

**Levels: Grade 1 (Early, Middle, Upper)**

**Word Count: 647**

**Script Summary:**

One day, Jack's mother sends him into town to sell their beloved cow. He ends up trading the cow for some magic beans that grow into a giant beanstalk. When Jack climbs the beanstalk, he discovers a giant's castle! Students will enjoy acting out this classic folktale.

**Objectives and Assessment**

**Monitor students to determine if they can**

- consistently read their lines with appropriate rate and accuracy
- consistently read their lines with appropriate expression, including pause, inflection, and intonation
- follow along silently and listen for spoken cues

**Using the Scripts:**

- Each role is assigned a reading level according to the syntactic and semantic difficulty encountered. Feel free to divide roles further to include more readers in a group.
- Discuss vocabulary and encourage readers to practice their lines to promote fluent delivery of the script.
- Before reading, have students identify their lines in the script by checking or coloring the boxes beside their part. You may also have them highlight or underline their part.

**Vocabulary:**

**Story words:** beanstalk, golden, grouchy, kettle, magic, trade

**Cast of Characters:**

Grade 1 (Early)	Grade 1 (Middle)	Grade 1 (Upper)
Goose	Giant	Jack
Harp	Mrs. Giant	Narrator 1
Money Bag	Stranger	Narrator 2

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**Jack:** (*Whistling*)

**Narrator 1:**

This is the story of Jack and the **beanstalk**.  
Jack is on his way to town.

**Narrator 2:**

His mother sent him to **trade** their cow for food.  
On the way, he meets a stranger.

**Stranger:**

Hello, young man. Where are you going  
with that cow?

Script (continued)

Jack and the Beanstalk



**Jack:**

My mother told me to go to town to trade the cow for food.



**Stranger:**

You're a good boy for listening to your mother. You should give your cow to me. I need a cow.



**Jack:**

Do you have any food?



**Stranger:**

All I have are these **magic** beans. I will trade you these magic beans for your cow. With these beans you will never be hungry again.



**Jack:**

Never be hungry?

It's a deal!



**Narrator 1:**

A very proud Jack can't wait to tell his mother.

**Narrator 2:**

His mother is very angry.  
She throws the beans out the window  
and sends him to bed.

**Narrator 1:**

The next morning, Jack looks out the window.

**Jack:**

Wow! Look at the size of that beanstalk!  
I think I will climb it.

**Narrator 2:**

So, Jack begins to climb the beanstalk.  
When he reaches the top, he sees  
a beautiful castle.

**Narrator 1:**

Jack goes to the door and knocks three times.  
Mrs. Giant answers the door.

**Mrs. Giant:**

Hello, young man.

Script (continued)

Jack and the Beanstalk



**Jack:**

Good morning. My name is Jack.



**Mrs. Giant:**

What a brave boy.

My husband is very **grouchy**.

Here he comes!

Hide in this **kettle**.



**Narrator 1:**

Jack hides in the kettle.



**Giant:**

Fee! Fi! Fo! Fum!

I smell the blood of an Englishman!



**Mrs. Giant:**

Who got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning?



**Giant:**

*Humph!* Bring me my goose that lays the **golden** eggs.

Script (continued)

Jack and the Beanstalk

Mrs. Giant:

Yes, dear.

Narrator 2:

Mrs. Giant brings the giant his goose.

Giant:

LAY ME A GOLDEN EGG!

Goose:

Cack, cackle, cack, cackle. I will lay a golden egg.

Jack: (*Whispering*)

If mother and I had golden eggs, we could sell them.

We would never be hungry again!

Giant:

Fee! Fi! Fo! Fum!

I still smell the blood of an Englishman!

BRING ME MY MAGIC HARP!

Mrs. Giant:

You don't have to yell.

Script (continued)

**Jack and the Beanstalk** **Narrator 1:**

Mrs. Giant brought the magic harp.

 **Giant:**

PLAY ME A LOVELY TUNE!

 **Harp:**

I am a magic harp.

Playing music keeps me sharp!

 **Jack:** (*Whispering*)

If I had a magic harp, mother could hear lovely music every day.

 **Giant:**

Fee! Fi! Fo! Fum!

I still smell the blood of an Englishman!

BRING ME MY MONEY BAG!

 **Mrs. Giant:**

You're not being nice.

Get it yourself.

Script *(continued)***Jack and the Beanstalk** **Narrator 2:**

The grumbling giant grabbed his money bag.

 **Giant:**

COUNT MY MONEY!

 **Money Bag:**

Money, money, money.

You have lots of money.

Quarters, dimes, and nickels.

You have lots of dough.

 **Jack:** *(Whispering)*

If I had that money bag, the whole village  
would never go hungry.

 **Narrator 1:**

As the money bag counted money, the giant  
went to sleep.

 **Giant:**

Zzzz ...

Script (continued)

**Jack and the Beanstalk** **Mrs. Giant:**

I heard you whispering, Jack.  
You need these things more than we do.  
You should take them.

 **Narrator 2:**

Jack hops out of the kettle.  
He grabs the goose, harp, and money bag  
and runs to the beanstalk.

 **Narrator 1:**

The goose, harp, and money bag are happy  
to leave the mean giant.

 **Goose, Harp, Money Bag:**

Hurry, hurry! Don't be slow.  
Down the beanstalk we will go!

 **Narrator 2:**

The giant wakes up and sees Jack running  
away with his treasures.

 **Giant:**

**GET BACK HERE!**

Script (continued)

**Jack and the Beanstalk** **Narrator 1:**

Jack climbs down as fast as he can.

The giant climbs after him.

 **Narrator 2:**

Jack yells to his mother.

 **Jack:**

Mother, bring me my axe!

I must chop the beanstalk down.

 **Narrator 1:**

Jack chops as fast as he can.

The beanstalk falls with a great *CRASH!*

 **Narrator 2:**

The giant falls and bounces back into the sky.

He is never heard from again.

 **Jack:**

And we live happily ever after.