

Jack & the beanstalk



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Jack was a happy and fun young boy, though he and his mum were very poor. Jack liked to imagine exciting things and often pretended to be a superhero and dream that he had special powers. They had a lovable cow called Squirry Cream who they both adored, and whose milk they sold in the marketplace.

Unfortunately, one summer, her milk dried up! With much sadness, they decided that Jack should take Squirry to market to sell. They knew they would miss her very much, but they had no money for food, and nothing else to sell. As Jack made his way to market however, he met a very peculiar little fellow, who persuaded Jack to swap Squirry for some magic beans. The strange, pixie like character told Jack that the beans would bring him riches. When Jack got home and told his Mum that he had swapped Squirry for some beans, she was absolutely furious and threw the beans out of the window, into their garden.

Jack decided to sing a special song that he knew for making plants grow and miraculously, a really tall beanstalk grew in his garden. The bean seller had been telling the truth! Jack decided to climb the beanstalk in search of riches and adventure.

Up, up, up he climbed until he reached the very top.....

When he stepped through the clouds, the very first thing he saw was a Unicorn and he seemed to be in some kind of rainbow land. The unicorn told him that there was a big waterfall nearby and Jack very much wanted to go there. When they arrived, the waterfall said to Jack, "Hello, why are you here?" Naturally, Jack was surprised to be in a place where both Unicorns and waterfalls could talk. Jack decided not to answer the question and replied, "I'm just here for some reason" and "I'm on holiday"

The waterfall recommended a nearby beach which Jack went to find. He did find it but very quickly noticed that there was a shark swimming in the shallow water. Jack ran in the opposite direction and bumped into a nearby rainbow which, naturally for this strange land, talked. The rainbow greeted him and Jack told the rainbow all about the shark. The rainbow told Jack that the shark had a weak spot and that if you tickled his ear, he would get scared of absolutely nothing and run away.

Jack headed back to the beach. He peered into the water and saw that there was treasure very deep below the surface, which the shark was obviously guarding. Jack got into his swimming costume and started swimming down but, before he even got close to the treasure, the shark had swallowed him whole! Jack tried not to panic. He tickled the sharks gums from the inside and the shark spat him out. Jack then tickled the sharks ears and the shark swam quite a long way away.

Jack gazed at the treasure again but realised it was too deep for him to swim to. His body would be crushed by the pressure of the water down there. He realised he needed help. He called to the Unicorn, who arrived straight away, even though he'd been having a lovely time in his paddling pool. Together they built a shark controlling robot machine.

Jack pretended to be a T-Rex to tempt the shark back near the treasure and it worked. However, the shark also swallowed the whole robot shark controlling machine, with Jack also inside the machine!

Jack tried to make the shark dance from the inside and then tickled the sharks gums again. The shark spat Jack out, and Jack landed on the sharks back. Jack ordered the shark to swim down and get the treasure, which he did. As the shark was swimming back to the surface, an elephant truck reached into the water, flicked the treasure out of it's grasp and swallowed the shark whole!

The elephant then spat the key to the treasure over to Jack. Jack opened the box and couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the amount of beautiful treasure and gold that was in there.

Jack and all of his crazy new friends immediately started up a party and danced and sang and celebrated all the way to bedtime...and everyone lived happily ever after.