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Jack and the Beanstalk



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Synopsis

In a moment of desperation, young Jack trades his only cow for supposedly magic beans. Upon seeing a giant plant grow up to the sky, he decides to climb it.



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AGE	CATEGORY	READING TIME
3-7 years	Classic	4 min

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Once upon a time, there was a young boy named Jack who lived with his mother in a small, humble cottage. As they were going through hard times and had no money, his mother asked him to go into town and sell the family's only cow so they could buy supplies.



On the way, Jack met a mysterious old man who offered him magic beans in exchange for the cow. Believing the promise, the boy accepted the trade. When he returned home, his mother was furious at the foolish deal; she threw the beans out the window and sent her son to bed without supper.





The next morning, when he opened the window, Jack was astonished: the beans had sprouted into a gigantic plant that reached all the way up to the clouds. Curious and without hesitation, the boy decided to climb the beanstalk to see what lay at the top, ascending higher and higher until he reached the heavens.





Above the clouds, Jack found a road that led to a colossal castle. He snuck inside and encountered the wife of a wicked giant. Taking pity on the hungry boy, the woman gave him something to eat but warned him of the danger should her husband find him there.



Suddenly, the ground shook with the giant's heavy footsteps, and Jack quickly hid. The monster devoured his dinner and placed a magic hen—one that laid eggs of pure gold—on the table. Soon after, exhausted, the giant fell into a deep, loud sleep.





Taking advantage of the giant's snoring, Jack emerged from his hiding place, gently grabbed the golden-egg-laying hen, and ran toward the beanstalk. He climbed down hurriedly and handed the valuable bird to his mother, who wept with joy upon realizing they would never go hungry again.



Some time later, driven by curiosity, Jack climbed up again and saw an enchanted golden harp that played all by itself. When he tried to grab it, the instrument cried out for help, waking the furious giant. The boy ran desperately toward the beanstalk to escape.



Jack climbed down as fast as he could and shouted to his mother, asking for an axe. With well-aimed blows, he chopped through the base of the beanstalk. The enormous plant fell, bringing the giant down with it; he crashed heavily to the ground. Free from danger and with their newfound riches, Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.





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