

MAGIC BEANS

Early years





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.**





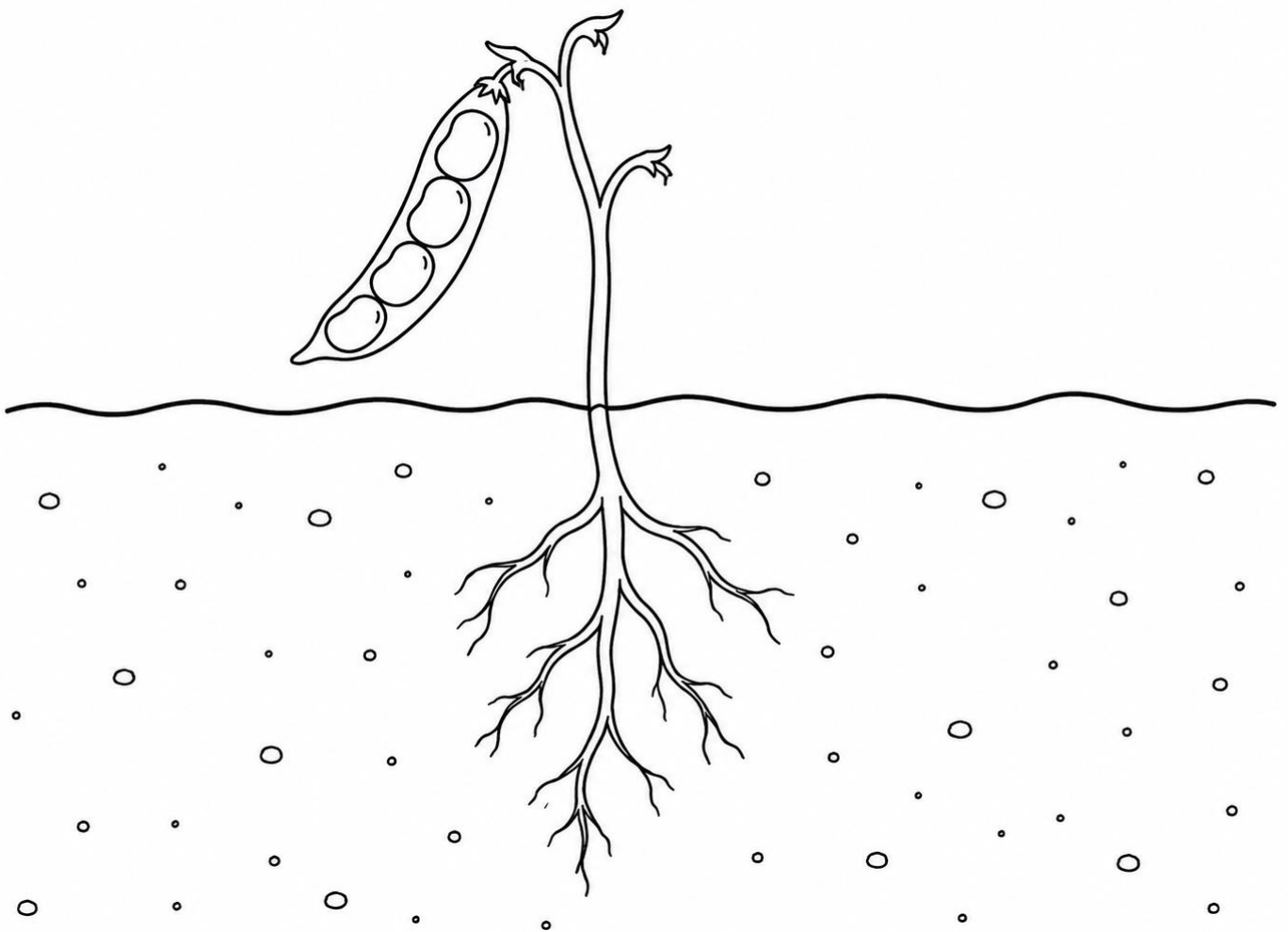
2. Look at the pictures.

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





3. Draw how you think the magic beanstalk will look.





4. Match each picture with the correct word.



BEAN

GIANT

COW

CASTLE

BOY



5. Big or small? Look and colour.

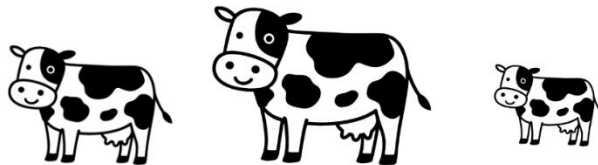
- BIG tree:



- SMALL bean:



- SMALL cow:



- BIG boy:



- SMALL castle:

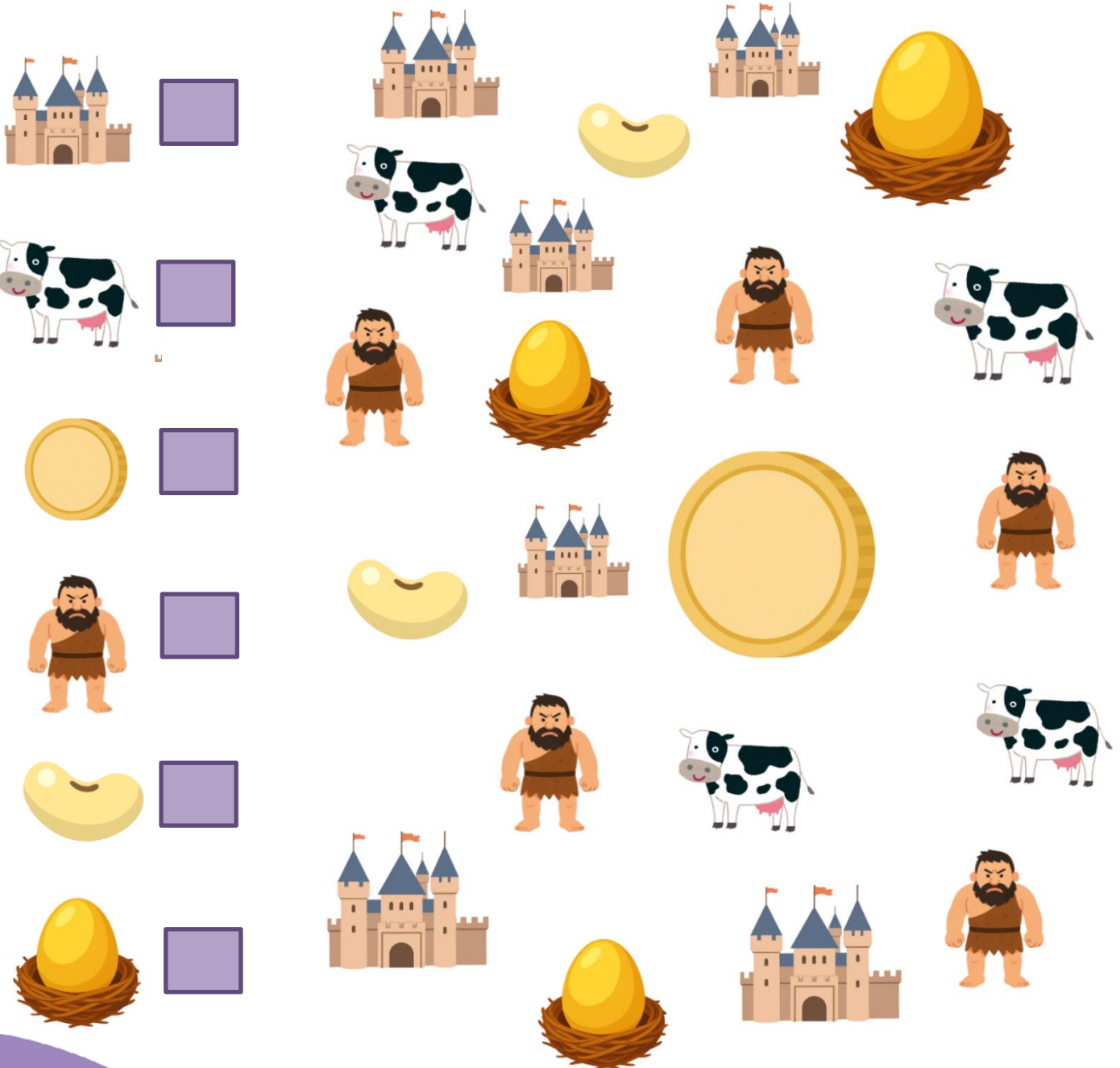


- BIG giant:





6. How many? Count and write the number.





7. The boy sells his best friend, his cow, for beans. Is this a good idea? Why? Why not? Talk together.

8. Imagine you have a cow. Is it big or small? What colour is it? Draw your cow.



9. **Help Jack fill the basket!** Circle the fruits and vegetables.





10. Make a poster for your families about the Magic Bean 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

11. 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?

12. Put the story scenes in the right order.















13. If you had magic beans, what would you grow? Imagine and draw it.



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



SLEEP



RUN



CLIMB



EAT



JUMP



15. Look and find 5 differences.





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

• BASNEAKTL

B_A_S_A_K



• EHN

H_N



• LCMBI

C_I_B



• ASCTEL

C_S_LE



• IATNG

GI_N_



• IOCN

C_I_



• LMIK

M_L_



• WCO

C__



• APRH

H_R_



• SFDERIN

F_I_N_S





17. 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.



18. How does Jack and the other characters feel? Look at the sentences and paint 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.





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



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