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Grade 1: Lesson 13 Jack and the Beanstalk from English Fairy Tales Collected by Joseph Jacobs

Here, come quick and jump in here."

And she hurried Jack into the oven just as the giant came in.

He was a big one, to be sure. At his belt he had three cows strung up by the heels, and he unhooked them and threw them down on the table and said: "Here, wife, broil me a couple of these for breakfast. Ah what's this I smell?

Fee-fi-fo-fum,
I smell the blood of an Englishman,
Be he alive, or be he dead
I'll have his bones to grind my bread."

"Nonsense, dear," said his wife, "you're dreaming. Or perhaps you smell the scraps of that little boy you liked so much for yesterday's dinner. Here, go you and have a wash and tidy up, and by the time you come back your breakfast'll be ready for you."

So the giant went off, and Jack was just going to jump out of the oven and run off when the woman said, "Wait till he's asleep, he always has a snooze after breakfast."

Well, the giant had his breakfast, then he said: "Wife, bring me the hen that lays the golden eggs." So, she brought the giant an ordinary looking hen, and the giant said: "Lay," and what do you know it laid an egg made all of gold. The giant grinned a horrible toothy grin. Then his head began to nod until a loud snore shook the house. Jack crept out of the oven on tiptoe and caught hold of the golden hen, and was turning to leave...when the hen gave a cackle that woke the giant!

Jack was out of the house like a flash when he heard the giant calling,

"Wife, wife, what have you done with my golden hen?"

And the wife said: "What, my dear?"

But that was all Jack heard, for he rushed off to the beanstalk and climbed down like a house on fire. And when he got home he showed his mother the wonderful hen and said "Lay." It laid a golden egg for Jack, just as it had for the giant. And, even better, it laid a golden egg every time he said "Lay." For a little while, Jack and his mother were satisfied. Thanks to the hen's golden eggs, they had all they needed to live a comfortable life.

But, it wasn't very long before Jack began to wonder if he couldn't find something else up there in the sky. So one fine morning, he got up early, and went on to the beanstalk and he climbed,
and he climbed,
and he climbed,
and he climbed,
till at last he reached the sky.

But this time he knew better than to go straight to the giant's house. And when he got near it he waited behind a bush till he saw the giant's wife come out with a pail to get some water, and then he crept into the house and got into a big copper pot near the stove in the kitchen.

Independent Practice:

Now that we have found evidence in the text to show that Jack is a clever character, I want you to use the details on your story web to write at least two sentences that tell how Jack is clever.

These words might be useful when you are writing: hurried, oven, wash, tidy up, hen, golden, lay/laid, grin, horrible, toothy, snore, crept, tiptoe, caught hold, cackle, satisfied, straight, clever

