

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 Squirty 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 Squirty 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 Squirty for some magic beans.

The strange, pixie like character told Jack that the beans would bring him riches, though Jack had to promise to give the Beanseller half of any riches he found. When Jack got home and told his Mum that he had swapped Squirty 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.....

As he stepped through the clouds, the first thing he noticed was a big house, which looked empty and shut. Nobody seemed to be there but in fact, there was a creature in there who had seen Jack snooping around. It was a wolf, who came to the front door but decided not to answer it, to see what Jack would do.

Jack realised that he had brought no food along with him, so he climbed back down the beanstalk and went to a rock near his house, where he had secretly stored a rucksack full of bananas. Back up the beanstalk he went and headed straight back to the house he'd seen before. Amazingly, one of the bananas was the same shape as the keyhole on the house so Jack opened the door with the banana and crept in.

This time the wolf, who seemed charming but a bit creepy, welcomed him in and offered him food. He gave Jack cherries, which Jack thought was kind but they turned out to be magic cherries and eating one immediately turned Jack into a frog. The wolf then jumped straight onto Jack the Frog and ate him all up.

Luckily, Jack's Mum had followed her son up the beanstalk and had also ended up at the wolf's house. She could tell what the dreadful creature had done to her son by the suspicious lump in his belly. She found a strong, pointy looking stick, and thrust it down the wolf's throat, killing the wolf and allowing Jack the Frog to escape from the wolf's tummy by climbing up the stick.

Jack the Frog and his Mum went back down the beanstalk, stealing some magic blueberries that the wolf had. Blueberries that turned into money! They also stopped off on their way to buy some magic strawberries from a shop, in the hope that could help turn Jack back into himself. Mum paid the shop keeper with blueberries.

When they got home, the bean seller appeared with Squirty Cream. When they explained all about everything that had happened and the magic fruits, Squirty Cream knew all about it and how the strawberries could help Jack. They all stood back and waited, while Jack the Frog munched on the strawberries.

Jack the Frog started wriggling and twitching and in only a couple of minutes, had turned back into his happy self. They paid the bean seller his share and he returned Squirty Cream to them. So the family were all back together again and they all lived Happily Ever After.....