

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.