

Jack and the Beanstalk

3. Jack went to market

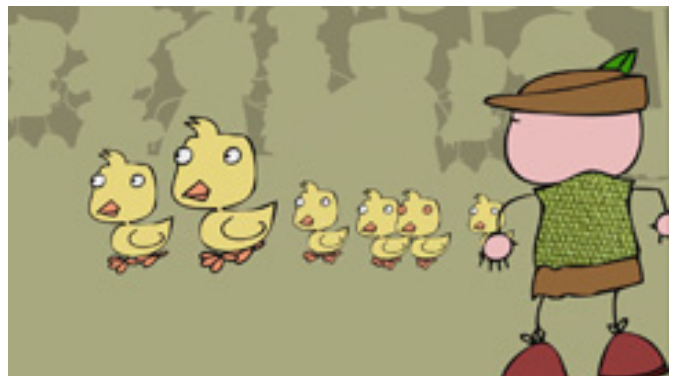
Jack opened his eyes and looked out of the window. It was another bright, sunny day.



But as Daisy mooed outside, Jack suddenly remembered that today he must take her to market. His heart sank. 'Please let her stay here with us, Ma,' he pleaded one last time. Ma handed Jack an empty bowl. 'There's nothing to eat for breakfast, lunch or supper,' she sighed. 'We'll starve if we don't sell Daisy. It's market day today in town, so you must get going right now. And make sure you get a good price. She's worth five gold coins!'

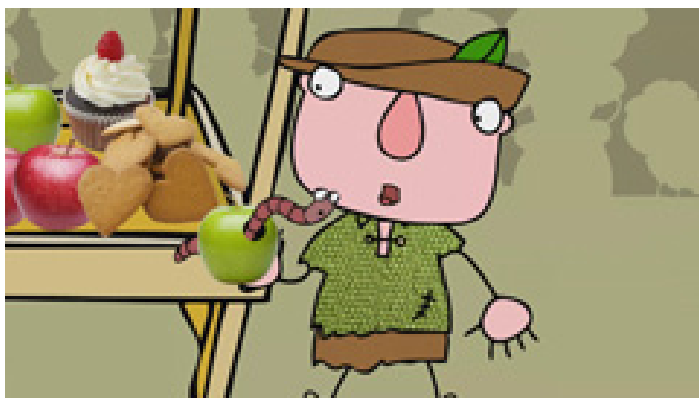


The market was busy - and very, very noisy. Jack gazed around in wonder as he led Daisy past bustling stalls. Everywhere he looked people were busy, buying and selling animals. Pigs were squealing and waving their curly tails in the air. A flock of sheep with woolly fleeces was being herded into a pen. A family of ducks waddled past in a long line.





A horse was happily munching hay. But that wasn't all. There was food for sale – bread, cheese, fruit and cakes – everything Jack had imagined in his daydream. He picked up an apple. A large worm had wriggled right through it and its head was poking out the other side!



It reminded Jack of the apple core in the kitchen cupboard at home. He sighed and remembered why he had come to the market. It was time to sell Daisy.

