

# Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time, there was a boy called Jack who lived with his mother in an old, broken cottage. Jack and his mother were very poor and had no money for food. They were starving and cold so his mother said, "Go to the market and sell the cow. Make sure you get a good price for it."



Early the next morning, Jack set off. He walked and he walked until he got to the market. At the market Jack met a man. The man offered him magic beans in exchange for the cow. Jack was excited about the magic beans and quickly gave the man his cow.



When he got home, he put the beans on the table. His mother looked at the big, brown beans. She was furious and she threw them out of the window.

The very next day, the beans had grown into an enormous, leafy green, beanstalk. Jack looked up at the beanstalk and his mouth dropped open wide with amazement. The beanstalk towered over Jack's cottage and it reached higher than the clouds. Jack decided to climb the beanstalk. He climbed and he climbed and he climbed.

When he got to the white, fluffy clouds, he spied a tremendous castle in the distance. He climbed to the top until he was at the door of the castle. First, he pushed open the door and crept inside. All the furniture was huge! Suddenly, he heard..."FE FI FO FUM!" Swiftly, a huge giant came into the room. Jack hid and stared at the scruffy, fierce giant. He had never seen someone so mighty. Then, Jack spied an old hen and a golden harp on the floor. "Lay!" said the giant and the old hen laid a shiny, gold egg.



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“Sing!” said the giant and the harp sang. The beautiful music made the giant fall asleep. As quick as a flash, he grabbed the hen. Jack was nimble, Jack was quick. He ran and he ran and he ran. He raced down the towering beanstalk.



Unfortunately, the huge giant chased after him and climbed down the towering beanstalk. However, Jack was very fast and he raced to the bottom. Jack’s mother came out with an axe. He chopped and he chopped and he chopped until the towering beanstalk came crashing down.

At that moment, the huge giant tumbled down to the ground and that was the end of him. Jack and his mother and the hen that laid many golden eggs lived happily ever after.