Once upon a time, there was a little boy called Jack. He lived in the forest with his mother. They were very poor. All they had was a cow. One day, Jack’s mother said, “Jack, you must take the cow to the market and sell her.”
On the way to the market, Jack met a man. He said to Jack, “I will give you five magic beans for your cow.” Jack said, “What can I do with five beans?” The man smiled. “They will make you very rich.” Jack decided to exchange the cow for the beans.
When Jack arrived home, he gave the beans to his mother. She was very angry. “Beans! What can I do with beans?” Jack’s mother threw the beans out of the window. Jack cried, “But they were magic beans!” His mother shouted, “There is no such thing as magic!”
The next day, Jack went out into the yard. The beans had grown into a huge beanstalk. Jack started to climb up the beanstalk. Finally, Jack reached the top of the beanstalk and saw a castle. He headed for the door.
He went inside and met a giant woman. She said in a loud voice, “Hello, little boy!” Then, she said in a soft voice, “Shh, come with me. My husband is an angry giant, and he doesn’t like strangers!” They went into the kitchen.
Jack hid inside the oven, and the giant arrived. The woman said, “Hello, dear! Here’s your dinner.” The giant had a bag full of coins. He ate his food quickly. Then, he started to count the coins. The giant smiled as he counted each coin in the bag.
After so much counting and a huge dinner, the giant fell asleep. Jack climbed out of the oven and ran to the door. The giant woman ran after Jack with the bag full of coins. “Take these coins and buy some food for you! Hurry, before my husband wakes up.” Jack quickly climbed down the beanstalk.
When Jack arrived home, his mother said, “Where have you been?” Jack smiled. “I climbed up the beanstalk and saw a giant.” Jack gave his mother the bag of gold coins. She shouted with happiness, “Now we can buy some food at the market!”
The next day, Jack climbed back up the beanstalk and sneaked back into the castle. He heard the angry giant shouting, “Grrr! Someone stole my coins! But, I still have my treasure!” Jack could see a hen in front of the giant and a big golden egg coming out of the hen. There were many golden eggs all around the hen.
Jack waited until the giant fell asleep at the table. Then, Jack grabbed the hen, and ran towards the beanstalk. The giant chased Jack down the beanstalk.
Jack was smaller and faster than the giant. He shouted, “Mother! Come and help me!” Jack and his mother cut down the beanstalk with an ax. The giant had to climb up, back to the castle. Jack and his mother took care of the hen, and they shared the golden eggs with all the village. Nobody ever went hungry again.