

# Jack and the Beanstalk



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# How to Use this Book

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- Help the child enjoy this best-loved classic. If the reading level is above the child's present level, read to him or her.
- After reading, have a discussion about the story. Ask some or all of the following questions.
  1. What kind of house did Jack and his mother live in?
  2. Why did Jack and his mother need money?
  3. What did Jack's mother ask him to sell?
  4. What did the old man give Jack in exchange for the cow?
  5. Why was Jack's mother so angry at him?
  6. What did she do?
  7. What grew outside of Jack's window?
  8. Who lived at the top of the beanstalk?
  9. What did the giant call out in a voice as loud as thunder?
  10. Where did the giant's wife hide Jack?
  11. Why did the giant's wife hide Jack from her husband?
  12. When was Jack able to leave the oven?
  13. What did Jack bring home the first time he returned from the giant's house?
  14. What did Jack take the second time he went to the giant's house?
  15. How did the story end?
- Ask: What might be another way this story could have ended?
- Encourage the child to color the delightful illustrations. Taking a hand in the creation of the story may result in increased enthusiasm for reading.
- Use the skill-based activities on pages 21, 22, and inside the back cover to extend learning.

*We hope you and your child or student enjoy and learn from this book!*

# Answers

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- Follow-up questions:
  1. a tumbledown house
  2. They were poor and didn't have enough to eat.
  3. the cow
  4. some beans
  5. She expected him to sell the cow for money.
  6. She took the beans from him and tossed them out the window.
  7. a tall beanstalk
  8. a giant
  9. fee fi fo fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman
  10. in an oven
  11. so the giant wouldn't eat him
  12. when the giant fell asleep
  13. a hen that could lay golden eggs
  14. a magic harp
  15. Jack chopped down the beanstalk. The stalk and the giant fell into a hole. Jack and his mother lived happily ever after with the hen and the harp. They were never poor again.
- Page 21: 10) F 9) O 8) O 7) F 6) O 5) F 4) F 3) O 2) O 1) F *Sentences will vary.*
- Page 22: furious/angry, starving/hungry, disappear/vanish, snatch/grab, little/small, large/big, unhappy/sad, tossed/threw, conceal/hide
- Inside Back Cover: **Giant's shirt:** hole, woke, sale, three, old, five. **Jack's shirt:** hand, give, hen, top, milk, jump. *Words will vary.*



Jack lived with his mother in a tumbledown house. They were so poor, they never seemed to have enough to eat.

One day, Jack's mother said, "Jack, you must take the cow to market and sell her."

"If I do that we will have no milk," said Jack.

"If we don't sell her, we will soon have nothing at all to eat," replied his mother.

And so, very sadly, Jack led the cow to market.



When Jack reached the beanstalk, he tucked the harp inside his shirt and began to climb down.

The beanstalk began to creak and shake and groan as the angry giant followed him. Faster went Jack... faster... and faster.

“Mother!” he called as he neared the bottom. “Bring me an axe ...QUICKLY!”



He jumped to the ground and took the axe. He swung his arms as though he were the strongest man in the world. With three hefty cuts, the beanstalk came tumbling to the ground.

There was a terrible roar as the giant fell.

When he hit the ground, he made a hole so big that both he and the beanstalk disappeared into it and were lost forever.

As for Jack and his mother...well, they lived happily ever after with the hen and harp. They were never poor again.

Can you climb to the top of the beanstalk?

Fact or Opinion

Read each sentence. If the sentence is a fact, put an F on the line and color two leaves on the stalk green. If the sentence is an opinion, put an O on the line and color three leaves on the stalk green. Start at the bottom of the page.

10. Giant means "very big". \_\_\_\_\_
9. This is a good story. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Jack's mother was a nice lady. \_\_\_\_\_
7. A harp is a musical instrument. \_\_\_\_\_
6. It is easy to swing an ax. \_\_\_\_\_
5. A hen lays eggs. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The sun is a bright star. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Beans are the best food. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jack was a handsome boy. \_\_\_\_\_
1. Milk comes from a cow. \_\_\_\_\_



**Write one sentence that is a fact.**

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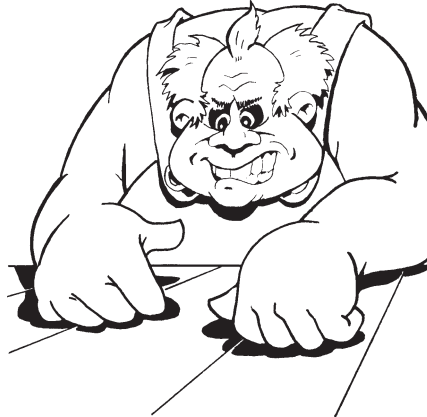
**Write one sentence that is an opinion.**

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# Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have the same or nearly the same meaning. For each word in the puzzles, there is a synonym in the box. Complete the puzzles.



hide  
hungry  
threw  
angry  
vanish  
grab  
sad  
small  
big

F	U	R	I	O	U	S

D	I	S	A	P	P	E	A	R	

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# Long and Short Vowels

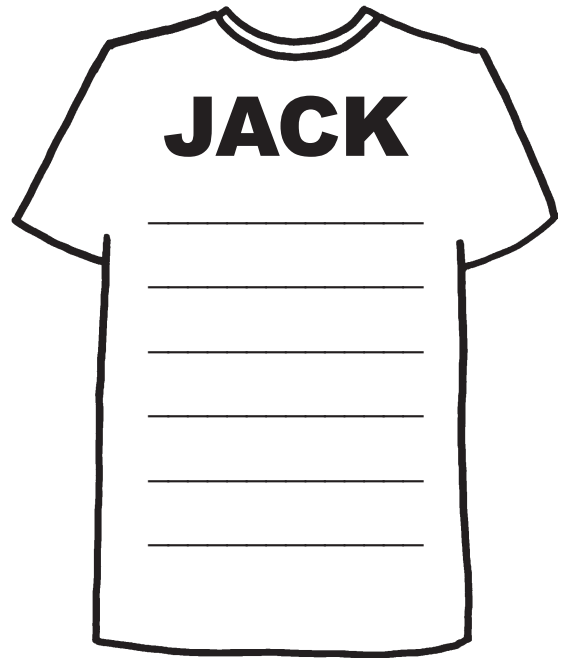
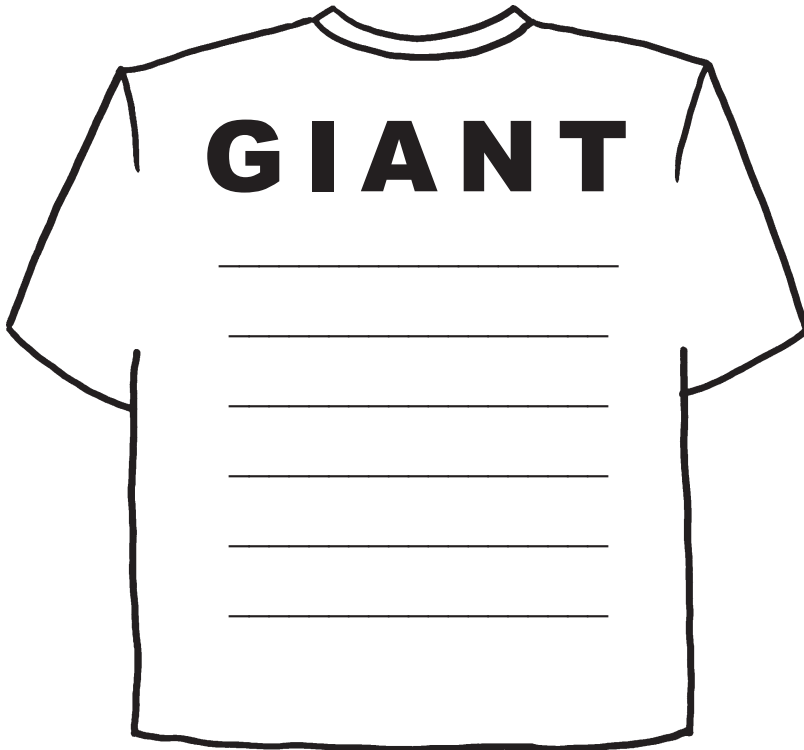
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Write the words with long-vowel sounds on the giant's shirt. Write the words with short-vowel sounds on Jack's shirt.



hole	hen	sale	five
hand	woke	three	milk
give	top	old	jump



Write another long-vowel word.

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Write another short-vowel word.

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