



After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again

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Humpty Dumpty, an avid bird watcher whose favorite place to be is high up on the city wall—that is, until *after* his famous fall. Now terrified of heights, Humpty can no longer do many of the things he loves most. Will he summon the courage to face his fear?

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Book Trailer/Author Interview: Trailer <https://youtu.be/Ue2jS4wUBVs>, Interview <https://www.teachingbooks.net/qlhanwu> and <https://youtu.be/t8K1ZvNIEeg>

Other websites/links: <http://www.afterthefallbook.com>



Food: Deviled Eggs, cereal, cereal bars

Companion Titles:

Blackburn, Ken. *Kids' Paper Airplane Book*

Ransom, Jeanie Franz *What Really Happened to Humpty?*

Introduction: Introduce this story by playing a traditional Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme such as the one at this link -

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs/F-J/humpty_dumpty or read aloud a traditional Humpty Dumpty story. Discuss how Humpty might have felt after falling. Then explain that this story will help us understand a little more about Humpty's life after his big fall.

Story Time Activities:

1. [Teaching Ideas from Classroom Bookshelf](#) - this site has great ideas from for science, dynamic characters, metamorphosis, growth mindset and more.
2. [Teaching Ideas from STEM Read, Northern Illinois University](#) - there are several science activities and experiments to do with eggs and paper airplanes.
3. Make paper airplanes and try to land them on top of a table or build a wall with cardboard boxes and land them there.

Discussion Questions

1. What were some of the things Humpty missed most about sitting on the wall?
Answer: the birds and looking out over the city
2. What was Humpty Dumpty's new hobby?
Answer: making and flying paper airplanes
3. What happened to Humpty Dumpty's paper airplane?
Answer: it landed on the wall
4. What does the author mean when he says "Life begins when you get back up"?
Answer: Humpty Dumpty was so afraid of heights after his fall, that he was not really enjoying his life. He had to overcome his fear to live again as he was meant to be.
5. Why do you think Humpty Dumpty loved watching the birds and flying paper airplanes?
Answer: Because he was an egg that needed to hatch into a bird