



AFTER THE FALL

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SUMMARY

Almost everyone has heard the story of Humpty Dumpty- the egg who fell off a wall and broke into pieces, only to be put back together by all the king's men. But why was he up on the wall in the first place? And what happened to him after he fell? This story tells the story of Humpty Dumpty's bravery as he builds up the courage to climb the wall... again.



Questions:

1. How would you feel if you were doing something you loved, like Humpty loved sitting high up on the wall, and you got badly hurt? Has that ever happened to you?
2. How do you think he feels sleeping on the floor instead of in his bed high up? Do you think he misses his birds? Why might he not want to sleep in his bed?
3. Are you afraid of anything? What are you afraid of? Does being afraid make you weak? Is everybody afraid of something?
4. How do you think Humpty feels when he walks by the wall and sees his old bird friends up high?
5. How do you think Humpty feels when he's trying to make paper birds and keeps messing up? Should he just give up? Is it easy to keep going when you're faced with something that is hard for you? Why should you keep trying?
6. How does Humpty feel when he flies his paper bird? Do you think he still wishes he was up on the wall? Will he ever get back up there? Is it okay for him to take his time to get over his fear?
7. If someone made fun of Humpty for being afraid, how do you think that would make him feel? Is being afraid something you should make fun of people for or is fear something everyone feels at some point?
8. Was it easy for Humpty to overcome his fear? Was he brave to climb the wall again? Does being brave mean you're fearless? Can you be afraid and brave at the same time?
9. What do you think Humpty was feeling when he overcame his fear? Did he feel happy? Proud? Brave? Excited? How would you feel if you conquered your fear?