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Grade 1: Lesson 14 Jack and the Beanstalk from English Fairy Tales Collected by Joseph Jacobs

If it's that little thief that stole the hen that laid the golden eggs he's sure to have got into the oven." And they both rushed to the oven.

But Jack wasn't there, luckily, and the giant's wife said: "There you are again with your fee-fi-fo-fum. Why of course it's the boy you caught last night that I've broiled for your breakfast. How forgetful I am, and how careless you are not to tell the difference between a live one and a broiled one."

So the giant sat down to breakfast and ate it, but every now and then he would mutter: "Well, I could have sworn——" and he'd get up and search the kitchen and the cupboards, and everything, only luckily he didn't think of the copper pot.

After breakfast was over, the giant called out: "Wife, wife, bring me my golden harp." So she brought it and put it on the table before him.

Then he said: "Sing!" and the golden harp sang most beautifully. And it went on singing till the giant fell asleep, and began to snore like thunder.

Then Jack lifted up the copper-lid very quietly and got down like a mouse and crept on hands and knees until he got to the table. He stood up and caught hold of the golden harp and dashed with it towards the door.

But the harp called out quite loudly: "Master! Master!" and the giant woke up just in time to see Jack running off with his harp.

Jack ran as fast as he could, and the giant came rushing after!

When Jack got to the beanstalk, the giant was not more than twenty feet away. Jack began climbing down.

Well, the giant didn't like trusting his giant weight to the beanstalk, and so he stopped. But just then the harp cried out: "Master! Master!" and the giant swung himself down on to the beanstalk after his harp.

Down climbs Jack, and after him climbed the giant.

Jack climbed down
and climbed down
and climbed down
till he was very nearly home.

So he called out: "Mother! Mother!

Bring me an axe, bring me an axe."

And his mother came rushing out with the axe in her hand, she caught sight of the giant coming down just below the clouds. Jack got hold of the axe and gave a chop at the beanstalk, which cut it nearly in half.

The giant felt the beanstalk shake so he stopped to see what was the matter. Then Jack gave another chop with the axe, and the beanstalk was cut in two and began to topple over. The giant fell down and broke his crown, and the beanstalk came toppling after.

Then Jack showed his mother his golden harp. She was delighted!

Jack and his mother became very rich, and he married a great princess, and they lived happily ever after.

Independent Practice:

In the passage, Jack has to be clever and find ways to fix his problems and solve big challenges. Think about a time when you had to be clever to fix a problem to solve a big challenge. What was the big challenge? What did you do to solve the challenge? Write 2 to 3 sentences to answer the questions. What was the challenge? What did you do to solve the challenge?

Be sure to:

- answer both questions completely
- write at least 2 to 3 sentences
- use correct spelling and grammar
- use capital letters and punctuation

These words might be useful when you are writing: challenge, thief, mutter, dashed, thunder
cupboards, delighted, rushing after, topple over, toppling after, crown

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