

## Jack and the Beanstalk.

Once, not twice, but once upon a time, there lived a poor widow with her son called Jack. One day, his mother told him to go and sell his cow, Milky White, at the market. On his way, he met an old man. Jack asked him if he could sell Milky White for 5 magic beans. The old man agreed and took Milky White home. When Jack arrived back home, his mother was furious, so she threw the beans out of the window. The next morning, when Jack woke up, he looked out of the window and he saw that the beans had grown into a massive beanstalk! After he had breakfast, he went outside and he climbed and he climbed and he climbed until he reached a small road. At the end of the road was a giant's castle. Inside the castle was the Giant's wife, as ugly as a troll's doll. "Quick, hide inside the oven! My husband is coming!" she whispered, opening the greasy oven door. Along came the Giant with three bags full of gold. "What's that I smell?" he roared. "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!" Luckily, the Giant fell asleep. Jack, hoping that the Giant wouldn't catch him, grabbed the gold and quickly climbed down the beanstalk. His mother was mightily pleased.

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