

## STUDY GUIDE

# Jack and the Beanstalk

### **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**

Book and Lyrics  
by Douglas Jones  
Music by Ron Barnett

### **TEACHER RESOURCES**

*Jack and the Beanstalk* and this study guide are produced in support of the teaching of Language Arts, History, Music, and Character Development.

### **AT THE LIBRARY**

*Jack and the Beanstalk*  
by Steven Kellogg

*Kate and the Beanstalk*  
by Mary Pope Osborne

### **ON THE WEB**

**Storynory:**  
*Jack and the Beanstalk*  
[storynory.com/jack-and-the-beanstalk/](http://storynory.com/jack-and-the-beanstalk/)

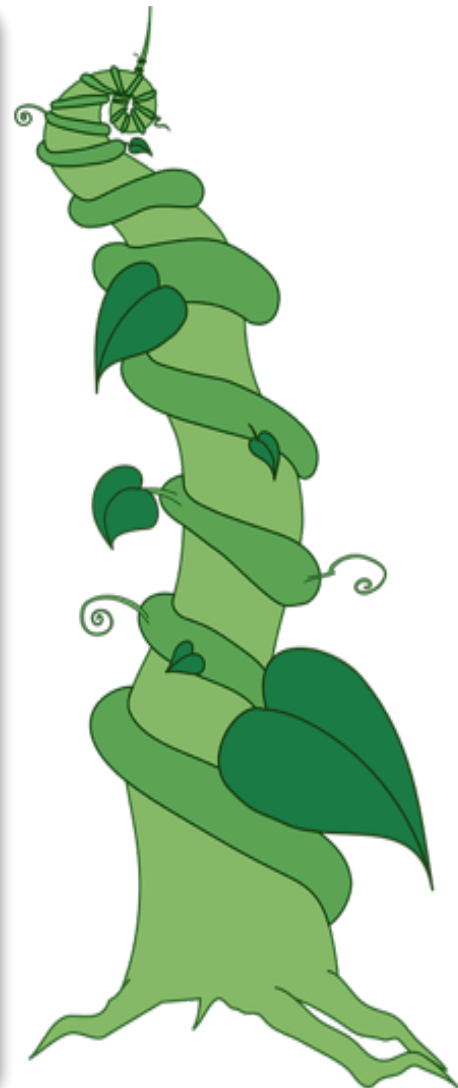
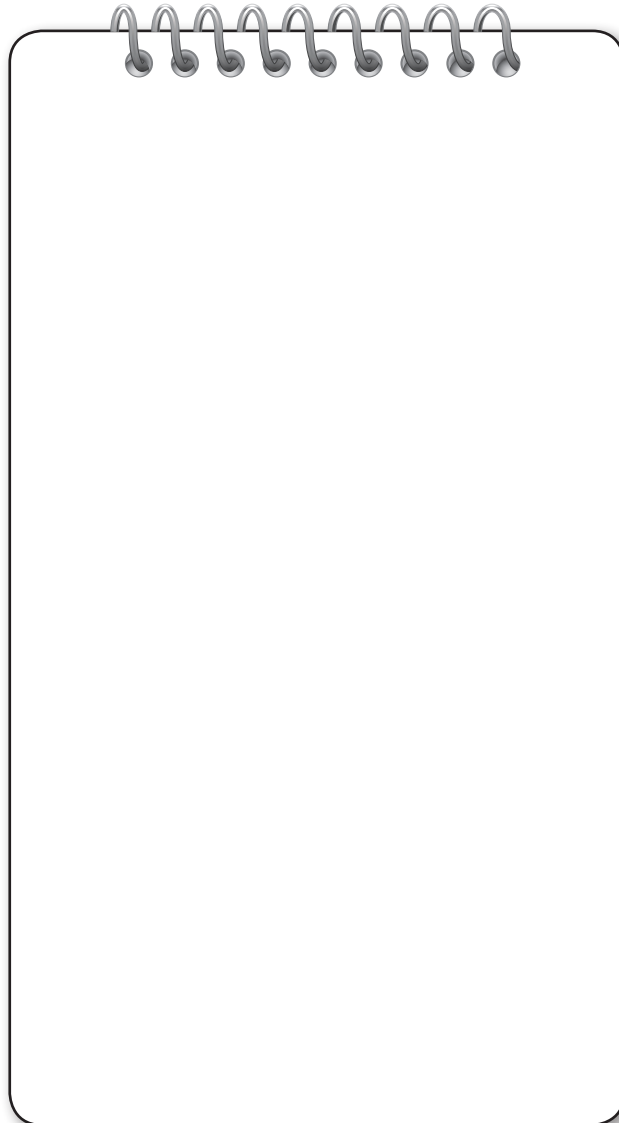
*Jack and the Beanstalk*  
[americanliterature.com/childrens-stories/jack-and-the-beanstalk](http://americanliterature.com/childrens-stories/jack-and-the-beanstalk)

### **ABOUT THE PLAY**


This lively musical depicts the classic exploits of a young boy who trades the family cow for three magic beans. Tossed out the window by his disappointed mother, the beans grow into a giant beanstalk. Jack explores the beanstalk to find gold, a magic harp, and a hen that lays golden eggs. In the end, the boy escapes the giant but keeps his inventive and active imagination

### **ACTIVITY: Imagination Writing**

What would you do if you climbed the beanstalk?

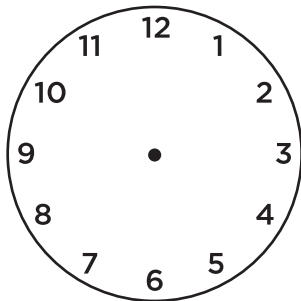
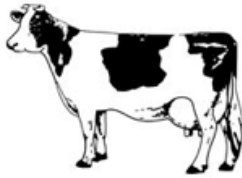


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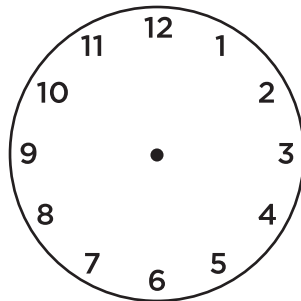
<p><b>WHAT HAPPENED IN THE STORY?</b></p> 	<b>Characters:</b>
	<b>Setting:</b>
	<b>Problem:</b>
	<b>Solution:</b>
	<b>My favorite part:</b>

### ACTIVITY: Telling Time

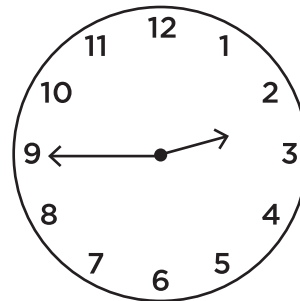
Answer the questions below about the time an event happened.



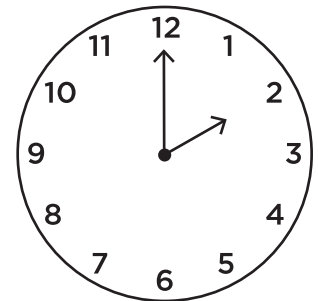
Jack sold his cow at quarter past ten.



Jack discovered the beanstalk at half past seven.



The Giant's Wife discovered Jack at \_\_\_\_\_



The Giant smelled Jack at \_\_\_\_\_

Bean image: Courtesy of brgfx

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### ACTIVITY: Measuring Activity 1

Materials: pencil, paper, and scissors

*Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum! We have a lot of work to be done!*

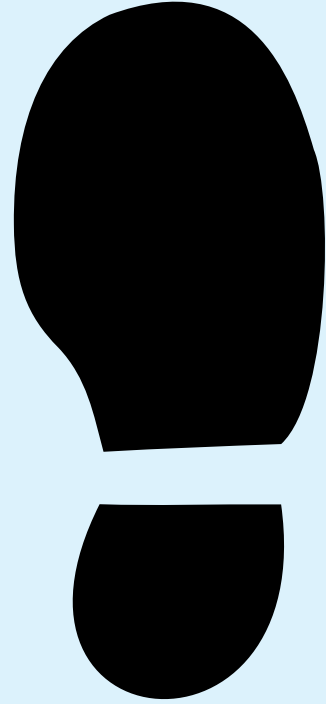
*Trace your foot and cut it out.*

*Keep it with you all throughout!*

*Around the classroom find things that are larger,*

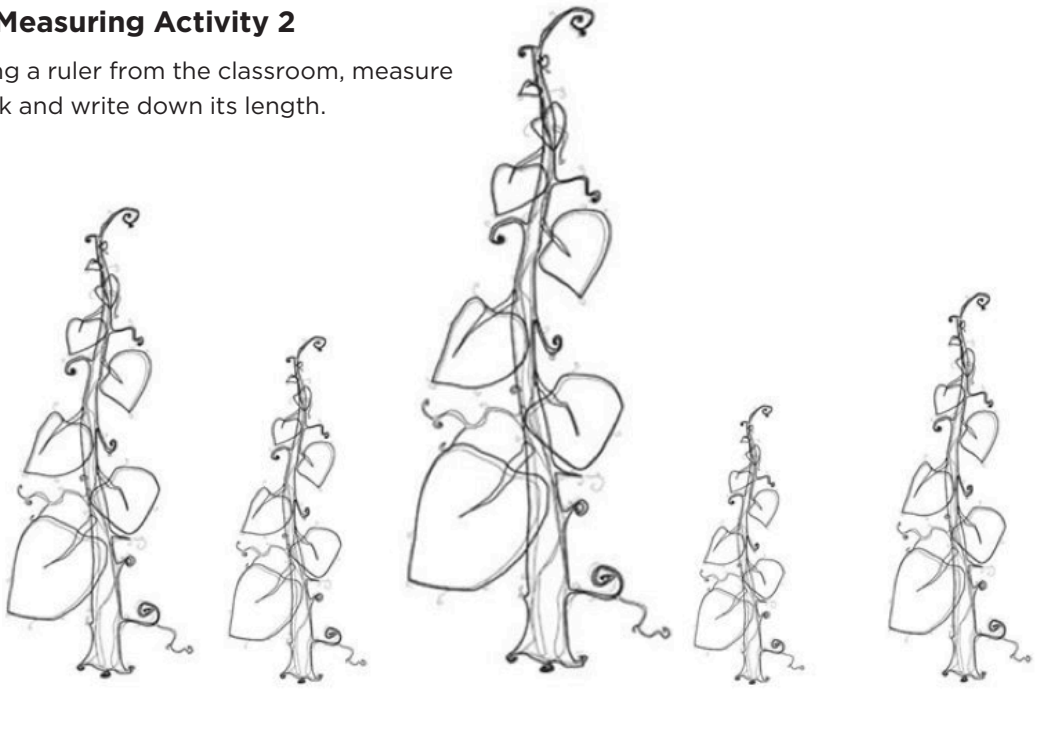
*and then find others that are smaller.*

*If you find something the same size, you're truly a scholar!*



### ACTIVITY: Measuring Activity 2

Materials: Using a ruler from the classroom, measure each beanstalk and write down its length.



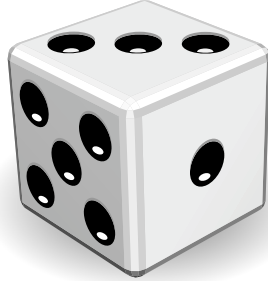
# Activities

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### ACTIVITY: More or Less

**Step 1:**

Player 1 rolls the die, then will use a crayon to make tally marks in the Player 1 column. Player 2 will do the same in the Player 2 column using a different color crayon



**Step 2:**

After each round, count and compare the beans to see who has more, and who has less. Put a circle around the box in the column that has more beans and an x on the column that has fewer beans.

**Step 3:**

When all the rounds are completed, count the circles in each column to see who wins.

### More or Less Recording Sheet

Round	Player 1	Player 2
Round 1		
Round 2		
Round 3		
Round 4		
Round 5		

### ACTIVITY: Word Problems

Write your answers in the column on the right

1. The man sold Jack 11 magic beans. Jack planted 6 of them. How many does he have left?
2. Jack took 12 golden eggs. He changed his mind and put 3 back. How many did Jack keep?
3. Jack's hen laid 6 eggs on Monday, 3 eggs on Wednesday, and 7 eggs on Sunday. How many eggs did Jack's hen lay?
4. The beanstalk had 7 leaves. The next day, it grew 8 new leaves. How many leaves did the beanstalk have?
5. Jack is watching clouds float in the sky. He sees 5 puffy clouds over his house, 8 clouds near the beanstalk, and 3 clouds far off in the distance. How many clouds did Jack see?
6. Jack plants 20 more magic beans. A few days later, 14 beans have sprouted up from the ground. How many beans have not sprouted up yet?
7. The magical harp knows 13 songs. Jack teaches the harp 4 new songs, but the harp can only remember 3. How many songs does the harp know?
8. The Giant's wife had 5 wooden spoons. She broke one, and the Giant brought her 2 new ones. How many wooden spoons does she have?




# Activity

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### ACTIVITY: Word Search

Circle the words below that you find on this list to the right. Words can be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

### Word Bank

BEANS	CLOUDS	FUM	JACK
BEANSTALK	COINS	GOLDEN	MAGIC
BREAD	COTTAGE	GROW	MARKET
CASTLE	DREAM	HARP	SKY
CLIMBED	EGGS	HOUSE	TRICK

E	Q	K	K	C	C	L	I	F	M	X	F	S	R	C
M	L	D	H	O	O	G	J	K	L	I	Y	A	T	I
U	K	T	I	P	O	T	L	S	D	U	O	L	C	G
T	C	N	S	L	R	A	T	J	Z	I	H	J	L	A
R	S	R	D	A	T	A	S	A	A	V	C	U	M	M
I	D	E	R	S	C	N	H	H	G	B	T	S	A	T
C	N	L	N	Q	A	B	A	Y	M	E	V	V	R	E
K	H	A	W	E	U	C	L	I	M	B	E	D	K	B
I	E	O	B	S	P	R	N	B	X	C	F	K	E	G
B	R	A	U	T	T	S	J	A	C	K	T	U	T	G
G	Y	O	I	S	Y	G	D	Q	H	N	E	L	M	E
B	R	E	A	D	E	G	C	B	E	S	I	D	S	Y
Z	K	G	O	R	D	E	H	G	L	K	L	P	T	X
F	Z	S	C	M	A	E	R	D	X	Y	M	B	U	R
R	C	B	C	J	L	V	O	O	H	G	M	K	E	R

# Cues at the Theatre

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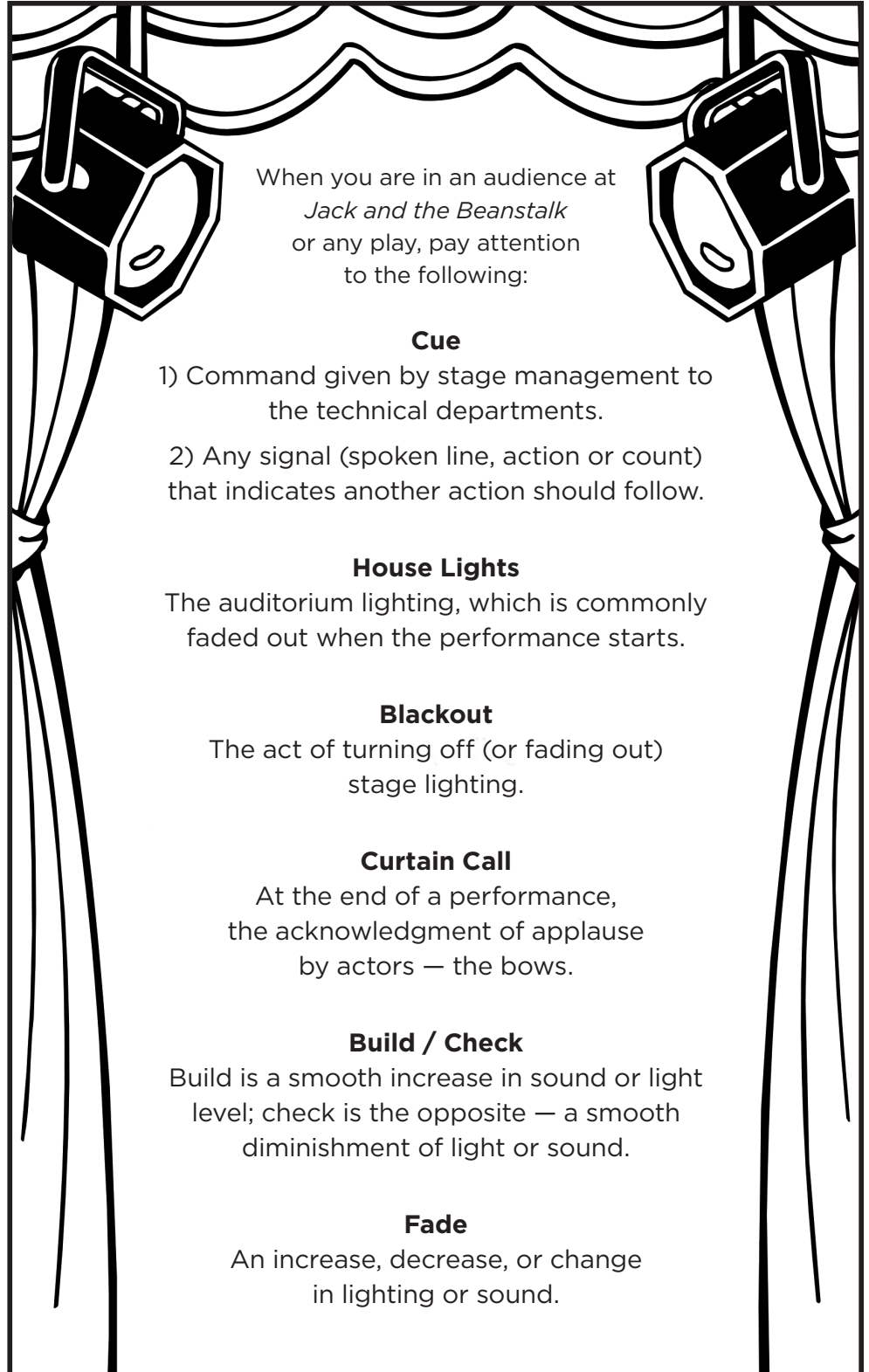
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When you are in an audience at *Jack and the Beanstalk* or any play, pay attention to the following:

#### **Cue**

- 1) Command given by stage management to the technical departments.
- 2) Any signal (spoken line, action or count) that indicates another action should follow.

#### **House Lights**

The auditorium lighting, which is commonly faded out when the performance starts.

#### **Blackout**

The act of turning off (or fading out) stage lighting.

#### **Curtain Call**

At the end of a performance, the acknowledgment of applause by actors — the bows.

#### **Build / Check**

Build is a smooth increase in sound or light level; check is the opposite — a smooth diminishment of light or sound.

#### **Fade**

An increase, decrease, or change in lighting or sound.