

Activity ideas on Jack and the Beanstalk

- Read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and ask questions about the text;
- Use an envelope to put magic beans in (dried kidney beans) and get your child to write on the envelope what would be at the top of their beanstalk (eg jelly world) and draw it;
- Your child could write a simple version of this story describing what would be at the top of their beanstalk, would there be a giant? Would he be good or bad? What would they take home?
- Plant beans in the garden;
- Compare and order different sizes twigs;
- Can they find 5 things in the house that they are taller than them and 5 things that are shorter than them;
- Draw different sized beans for your child to colour and cut out;
- Use kidney beans for counting, addition and subtraction;
- Craft ideas; paper plate face of the giant, draw beanstalk with castle at the top use cotton wool for clouds, use kitchen roll tube to make beanstalk with themselves climbing up it, use boxes to make giants castle;
- Draw leaves cut out and number to 20, sort them into odd and even numbers, find 2 numbers that make 10, count up in 2's and 5's and order them from 20 to 0;
- Make a poster of the giant/ wanted poster for Jack/ missing poster for hen;
- Make beans on toast together;
- There are some free resources on 'twinkl' website and on BBC Teach they have 7 songs that tell the story which is great;
- Read and share stories about seeds and plants e.g. The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle and The Parable of the Seed – Bible story in the New Testament;
- Youtube has a variety of stories and information clips about seeds too, e.g. 'How does a seed become a plant' - SciShow Kids, and 'Sid the Seed' (official Video) Silly Lion;

Enjoy 😊