

# Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a very poor family who didn't have enough food to eat. One day the mother called her son, Jack, and told him to go into town to sell their cow so they could buy some food.

Jack tied a rope around the neck of the cow and started down the road. Before he reached the town he came upon a man who offered to trade his magic beans for Jack's cow. Jack thought that was a good trade, so he handed over the cow and ran home to show his mother the magic beans.

Jack's mother was very angry, "Now we will have nothing to eat!" she yelled. And she threw the beans out the window. Jack went to bed with no dinner.

The next morning Jack woke up and looked out the window. He was amazed to see a gigantic beanstalk that went up and up into the sky. He decided to climb up the beanstalk to see what was at the top.

Jack climbed up and up through the clouds until he came upon a huge castle. He ran through the great big door and hid behind a chair. Soon he heard loud booming footsteps, and a deep voice said "Fee, Fi, Foe, Fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman!"

The giant looked around but he didn't see Jack hiding behind the chair. Then he yelled "Wife! Bring me my magic hen!" So the giant's little wife hurried over and set a hen on the table. In a very short time that hen laid a beautiful golden egg! Jack was amazed!

Before long the giant fell asleep, sitting right there at the table. Jack sneaked out of his hiding spot, grabbed that special hen and quickly ran outside and climbed down the beanstalk.

The next day Jack decided to climb the beanstalk again. This time he hid behind a plant, and just like the day before the giant's loud voice boomed out "Fee, Fi, Foe, Fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman!

But when he looked around, he didn't see Jack again, so he called to his wife: "Wife! Bring me my magic harp!" The giant's wife hurried over with the magic harp that began to play the most beautiful music all by itself. And once again, the giant fell asleep.

Jack sneaked out of his hiding spot and grabbed the magic harp. He was running as fast as he could out the door when he dropped the harp and it began to

play. When the giant heard the music he woke up and started to chase Jack! He was so big and heavy that the whole castle shook with every step!

Jack ran faster than ever and started climbing down the beanstalk, as fast as he could go. But before he reached the ground that beanstalk began to shake and Jack knew the giant was climbing down too. Quickly Jack grabbed an axe and began chopping the beanstalk. At last the beanstalk came crashing down, and that giant was never heard from again.

Jack and his mother lived happily ever after, sharing the wonderful golden eggs and beautiful music with all the people of their town.