



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

SUMMARY

Jack is told to take the family cow to market and sell it. However, he trades it for magic beans instead. His mother is angry and throws them away. The next day, a giant beanstalk has grown in their yard? What will Jack find at the top? Are some adventures too dangerous?



Questions:

1. How would you feel if your family had no food? How do you think Jack and his mother felt? How will they feel if they can't sell the cow?
2. How do you think his mother felt when he traded their only chance at food for magic beans? How will Jack feel if it turns out the beans don't work?
3. How do you think Jack felt while he climbed the beanstalk? How do you think his mother felt when she saw that he was gone?
4. How do you think Jack felt when he saw the man-eating ogre?
5. Was grabbing the money the right thing to do? How do you think the ogre felt when he woke up and all the money he worked for was gone? How did Jack's mom feel when he brought the money? Does one make the other okay?
6. How do you think Jack and his mom felt when the money ran out? What would someone with no money worry about? Should anyone have to worry about that?
7. When the woman at the top of the beanstalk let Jack in, how do you think she felt? Do you think she liked him as much as last time? Do you think she trusted him as much as last time?
8. How do you think Jack feels about stealing? How do you think his mom feels about it? How do you think the ogre and his wife feel?
9. The harp had feelings. How do you think about being stolen? How do you think the ogre felt about having his harp stolen?
10. Is Jack a good person? What could he have done differently to still be a good person? Should he have said no to the magic beans? Is it a good idea to take shortcuts if they mean you are going to hurt other people? How would other people feel when we make choices that help us but hurt them?
11. What is more important, having money or being a good person? Is it easier to be a good person if you already have money?