

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

This is the story of Jack and the beanstalk.

Jack lives with his mother in a cottage. They are very poor.

They have a cow called Milky White.

She gives delicious milk, which they sell at the market.

One day Milky White gives no milk and they have to sell her.

Jack goes to the market to sell the cow for good money.

On the way he meets a butcher.

- Good morning – says the butcher – where are you going, Jack?
- To market, to sell the cow – Jack replies.
- You are lucky. I can buy your cow for these five magic beans which grow up, up in the sky.

Jack thinks it's a good offer and sells the cow.

When mother sees the beans, she is so angry she throws them out of the window.

In the morning Jack wakes up and sees something strange in the garden growing up, up in the sky.

The beanstalk is like a big ladder.

Jack decides to climb it and he climbs and climbs and climbs and he reaches the sky.

He finds a beautiful new country and a castle, where a giant lives.

The giant's wife stands at the door of the castle.

- Please madam – says Jack – I'm very hungry. Can you give me something to eat?

She takes Jack into the kitchen and gives him some bread, cheese and milk.

THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

- The giant is back! – cries the woman. – Hide in the oven – she tells Jack.
- Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell a tender child! – says the giant.
- Don't worry, there's nobody here – says the wife.

He has his dinner and then tells his wife to bring him his magic hen.

The giant tells the hen to lay and she lays a golden egg.

The giant soon falls asleep and Jack comes out of the oven.

He takes the magic hen, runs to the beanstalk and goes home.

His mother is very happy and they become very rich with the golden eggs.

But Jack is very curious and one day he climbs up the beanstalk again.

He finds the door to the castle open and hides in the oven.

THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

The giant arrives.

- Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell a tender child! – says the giant.

But this time he is very hungry and he sits down to have his dinner.

Then he asks his wife to bring him his bags of money so he can count it.

Soon he falls asleep. Jack comes out of the oven.

He takes the bags and runs to the beanstalk. This time the giant wakes up and runs after Jack. Jack soon arrives at the bottom of the beanstalk. He takes an axe and cuts it down.

CRASH!

The giant falls down and breaks his head. Jack and his mother become very rich with the magic hen, the golden eggs and the bags of gold and they live happily ever after.