

Jack and The Beanstalk

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JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Once upon a time, there lived a woman and her son, Jack, on their small farm in the country.

Every day, Jack would help his mother with chores like chopping the wood, weeding the garden and milking the cow. But despite all their hard work, Jack and his mother were very poor and they hardly had enough food to eat.

“What shall we do, what shall we do?” said Jack’s mother. We don’t have enough money to buy seed for the farm this year! We must sell our cow and with the money we must buy enough seed to plant a good crop.

“All right, mother,” said Jack, “it’s market-day today. I’ll go into town and sell the cow.”

So Jack took the cow and headed off toward town. He hadn’t gone far when he met a funny-looking, old man who said to him, “Good morning, Jack.”

“Good morning to you,” said Jack, wondering how the little, old man knew his name.



“Where are you off to this fine morning?” asked the man.
“I’m going to market to sell our cow.”

“Well what a helpful boy you are!” exclaimed the man, I have a special deal for such a good boy like you.

The little, old man looked around to make sure no one was watching and then opened his hand to show Jack what he held in his hand.

“Beans?” asked Jack, looking a little confused.

“Three magical bean seeds to be exact, young man. One, two, three! So magical are they, that if you plant them over-night, by morning they grow right up to the sky” promised the funny little man. “And because you’re such a good boy, they’re all yours in trade for that old milking cow,” said the funny little man.

“Really?” said Jack, “and you’re quite sure they’re magical?”

“I am indeed! And if it doesn’t turn out to be true you can have your cow back.”

“Well that sounds fair,” said Jack, as he handed over the cow, took the beans and headed back home to show his mother.



“Back already, Jack?” asked his mother; “How much money did you get for the cow?”

Jack smiled and reached into his pocket, “Just look at these beans,

mother; they're magical, plant them over-night and----"

"What!" cried Jack's mother. "Oh, silly boy! How could you give away our cow for three beans?" and she burst into tears.

Jack ran upstairs to his little room in the attic, so sorry he was, and threw the beans angrily out the window thinking, "How could I have been so foolish? I've broken my mother's heart." After much tossing and turning, at last Jack dropped off to sleep.

When Jack woke up the next morning, his room looked strange. The sun was shining into part of it like it normally did, and yet all the rest was quite dark and shady. So Jack jumped up and dressed himself and went to the window. What do you think he saw? Why, the beans he had thrown out of the window into the garden had sprung up into a big beanstalk which went up and up and up until it reached the sky.



Using the leaves and twisty vines like the rungs of a ladder, Jack climbed and climbed until at last, he reached the sky. And when he got there he found a long, broad road winding its way through the clouds to a tall, square castle off in the distance.

Jack ran up the road toward the castle. Inside the castle lived a giant and his wife. Jack went inside and found the giant's wife in the kitchen. Jack said, "Could you please give me something to eat? I am so hungry!" The kind wife gave him bread and some milk.

While he was eating, the giant came home.

The giant was very big and looked very fearsome. Jack was terrified and went and hid inside. The giant cried, "Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the blood of an



Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread!" The wife said, "There is no boy in here!" So, the giant ate his food and then went to his room. He took out his sacks of gold coins, counted them and kept them aside. Then he went to sleep. In the night, Jack crept out of his hiding place, took one sack of gold coins and climbed down the beanstalk. At home, he gave the coins to his mother. His mother was very happy and they lived well for some time.

When the money ran out Jack climbed the beanstalk and went to the giant's castle again. Once again, Jack asked the giant's wife for food, but while he was eating the giant returned. Jack leapt up in fright and went and hid under the bed. The giant cried, "Fee-fifo-fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread!" The wife said, "There is no boy in here!" The giant ate his food and went to his room.

There, he took out a hen. He shouted, “Lay!” and the hen laid a golden egg. When the giant fell asleep, Jack took the hen and climbed down the beanstalk. Jack’s mother was very happy with him.

After some days, Jack once again climbed the beanstalk and went to the giant’s castle. For the third time, Jack met the giant’s wife and asked for some food. Once again, the giant’s wife gave him bread and milk. But while Jack was eating, the giant came home. “Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I’ll grind his bones to make my bread!” cried the giant. “Don’t be silly! There is no boy in here!” said his wife.

The giant had a magical harp that could play beautiful songs. While the giant slept, Jack took the harp and was about to leave. Suddenly, the magic harp cried,

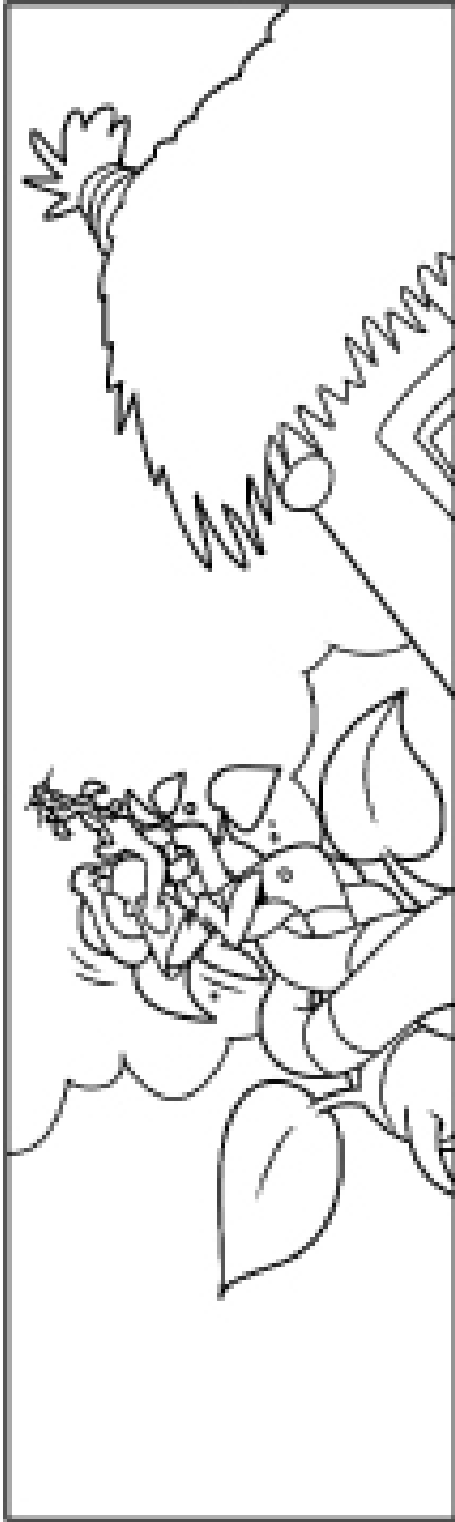


“Help master! A boy is stealing me!” The giant woke up and saw Jack with the harp. Furious, he ran after Jack. But Jack was too fast for him. He ran down the beanstalk and reached home. The giant followed him down. Jack quickly ran inside his house and fetched an axe. He began to chop the beanstalk. The giant fell off the beanstalk and was never seen again. Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.

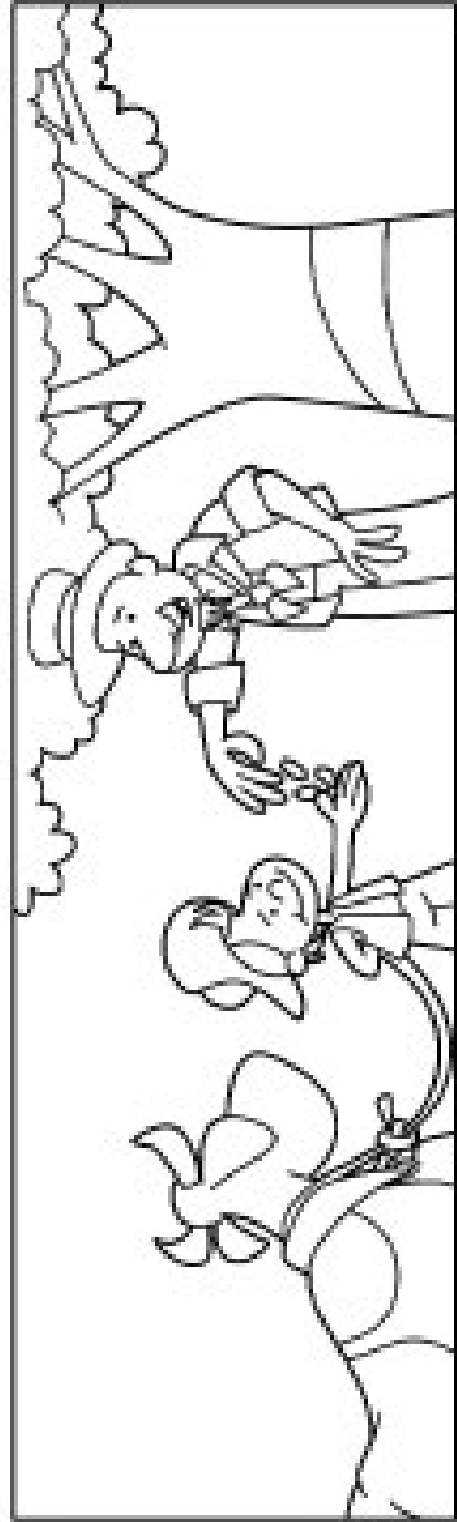
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Put the pictures in the correct order of the story.

Jack climbed up the beanstalk.



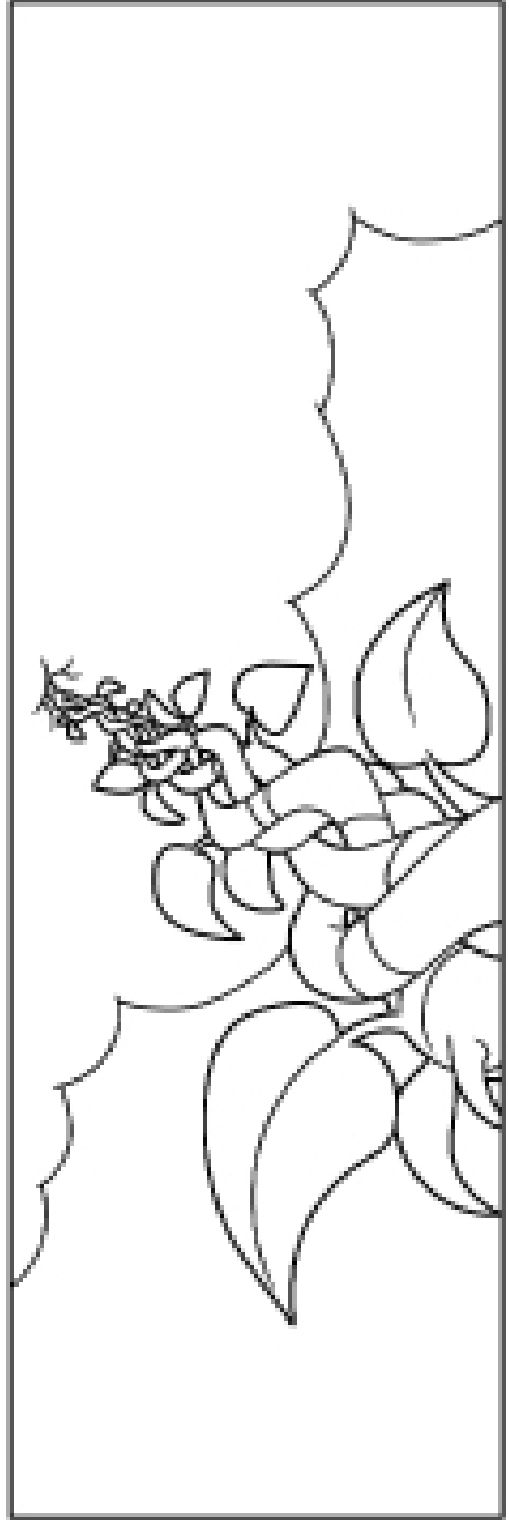
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Suggested answers:

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