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**Grade 1: Lesson 11** Jack and the Beanstalk from English Fairy Tales Collected by Joseph Jacobs

There was once upon a time a poor widow who had a son named Jack, and a cow named Milky-white. And all they had to live on was the milk the cow gave every morning, which they carried to the market and sold. But one morning Milky-white gave no milk and they didn't know what to do. "What shall we do, what shall we do?" said the widow, wringing her hands. "We must sell Milky-white and with the money do something, start shop, or something."

"All right, mother," says Jack; "it's market-day today, and I'll soon sell Milky-white, and then we'll see what we can do."

So he took the cow's halter in his hand, and off he starts. He hadn't gone far when he met a funny-looking old man who said to him: "Good morning, Jack."

"Good morning to you," said Jack, and wondered how he knew his name.

"Well, Jack, and where are you off to?" said the man. "I'm going to market to sell our cow."

"Well, that's good news for me," said the man. "I am in need of a cow and this one looks good enough. The man pulled a number of strange-looking beans out of his bag. "I'll give you these five beans for your cow."

"Ha!" says Jack; "wouldn't you like that?"

"Ah! You don't know what these beans are," said the man; "if you plant them over-night, by morning they grow right up to the sky."

"Really?" says Jack.

"Yes. And if it doesn't turn out to be true you can have your cow back."

"Right," says Jack, and hands him over Milky-white's halter and pockets the beans. Back goes Jack home.

**Independent Practice**

- Write at least two sentences that describe Jack's problem at the beginning of the story.
- How does Jack solve the problem?
- Make sure you include the three characters.
- Use pictures and words to create your answer to the questions.
- Here are some words that may help you write your answer; Cow, Jack, Milky-White, market, halter, pocket, and over-night.

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