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After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again) by Dan Santat

Recommended for grades K to 1

Summary: Everyone knows about how Humpty Dumpty fell. But what happened *after*? Can an egg with some cracks learn to take risks again?



Discussion Questions:

1. What did you know about Humpty Dumpty before reading this story?
2. Who is telling the story? How do you know?
3. On the spread with the cereal boxes, what do you notice about the cereals on the top shelf versus the ones on the bottom shelf? Why might the differences matter in the story?
4. What did Humpty mean when he said not all his parts would heal?
5. Humpty is afraid to climb up the wall after his fall, but eventually he does it anyway. Can you think of a time you were afraid to do something? What did you do?

Further Resources:

After the Fall Book Trailer: <https://dar.to/37aRvLy>

Activities

1. Design a paper airplane that looks like a flying animal. It could be a bird like Humpty's, a pterodactyl, or something all your own!
2. At the end of the story, Humpty turns into a bird! If you could turn into any animal, what would it be? Do some research and share three facts about that animal with the book group.
3. Think of one of your favorite nursery rhymes or fairy tales. What do you think happened *after* the rhyme or the story ended? Individually or as a group, write your own new ending!