

MAGIC BEANS

Primary Teacher's Guide





INTRODUCTION

In this document you'll find pre and post activities related to the story of *Magic beans*, to do before and after having been to the theatre. The activities aim to help children engage with the story and its characters in an active way, while fostering fundamental values such as curiosity, bravery, and responsibility.

We encourage teachers to select and adapt the activities that best suit the needs, interests, and characteristics of their class group.

OBJECTIVES

- To introduce students to the language and experience of theatre as an artistic and cultural expression.
- To develop values such as curiosity, bravery, and responsibility.
- To actively participate in activities related to the story *Magic beans*.
- To learn English vocabulary related to the story.
- To encourage imagination and interest in storytelling.

**BEFORE GOING TO THE THEATRE**

Once upon a time, there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mum, Mary, and their cow, Milky-Way. Jack, Mary and Milky-Way loved each other very much.

One day, Jack met a mysterious woman. She gave Jack some magic beans. In exchange, he gave her Milky-Way. Jack dropped the beans on the ground. Suddenly, a giant beanstalk grew up into the sky!

Jack climbed up the beanstalk and found a house above the clouds. Inside the house, he met a giant, a giantess and a special hen that laid golden eggs. Jack had many exciting adventures, but he missed Milky-Way very much. He wanted to go home and see her again.

In the end, the mysterious woman brought Milky-Way back. Jack was very happy! He, Mary and Milky-Way went home together. They all lived happily ever after.

- 1. In this story a boy is given some magic beans and when they fall on the ground they grow. Which of these things can grow? Circle them.**



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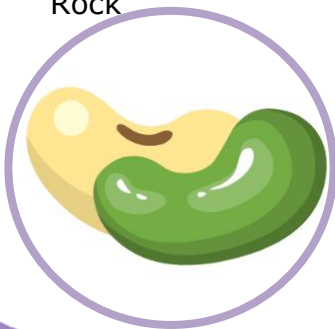
Tree



Ball



Shoes



Beans



Car



Flower



2. Look and colour. Then write how many you coloured of each.

- Colour the beans green.
- Colour the stones grey.
- Colour the leaves brown.



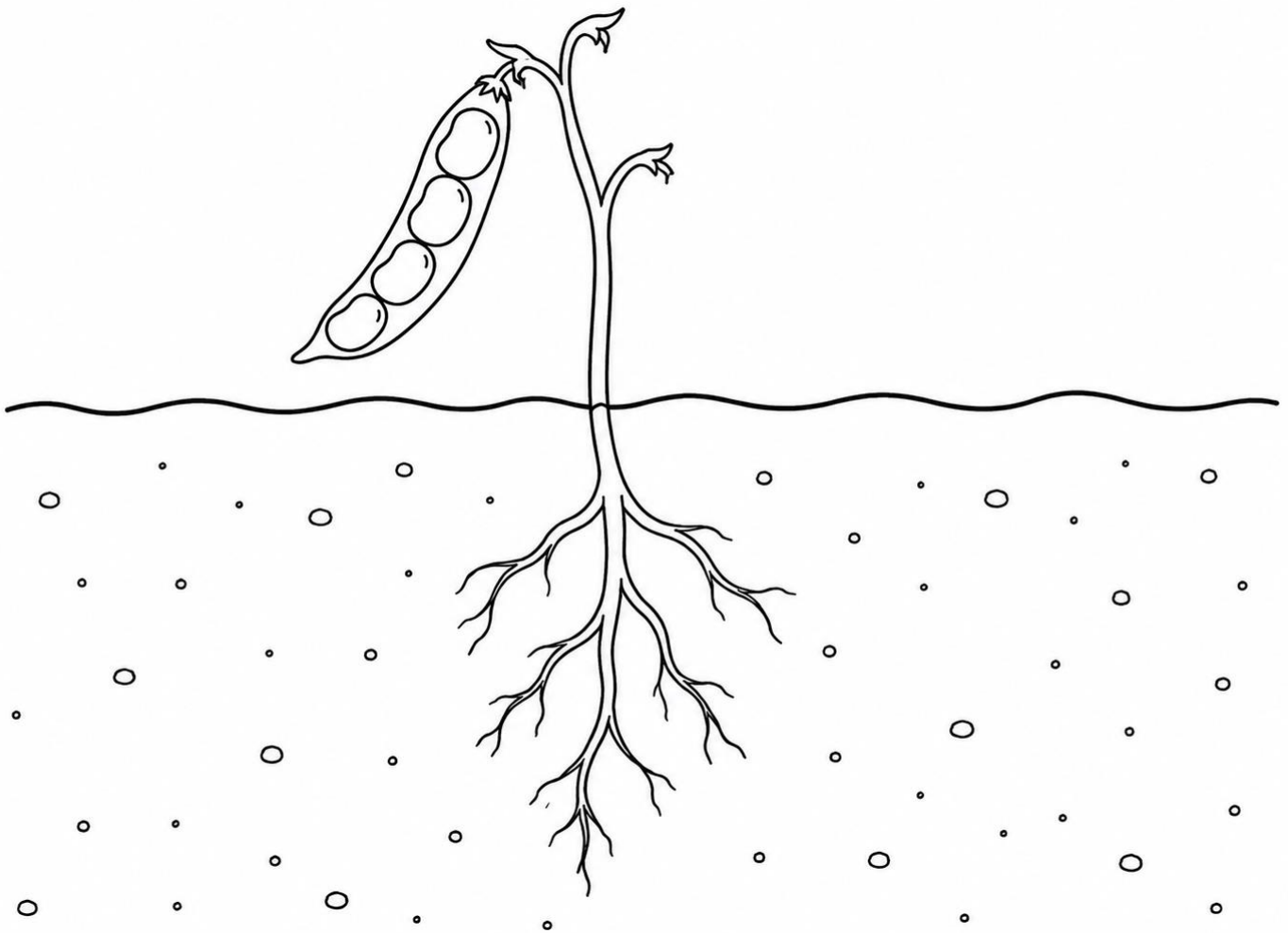
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3. Draw how you think the magic beanstalk will look and describe below what it is like.



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**4. Find the following words in the wordsearch:****BEAN – BOY – CLIMB – CASTLE – COW – GIANT – HEN – COIN – MILK - HARP**



5. Write the correct word under each picture. (BEAN – BOY – CLIMB – CASTLE – COW – GIANT – HEN – HARP – COIN – MILK)





6. Read and choose. Circle the correct picture.

- The beanstalk is BIG:



- The bean is SMALL:



- The boy is SMALL:



- The cow is BIG:



- The castle is SMALL:



- The giant is BIG:

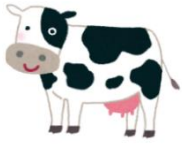




7. Count and write. How many can you see?



6



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5



2



3





8. The boy sells his best friend, his cow, for beans. Do you think this is a good idea? Why? Why not? Talk together and then write what you think.

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9. Look at the pictures and circle the things good friends do.



Jack shares his food with Milky-way.



Jack plays with Milky-way.



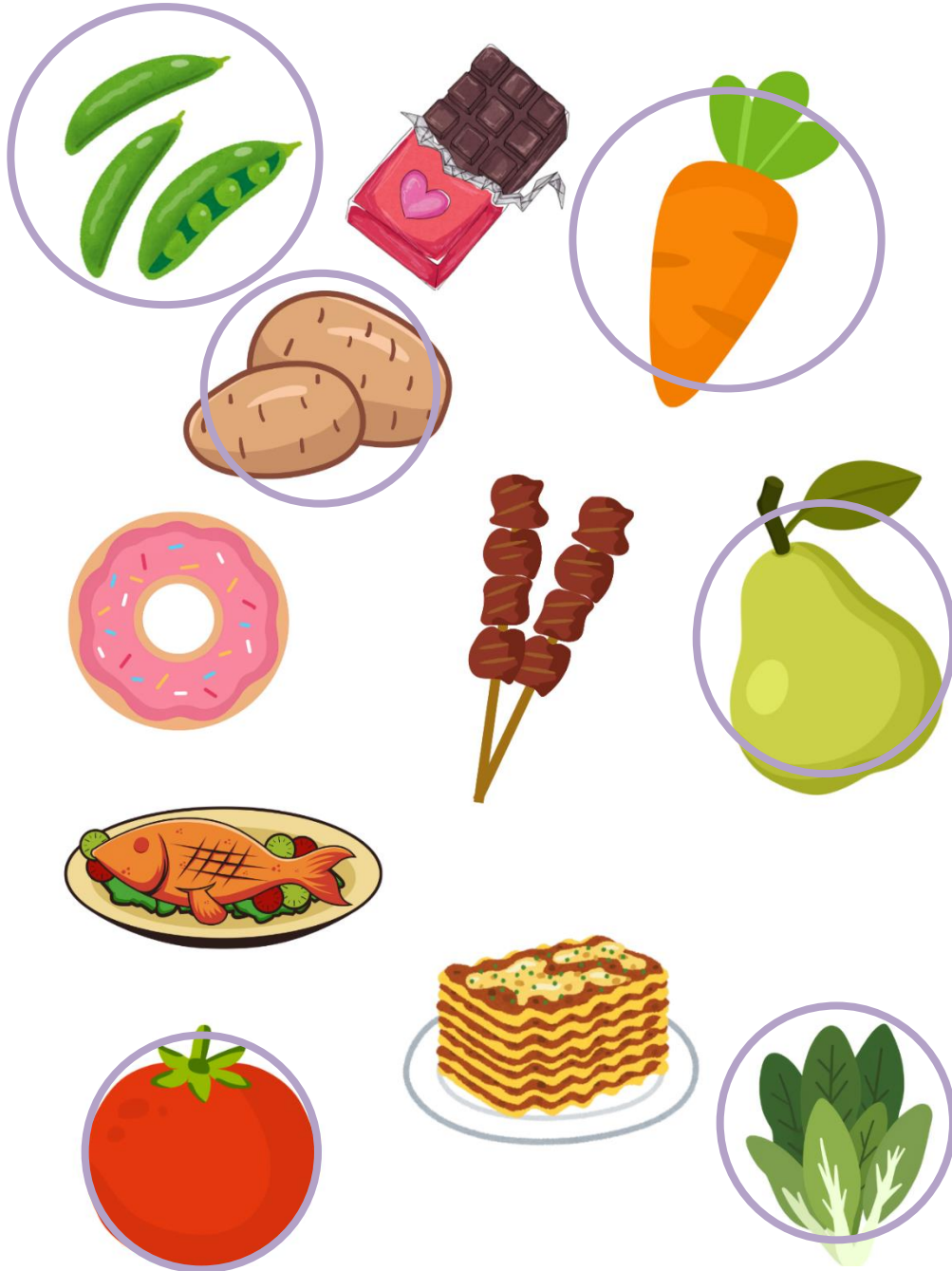
Jack leaves Milky-way alone.



Jack shouts at Milky-way.



10. Help Jack fill the basket! Circle the fruits and vegetables and write their names below.





11. Make a poster for your families about the Magic Beans play. Work in groups of 3 or 4.

You can include:

- The title: Magic Beans
- Characters (boy, giant, cow...)
- Simple words or drawings



AFTER GOING TO THE THEATRE

12. Now that you have seen the play we can talk about these questions together:

- What grows from the beans?
- Who lives in the castle?
- Is the giant nice or scary?
- How does the story end?

13. Put the story scenes in the right order. (Order: 1-4-5-2-3-6)





14. Draw your favourite part of the story or your favourite character.

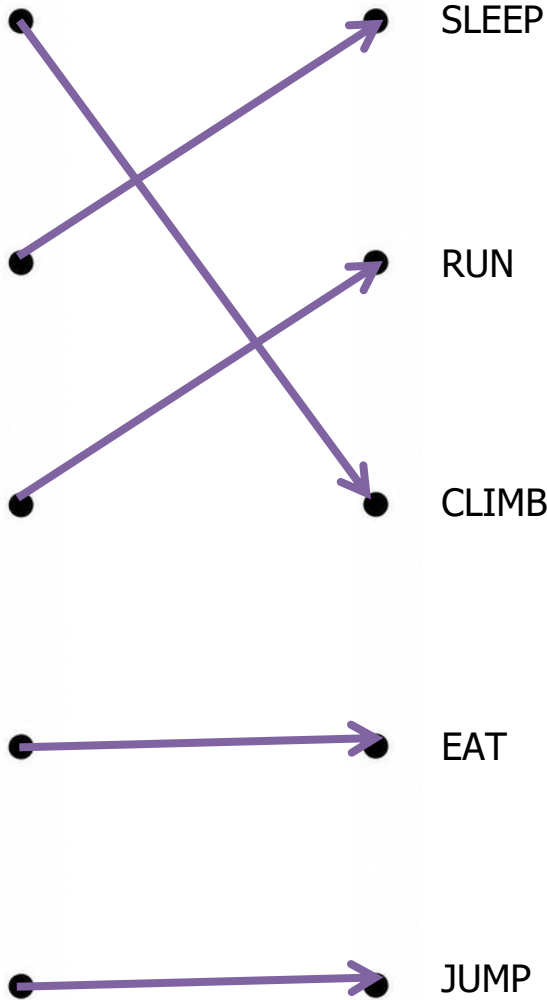
Then write:

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15. Match each action with the picture: climb, sleep, run, eat, jump.





16. Look and find 5 differences.





17. Put these letters in the correct order to make words. The pictures will help you.

• BASNEAKTL

BEANSTALK



• EHN

HEN



• LCMBI

CLIMB



• ASCTEL

CASTLE



• IATNG

GIANT



• IOCN

COIN



• LMIK

MILK



• WCO

COW



• APRH

HARP



• SFDERIN

FRIENDS





18. Acting out the story. Work together as a group. Listen and act.

The teacher says the actions:

- The boy jumps.
- The boy climbs.
- The boy runs.
- The boy takes the beans.
- The giant sleeps.
- The giant runs.
- The giant walks.
- The giant eats.
- The giant is angry.



19. Finish the drawing and colour it. Complete the other side and then write what it is. (GIANT – COW – BEANSTALK - HEN)





20. How does Jack and the other characters feel? Look at the sentences and choose the right face.

a) Jack has to sell Milky-way



b) Jack sees the giant.



c) Jack gets the magic treasure.



d) Jacks sees the mysterious woman.



e) The giant sees Jack take the coin.





21. Draw and write a new ending for the story.

Write:

• **The boy**

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• **The giant**

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