

**Level 2-5**

**Jack and the Magic Beans**

**Workbook**

**Teacher's Guide and Answer Key**

# Teacher's Guide

## A. Summary

### 1. Book Summary

*Jack and the Magic Beans* is a story about a poor boy who steals from a giant.

Jack and his mother are poor. Jack has to sell the cow. An old man gives him five magic beans in exchange for the cow.

Jack takes the beans home. His mother is very angry and throws the beans out the window.

In the morning, there is a giant bean plant next to the house. Jack climbs the bean plant. He finds a house in the clouds. A giant and his wife live there. The giant eats boys.

The giant's wife helps Jack hide from the giant. While the giant is sleeping, Jack takes some of the giant's gold. He goes home and gives the gold to his mother.

Jack goes back to the giant's house again and takes a goose that lays gold eggs.

Jack goes back to the giant's house for the third time. He takes the giant's special harp that can sing. The harp yells for help, and the giant hears it.

The giant goes after Jack. Jack cuts the bean plant down while the giant is on it. The giant falls to the ground and dies.

Jack and his mother use the harp and the gold eggs to become rich. They live happily ever after.

### 2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-11:** Jack sells the cow to an old man for five magic beans. Jack's mother throws the beans outside. A giant bean plant grows. Jack climbs the plant and finds a house where a giant and his wife live. The giant's wife helps Jack hide from her husband.

► **Pages 12-17:** The giant smells Jack, but his wife tells him he smells a different boy. After he eats, the giant takes a nap. Jack takes some of the giant's gold and runs home. Later on, Jack goes back to the giant's house and takes a goose that lays gold eggs.

► **Pages 18-22:** Jack returns to the giant's house once again. He takes the giant's special harp. The harp cries for help. The giant climbs down the bean plant after Jack. Jack cuts the bean plant down with his ax. The giant falls to the ground and dies. Jack and his mother become rich, and they live happily ever after.

## **B. Background and Themes**

★ **Rich vs. Poor:** Is it better to be rich or poor? Is it right for the poor to steal from the rich? Jack and his mother are poor. They need money. Jack steals from the giant and becomes rich.

★ **Stealing:** Is there ever a time that stealing is right? Jack seems to think so. He goes to the giant's house three times and steals three very valuable things. He does not feel bad about taking those things. The giant is mean and eats boys. However, this does not make Jack's actions right.

★ **Happiness:** Many people think money can make them happy. When Jack and his mother are poor, they seem sad and angry. When they are rich, they seem happy. Do you think money can make people happy?

★ **Giants:** Giants are often portrayed as bad characters in stories. They are big and intimidating and do mean things to others. In some stories, they are defeated by a much weaker, smaller, or younger person. The giant in this story eats boys, but he is killed by Jack, a young boy.

★ **Magic:** A lot of stories involve magic. An everyday object can create something that would never happen in normal life. In this story, magic beans grow into a giant bean plant. The plant grows up to the clouds. At the top of the plant, there is a house where a giant lives. There is also a goose that lays gold eggs, and a harp that sings.

★ **Morals:** People have morals that they live by. Honesty, kindness, and faithfulness are some examples. Jack lacks a very important moral characteristic. He steals, and he does not feel bad about it. After he steals once, he thinks about going back and stealing more. He does not think about returning what he has taken. This is not good.

# Answer Key

## Part A. Story Focus

### Before You Read

#### ► Introduction

*(Answers may vary.)*

1. He was born in 1854.
2. He wrote about stories and history.
3. Another title for it is Jack and the Beanstalk.

#### ► Characters

##### 1. Jack

climbs the bean plant

steals from the giant

marries a princess

##### 3. Giant

eats children

smells boys

##### 2. Jack's Mother

throws the magic beans out

gets rich

##### 4. Giant's Wife

helps Jack hide

## While You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

### ► Beginning: Pages 6-11

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a poor boy who makes his mother angry.
2. I would trade my bike.
3. I would ask my neighbors for a job.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He sells it to an old man.
2. He tells Jack to put them in the garden.
3. It goes up to the clouds.

### ► Middle: Pages 12-17

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about Jack taking things from a giant.
2. Another story about a giant is The Selfish Giant.
3. I think it is never right to steal.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He takes some gold.
2. He gives the gold to his mother.
3. He doesn't see Jack because he is sleeping.

### ► End: Pages 18-22

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about how Jack gets away from the giant.
2. I would never go back to the giant's house.
3. I cannot play a musical instrument. Or I can play the piano.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He hides outside the giant's house.
2. He wants it because he falls asleep when it sings.
3. He marries a princess.

### Mini Quiz

a. Liars need good memories.

→ People who do not tell the truth have to remember what they say in order to keep their stories straight and not get caught in their lie.

b. Every dog has his day.

→ Even the lowest or poorest people will have luck or success at some point in life.

c. Time is money.

→ Time is valuable and should not be wasted.

## After You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

### ► Pattern Practice

4. A: Where are we going?

B: We are going to dinner.

5. A: Where are you going?

B: I am going to Korea.

### ► Challenge

1. He is going to town.

2. He is hiding because the giant eats boys.

3. He takes it because it lays gold eggs.

4. He is climbing down the plant because Jack took his harp.

## Part B. Skill Focus

### ► Vocabulary Preview

#### A.

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <u>h</u> ide                       | 2. <u>k</u> no <u>ck</u>     |
| 3. <u>p</u> ri <u>nc</u> ess          | 4. cl <u>ou</u> d            |
| 5. <u>l</u> ay                        | 6. <u>g</u> ia <u>n</u> t    |
| 7. th <u>i</u> ef                     | 8. <u>r</u> ich              |
| 9. <u>b</u> re <u>ak</u> fa <u>st</u> | 10. <u>w</u> or <u>ri</u> ed |

#### B.

##### Across

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|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| 2. climb | 5. lunch | 7. last | 8. sell | 9. tired |
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##### Down

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|----------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| 1. smell | 2. count | 3. angry | 4. road | 6. husband |
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## Reading Comprehension

### ► Beginning: Pages 6-11

#### A.

1. T    2. F    3. F    4. T    5. T

#### B.

1. a    2. c    3. b    4. d

#### C.

1. d    2. c    3. a    4. b    5. d

### ► Middle: Pages 12-17

#### A.

1. F    2. T    3. T    4. F    5. T

#### B.

1. b    2. a    3. c    4. d

#### C.

1. c    2. d    3. b    4. c    5. a

### ► End: Pages 18-22

#### A.

1. T    2. T    3. F    4. T    5. F

#### B.

1. Giant
2. Jack
3. Jack's Mother
4. Giant's Wife

#### C.

1. b    2. c    3. a    4. c    5. b

## Think and Write

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|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. sell  | 2. beans | 3. throws | 4. plant | 5. climbs |
| 6. steal | 7. giant | 8. happy  | 9. cuts  | 10. dies  |

## Vocabulary Review

1. Jack sells the cow.
2. He gives Jack five magic beans.
3. Jack does not eat dinner.
4. The giant eats boys.
5. The giant puts some gold on the table.
6. The goose lays gold eggs.
7. The harp yells for help.
8. Jack uses his ax.
9. Jack and his mother get rich.
10. Jack and his mother are happy.

## Summary

### A.

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### B.

1. An old man gives Jack five magic beans.
2. Jack climbs up the giant bean plant.
3. Jack takes the giant's goose.
4. Jack and his mother give shows and sell gold eggs.

## Book Report

Story d → b → a → c → e