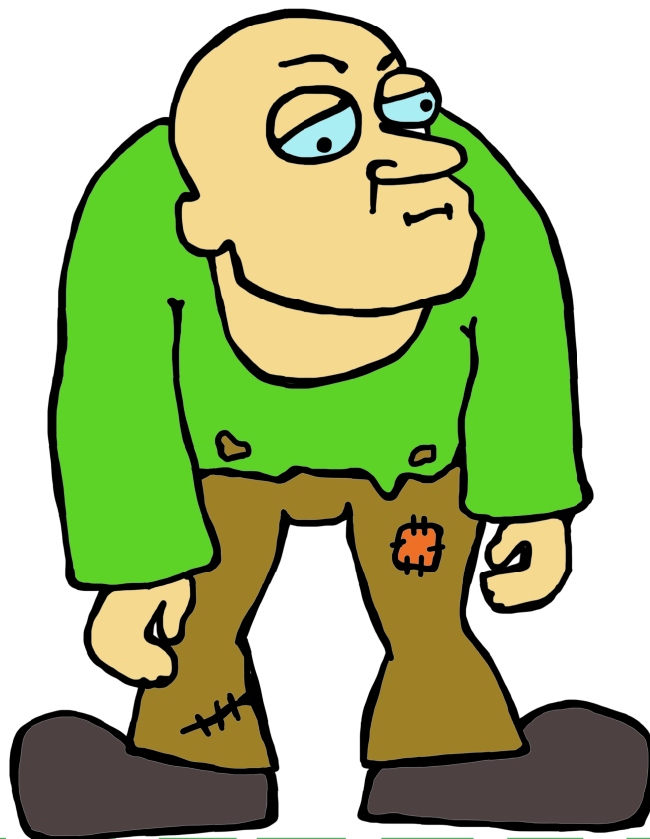
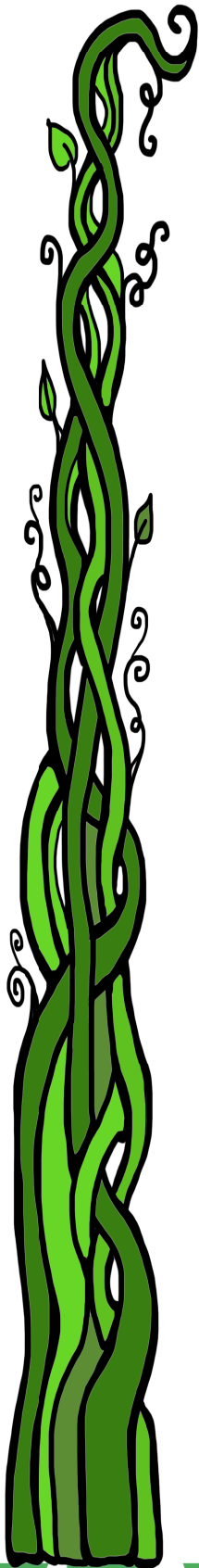


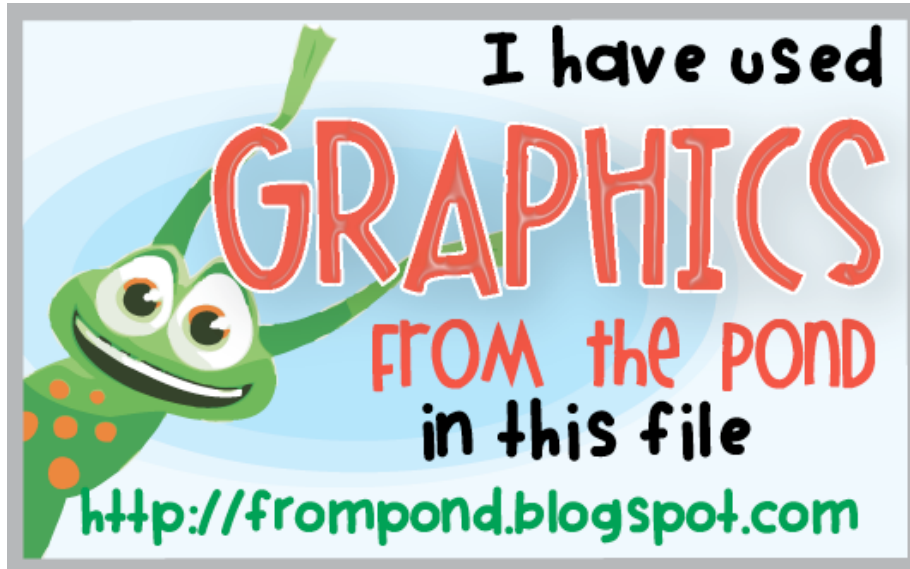
# Jack and the Beanstalk

## Reader's Theater

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## Characters:

Narrator	Jack	Giant's Wife	Harp	Mother
Man	Giant			

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**Narrator:** Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Jack. He lived with his mother in a tiny cottage. They were very poor. All they had was a cow named Milky White.

**Mother:** Jack, we have no food. You must take Milky White to market and sell her. Then use some of the money you make to buy bread and cheese.

**Narrator:** Jack did not want to get rid of Milky White but knew he had no choice. On the way to the market, he met a man.

**Man:** Hello little boy, Where are you going with that fine cow?

**Jack:** I am taking her to the market to sell her for my mother.

**Man:** Let me save you the trouble of walking so far. I have five magic beans in my pocket that I will trade you for that cow.

**Jack:** Did you say *magic* beans?

**Man:** I sure did. Plant these beans tonight when the moon is full. In the morning, a beanstalk will reach the clouds.

**Narrator:** Jack wasn't sure what to do but he quickly made the trade and ran home to tell his mother.

**Jack:** Mother! Mother! Look what I got as a trade for Milky White!

**Mother:** Oh Jack! All I see are five little beans!

**Jack:** They may look like five little beans, but the man who gave them to me promised that they are magic!

- Narrator:** Jack's mother tossed the beans out the window. All through the night, the beans grew and grew. By morning, a tall beanstalk reached the clouds.
- Jack:** Look, Mother, look! The man was right! The beans were magic! I am going to see what is at the top of the beanstalk.
- Mother:** Oh, Jack! Please be careful!
- Narrator:** Jack climbed and climbed until he finally reached the top of the beanstalk. He could see a huge castle!
- Jack:** I wonder who lives in that castle. Maybe they would be kind enough to share some food.
- Narrator:** Jack walked up to the castle and knocked on the door. In a few moments, a gigantic woman came to the door.
- Giant's Wife:** And who are you?
- Jack:** My name is Jack and I'm so hungry! Do you have any food to share?
- Giant's Wife:** You will be **food** if my husband sees you! Quick, hide, I see him coming! Hide in the oven and don't make a sound!
- Giant:** **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.
- Giant's Wife:** Oh, don't be silly dear! All you smell is the yummy breakfast I have been cooking. Now eat your food before it gets cold!
- Narrator:** After breakfast, the giant decided to count his gold. Soon, he got very sleepy. He fell asleep and began to snore. Jack quietly climbed onto the table and grabbed the bag of gold right from under the giant's nose! Then He climbed down the beanstalk as fast as he could, straight to his mother who was waiting below.
- Jack:** Mother, look! With all of this gold, we can buy all the food we want. I will climb the beanstalk again tomorrow.
- Narrator:** Over the next few days, Jack returned to the castle two more times. On the second trip, he grabbed a hen that laid golden eggs. On the third trip, he got a beautiful singing harp.

**Harp:** Master! Master! Wake up! Someone is trying to take me!

**Giant's Wife:** Quick! It's the little boy I told you about!

**Giant:** Stop thief! You have taken my gold and my wonderful hen. You will not get away with my singing harp!

**Narrator:** Jack ran down the beanstalk as fast as he could!

**Mother:** Quick, Jack! The giant is right behind you!

**Jack:** Mother, bring me the ax! We have to chop down the beanstalk before the giant reaches the bottom.

**Narrator:** The two of them chopped as fast as they could. Down came the beanstalk, and down came the giant. Jack, his mother, the hen, and the harp lived happily ever after!

THE END!!