

# Jack and the Beanstalk

## Section 1

Once upon a time there was a lady who lived on a farm in a little cottage with her son Jack. Jack and his mother were very poor and barely had enough money to eat. The mother thought the only way to keep Jack and herself from going hungry was to sell their cow; so, one morning she said to Jack, "You must take the cow to market for me and sell her."

On his way to the market, Jack met a strange man who had some magic beans. The man told Jack that they were special beans, and said that Jack could have the beans if he sold him the cow. Jack's mother was very angry when Jack returned home with the beans and no money. Jack felt very sad and went to his bedroom. He threw the beans out of his bedroom window and went to bed.

The next morning, he found that the beans had grown, so much so that a beanstalk reached through the clouds and had grown huge roots in the ground. Jack could not believe his eyes. He called his mother and together they gazed in utter surprise at the beanstalk.

"I wonder where it goes?" said Jack to his mother; "climb up and see" she said. Jack began to climb the beanstalk which had huge branches and leaves growing from its' stem. Climbing the leaves took quite a lot of balance and strength. Jack had to be very careful as he climbed up and up the bean stalk.



## Section 2

When Jack finally reached the top of the beanstalk he saw a beautiful, big castle. Jack walked up the path to the huge castle door and knocked three times. He heard a loud noise, as loud as thunder. When the door opened, Jack was shocked as in front of him stood a Giant!

The Giant did not see Jack at first but he could smell him! "Fee, fie, fo, fum, I smell the breath of a small human," said the giant. Then, looking down at his feet he spotted Jack. He licked his lips and said "mmm, dinner!"

Before Jack had a chance to move, the Giant picked him up and took him into the castle. He threw Jack into a saucepan and began preparing a soup that he wanted to cook Jack in.

In the corner of the room Jack spotted a hen sitting on a pile of eggs made of solid gold. Jack felt sorry for the hen as he knew they soon would both become the Giant's dinner.

When the giant left the room, Jack moved as quickly as he could, climbing out of the pan and up a wooden spoon. He carefully balanced along the saucepan handle and grabbed the hen. Together they stepped over the golden eggs and ran out of the room, opened the door of the castle and climbed down the beanstalk as fast as he could go.

### Section 3

Jack felt the beanstalk shake and he knew that the Giant was not far behind him. He had to move quickly to save himself and the hen.

When Jack could see the ground, he jumped from the beanstalk landing safely back on his farm. His mother was so happy to see Jack again.

As she looked up the beanstalk she saw the big sharp teeth of the Giant as he was shouting after them. "Mum, bring me the axe," cried Jack. His mother hurried with it and just as the Giant was half way down the beanstalk, Jack chopped it in half.

The bottom of the beanstalk fell to the ground and the top of the beanstalk swung away up into the clouds taking the Giant with it.

Jack and his mother were so relieved to finally be safe, although Jack's Mother knew that they were still going to be poor...or so she thought.

Jack smiled as he showed his mother the magic hen that he saved from the giant. "Golden eggs!" Jack said. "The hen lays solid gold eggs. We can sell the eggs!" Jack's Mother squeezed him tightly. She knew that everything was going to be ok.