks or costumes

SOUND: Wireless microphones if desired; sound effect of shattering glass

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: The farm

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The NARRATOR enters.

NARR: Once upon a time, there was a little chicken who knew the truth.

POLLY and PATTY are on stage. CHICKEN LITTLE enters.

He speaks with a terrible stammer.

LITTLE: L-l-l-l-l-ladies! L-l-l-l-l-l-listen to me!

POLLY: Hey, Patty, l-l-l-look, it's Chicken L-l-l-little.

POLLY and PATTY laugh.

LITTLE: L-l-l-l-listen, l-l-l-ladies! The sky is f-f-f-f-falling!

POLLY: The what?

LITTLE: The s-s-s-s-sky is f-f-f-f-falling.

PATTY: What did he say?

POLLY: I believe he said the sky is falling.

PATTY: Is it really?

LITTLE: A p-p-p-p-piece of it hit me on the h-h-h-h-head! L-l-l-look!

He shows them a fallen, broken ceiling tile.

PATTY: Well what do you think?

POLLY: Well, it certainly looks like the sky.

PATTY: If this is true, then everyone must know! We have to act fast!

PEGGY enters. PATTY and POLLY speak to her, making soft clucking sounds under the narration.

NARR: So word began to spread, and people began to hear the truth.

PEGGY: Are you sure?

PATTY: A piece of it fell on him!

POLLY: We saw it with our own eyes.